

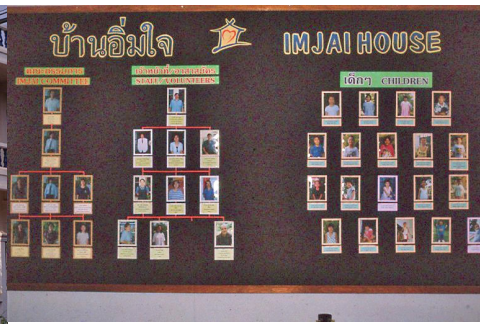
Ministries - Chiang Mai is home to many international ministries that serve in Thailand and adjacent countries. We had already visited schools for the children of those ministry workers. On Sunday we visited two churches and the Im Jai House orphanage.



Chiangmai Fellowship Church



Im Jai House orphanage



Leaders, staff

children



Kitchen



Bedroom



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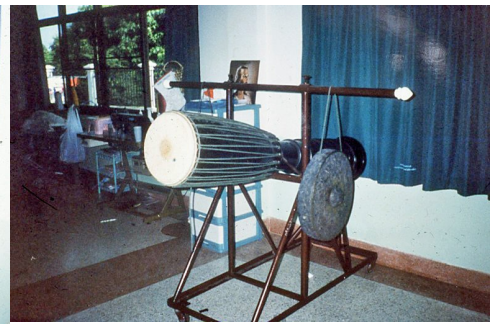
Children



Ed and Gail with some children



A concert with Thai instruments



Instruments



Chiangmai Community Church

Then we went to Pha Yao to visit the Pha Yao Bible College. It is 107 km northeast of Chiangmai but much farther by road.

Scenes along the long road to Pha Yao:



Yellow signs are often seen



A school



A small waterfall



Smoke ahead. Fixing of the road.



Winter burning of fields pollutes air



Much mountainous terrain in region



Entering Pha Yao



Pha Yao Bible College



We stayed in this home

I showed my exhibit of genuine coins from the Bible period, and gave a lecture to the students.



Examining the coins from time of Jesus



Men students



Women students



Student games



Fruit trees



Other vegetation



Tree in flower



Durian fruit

The large durian fruit when ripe is delicious, but the odor is very strong and is banned in some confined locations.



Satellite view of Chiangmai showing its airport and the square of the ancient city wall and moat.



Moat at right



Remaining wall bricks



Some large wall structures



Gail looking at Coral Island



The view from our beachfront cabin



The uncrowded beach



Shuttle boat from Phuket



Long-tailed boat to get to shore



Motor and drive shaft, propeller

The beach water is too shallow for boats to land there, so the long-tailed boats do the ferry work.



Flowers



Gail enjoying the coral and fish



Unused swimming pool



Bananas on Phuket



Rubber trees on Phuket



A view flying back to Bangkok

A significant problem in Southeast Asia (and elsewhere) is the air pollution caused by the burning of fields during the dry season. In this photo the sun is reflecting off the water in the lower left, with land beyond. The foreground haze from the smoke pollution greatly obscures the water and land. The cloud in the background is officially a cumulonimbus, which supposedly produces rain showers. But by sucking up the dirty air, the clouds makes abnormally tiny cloud droplets in abundance. However, they are too small to bump into each other and merge into large rain drops.

Near the top of the cloud the air is colder than freezing, and so ice crystals are produced. These can grow to snow crystals by vapor diffusion. But such delicate snow crystals do not fall very fast and simply drift away in the cloud's "anvil" (upper right). If they fall from there, they evaporate into the clear dry air below the anvil. So this cloud cannot produce any significant rain that could fall to the ground. If the air was not polluted by the smoke, such a cloud would normally send rain to the ground. In some areas the burning of the fields produces so much smoke pollution that it is a health hazard.