



A BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS GIFT,

This young man's name is Art. He has studied at our English center for over a year now. He began asking questions about Christianity during his second term. (Our terms are 6 weeks each) He would look at the Easter story pictures on the classroom wall, the Bible on my desk, the picture of the cross on the wall and the picture of Jesus on the front of my desk. When he had questions, he would stay after class to ask. Since his English is lower level, he and I would many times go to Ar and Joe (our local couple here at the center) so they could explain for him to better understand the answers to his questions. He began coming to our sing and share time led by our JIL (Journey Into Light Lutheran Hour team). He also began coming to our evening devotions (Joe, Ar, David and I) on the Thursday and Friday nights after our class. He had many questions each time during and after devotions. We gave a Thai/English New Testament Bible to him. He was so happy and said he would read it every night. David had marked special verses to help him.

During the months of October and November, Thailand had one of the biggest floods in their history. Art kept in contact with me, some, but mostly with Ar so they could talk about things in their native tongue. Ar was there to encourage, share, teach and show God's love to Art with each phone call he made. Art's home, as with most of the homes in Bangkok, was flooded and the loss was great. After the flood was over and during the clean up, Art called Ar and told her, "Because I know God's love, I pray to Him and feel comfortable and know He there to help me in the flood. I happy because I know God now and God in my life."

Luke 2: 9-14

An angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds, and the glory of the Lord shone all around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." "And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men!”

Merry Christmas