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Quarterly News Letter

We just returned from our six week trip to Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Philippines and Burma. Most of this newsletter will be devoted to testimonies from this trip. We were absolutely amazed at all that God did during this trip, in all these different nations. We saw every goal and objective God gave us accomplished, and God opened doors even beyond what we had anticipated.

Our theme for our Crossfire International Camps this year is "No Fear". All of our messages this year dealt with confronting and having victory over different types of fear. The theme ended up also being for us personally. Both me and my wife Gina, before and during this trip, had to confront many fears, even fears we didn't know we had.



Some youth at our Crossfire Thailand Rayong camp week 1

One of the devil's greatest weapons against us is fear. He will use fear to try to keep us from going to new levels and



Crossfire Burma Pastors and Leaders

doing greater things. He will use fear to try to silence us, distract us, and try to keep us from preaching the word of God in power. Every one of us deal with fear. Although each of us deal with different types of fear, the devil will try to intimidate us and hold us back with fear.

The way we fight fear is to confront fear. We need to face fear head on and do exactly what God calls us to do, no matter how we may feel along the way. Many people, even many Christians, live their entire lives scared, intimidated and held back from their full potential because of fear. The Bible is full of verses that challenge us to press forward and confront fear so we can discover what is available to us on the other side. This is a choice no one can make for us. We must each decide if we will allow fear to stop us, or wether we

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will move forward trust in God and confront our fear.

Ayau Kahadlo, Ya Glua, No Fear in 2013

Crossfire International South East Asia Mission April 2nd-May 10th 2013

Theres are so many testimonies from this trip that it is hard to choose which ones will make it in the newsletter. I will try to just go through each event and give a few highlights. Our first week was our Crossfire Rayong camp. This year the camp was in Kau Ja Mau, Thailand, about 2 hours south of Rayong. We were blessed to have Pastor Rice and his wife Evangelist Eileen Rice join us to minister before and during this camp.

The first Crossfire Thailand camp this year was at a Thai national park where there were waterfalls, wild elephants and 108 degree weather each day. The majority of the youth this year who



Crossfire Thailand Rayong camp salvation alter call night 1

attended the camp were new, and almost all of them responded to the salvation alter call on the first night. Pastor Apichat, our national director for Crossfire Thailand, invited his Unity of Faith churches as well as some other churches from other parts of Thailand to attend this camp.

During our next week, we drove 16 hours across Thailand with pastor Apichat and a team of Crossfire Thailand leaders to Mae Sai, Thailand, on the border of Laos and Burma. We crossed into Burma the next morning. We had an absolutely amazing experience there as we presented Crossfire to a group of pastors and a bible school of young adults studying for ministry. Our Crossfire Thailand leaders shared testimonies about camps and cell groups, then we trained the young adults in the bible school how to lead cell groups and implemented Crossfire in these local churches.

The following morning, we drove from Mae Sai, Thailand, to the border of Laos and crossed the Mekong river where we met with a group of underground pastors. Over lunch, we had the opportunity to fellowship with them and listen to them explain what its like to pastor churches in this difficult part of the world. Then we presented Crossfire to them and set it up in 6 churches in Laos.

After our time in Burma and Laos, we drove to Bangkok then flew to Cagayan de Oro, Mindanao, Philippines. We brought Ohm Kalawantawanawich, a



Salvation alter call Crossfire Philippines Mindanao summer camp

Crossfire Thailand leader with us to Philippines. This was the very first Crossfire International location; the very place Crossfire International began in April of 2007. It was so amazing to see the growth of Crossfire there and what a good job Pastor La Rachel (our national director), all of the leaders in the churches are doing through Crossfire Philippines.

We began our time in Mindanao with Crossfire presentations to local



New Crossfire Philippines local church/pastors implementation

church pastors and leaders. Then we did a cell group training and implementation and gave certificates of affiliation to senior pastors of around 20 new local churches. Among these were some pastors who traveled 8 to 10 hours from other islands of Bohol and Visayas.

We then led our Crossfire Philippines camp. Close to 200 youth and young adults from these churches who have Crossfire participated in this camp. Over 100 of the youth who attended the camp either accepted Christ for the first time or rededicated their lives to Christ. Many youth were also delivered and filled with the Holy Spirit.

We then returned to Thailand and traveled to Chang Rai, to lead the



Salvation alter call night 2 Crossfire Lahu Thailand camp 2013

Crossfire Lahu tribal camp. This camp was in the mountains at a Korean camp ground, and there were approximately 700 youth who attended this camp from many different denominations. This camp was 3 days long, and we had more than 500 youth accept Christ during the 2 alter calls. During Wednesday afternoon, we presented Crossfire to these pastors, trained leaders, and set Crossfire up in many new churches.



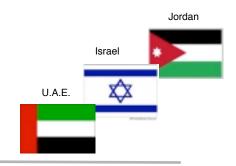
Crossfire Thailand Lahu Pastors presentation and local church set up

In summery, we led three Crossfire camps, with a total of over 1000 youth in attendance, and there were more than 750 youth who accepted Christ during this trip. Crossfire was also implemented in over 100 new local churches in Thailand, Philippines, Burma, Laos, and connections were developed for future work in South Korea, Vietnam, and Indonesia. This was especially significant because these are Buddhist and Muslim areas. Laos and Burma are restricted areas and Thailand is a nation with only .7% Christian not even a full 1% of Thai people are Christians at this point.

<u>Crossfire International Israel, Jordan</u> <u>and United arab Emirates</u> <u>August 20th through Sept 15th</u>

Please keep us in your prayers as we travel to the middle east in a couple months. This trip will have 3 objectives. First, we will lead Crossfire crusades. These meetings will be evangelistic, and we are praying for many youth to accept Christ. Second, we will present Crossfire to new churches and pastors, including meeting with underground churches in Jordan and U.A.E. . We will also train new leaders, implement Crossfire within these new churches, and in addition preach and minister in several of the local churches.

Please pray for many youth to accept Christ, successful Crossfire local church implementation, safety and protection, and for the financing of this trip.



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Upcoming C.F.I. Events 2013-2014

Sept 8th-15th

Crossfire United Arab Emirates Pastors presentations, cell leader training and visits to local Cell groups

<u>Oct 2013</u> Crossfire Kenya, uganda, tanzania Crusades, and leadership training

November 2013 Crossfire Pakistan cell leader training



C.F.I. Partnership Opportunities

Jan to Mar 2014 Crossfire El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Belize, Nicaragua, Costa Rica mission.

Spring 2014 Thailand camps cambodia camp Philippines camp (dates of others to come later)

Other upcoming mission trips in prayer:

Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi (2014?)

Kazakhstan Uzbekistan



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Sun June 2nd Crossfire Kazakhstan Crusade

June 21st to 23rd Judah Crossfire camp in U.S.A.

August 20th-Sept 16th Crossfire Israel, Jordan and United Arab Emirates Mission

Aug 20th to 28th Crossfire Jordan crusade, leadership training, local church implementation, and visit local cell groups.

Aug 29th-Sept 7th

Crossfire Israel Crusades, pastors presentations, Cell leader training and local church implementation, preach in local churches

