



THAI CONGRESS



The Thai National Church is united and working together, trusting God to see the Thailand's Christian population reach 1 million Thais by the year 2015.

Toward Vision 2015 - One Million Thai Christians

On May 10-13, 2011 over 5,000 pastors, leaders and Christians throughout the nation gathered for Thailand's Congress 7.5 in Bangkok. This was an historic gathering of leaders representing every province in the nation and almost 2,000 churches. *The purpose of the Congress was to spur on the church in Thailand toward accomplishing the Great Commission.* The meetings began with a celebration of what God has done over the past decade and a report on the

Vision 2010 goals. There was much to celebrate as several provinces have reached the goal of seeing new churches started in every district and sub-district throughout the nation and many others have made significant progress.

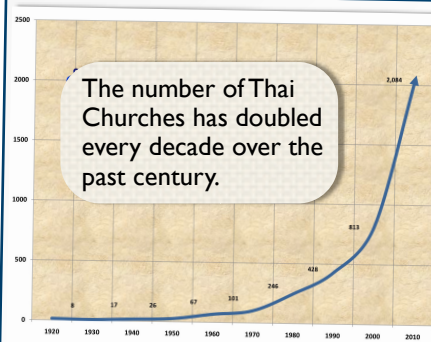
However, there is still much to be done and the Thai national leadership set a new vision to see Thailand's Christian population increase from 400,000 to 1 million by the year 2015. The strategy is to empower local

pastors and churches with Training, Tools, Technology, Teams and Treasure through 9 nationwide, church-based evangelistic campaigns over the next five years. One hundred thousand Thai believers are being challenged and trained to be "1 in 100,000 to reach 1,000,000" for the glory of God and His Kingdom here in the kingdom of Thailand.

With Him...we Can
"โดยพระองค์...เราทำได้"



Round table discussions by leaders of the five tracks of the national plan: Prayer, Evangelism & Church Planting, Leadership Development, Holistic Ministry and Media.



The number of Thai Churches has doubled every decade over the past century.

Four new churches are started in Thailand every week.



Rev. Bill Hybels taught twice and also held a special question and answer session challenging and inspiring pastors to accomplish the vision.

A National Vision, A Local Nehemiah Strategy

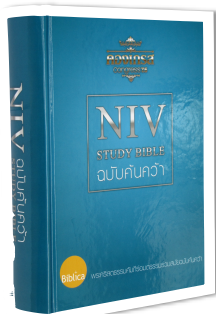


The Thailand Evangelism and Church Growth Committee (TEC), which has been commissioned to lead the nation in this national plan, realizes that the success of this national vision depends on each local church embracing the vision and knowing how to implement a plan to reach the lost, build disciples and plant new churches. There were several catalytic moments at the Congress which helped thrust the nation forward toward pursuing the Vision 2015 goal.

After a review of God's faithfulness over the past decade, the Vision was cast with passion and clarity by all three major denominational leaders from the Church of Christ in Thailand, the Thailand Baptist Convention and the Evangelical Fellowship of Thailand.

The national vision is driven by a Nehemiah Strategy, meaning that each province and church is challenged to take responsibility for their local community. So during the Congress, churches met by province and each pastor was given a worksheet to begin their initial planning to see their congregation locally engaged in implementing the strategy to reach their province with the Gospel.

With the unity of the national Christians working in a concerted effort to reach the nation, contrasted by the political instability and national unrest, Thailand is ripe for an outpouring of the Spirit of God as never before. Pray for the Vision 2015 to be accomplished and for God to be glorified in Thailand.



Each Congress participant was given the NIV Study Bible, newly translated into Thai. Biblica and TEC joined together to print these limited edition study Bibles to as a tool to empower Thai pastors and leaders with greater understanding of God's Word. This is the first Study Bible published in the Thai language.



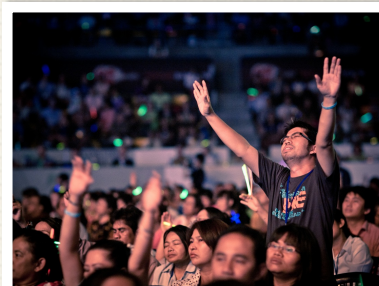
HIGHLIGHTS



Rev. Thongchai (Chairman of Thailand Protestant Churches Coordinating Committee) thanks Dr. Thira as he passes the baton to the new TEC Chairman, Dr. Rung.



Each day Thai celebrities and artists joined in leading worship.



Each night over 5,000 gathered for worship and teaching.



Rev. Bill Hybels answers questions at the pastors forum.