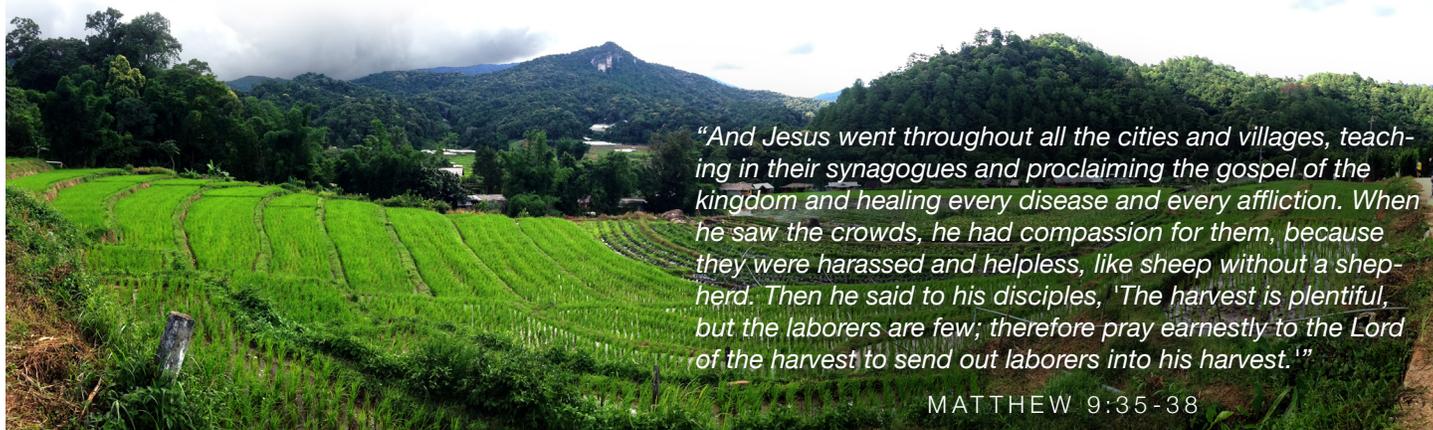


Thai people received their first opportunity to hear the gospel about 200 years ago when missionaries first entered the country. Since then, the Christians in Thailand number only 0.6% of the entire population. Although recent years have seen the greatest number of Thai Buddhists come to Christ, Muslims of Thailand continue to consistently go unnoticed by the church in its outreach efforts.

15  
FULL TIME  
LABORERS

3  
MILLION  
MUSLIMS

In the past, many missionaries pursued Thai Muslims with the gospel and saw many people decide to follow Christ! However, the last decade in southern Thailand has brought their work face to face with great danger. Persecution, violence, and community hostility have become part of daily life for believers who choose to live and work for the sake of the gospel among Thai Muslims. For fear of these barriers, the number of missionaries reaching out to 5.5 million Muslims has dropped significantly. In southern Thailand specifically, there are now only about 15 full time missionaries for the 3 million Muslims who live there. However, Jesus has a response to this situation:



*“And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.’”*

MATTHEW 9:35-38

Jesus says that the harvest is indeed plentiful! There are Thai Muslims he has prepared in advance who are ready to hear and believe the gospel. They are just waiting for someone to come and share it with them. Jesus calls us all, as believers, to pray earnestly to God for more laborers to be sent out to the Muslims of Thailand. As obedient disciples, let us believe Jesus at his word and pray faithfully to the Lord for many to enter and reap this great harvest.

## P R A Y

- For yourselves, as a group, that the Lord would burden your heart for Thai Muslims and that you would be faithful to pray for more laborers in Thailand.
- That believers, both Thai and foreign, would believe the promises of God and not allow the fear of difficulty to hinder their proclamation of the gospel among Muslims.
- Missionaries working among Thai Muslims would not grow weary of laboring, but boldly proclaim the gospel and encourage Thai believers to share with their Muslim neighbors.
- Thai believers would trust God’s promises and be fruitful disciple makers of Thai Muslims.