

“There’s a big wave coming” (Loren Cunningham)



Family and friends,

It was such a great privilege to be at YWAM together in Pattaya, Thailand. On our way out, we had no idea quite what was going to happen but we had great anticipation of the things God was going to speak and show to us as individuals and as a cooperate whole body of YWAM international. There were close to 4,000 people there from 100 different nations! Amongst the 4,000 were 400 young children and youth there with their parents that also play a vital role in our mission. So, you can get the picture that we were a group of great diversity both generationally and of nations represented.

God called us to come up here and that he would show us what was to happen after this. (Rev. 4:1) He was calling us into deeper level of intimacy and worship of Him. Calling our attention of His desire for worshippers that worship Him in spirit and in truth. (Jn. 4:24) Calling us into vulnerable honesty with Him. Also calling us to always keep him as the focus of our gaze and to not drift our gaze onto the mere growth of the mission/ministry or any other thing that could become an idol. God is raising up a wave and the day is coming when the glory of the Lord will cover the earth and we are a part of that wave. (Hab. 2:14)

The challenge now is how we will respond in faith to hearing of God’s voice and walk in oneness. We can’t conform ourselves to what is comfortable and what has become common but dare to step out in faith and continue innovating and pioneering new things with God in places it has never been done. You can imagine that we left this place challenged. But this type of challenge was one that fills us with hope not dismay.

Have you ever heard that faith is contagious? Well, it is! Time after time we were impacted by stories of our brothers and sisters. One of those stories was of Benny Prasad. This man from India happens to be a world class musician in the Guinness World Records for traveling the whole world in the fastest time. Look him up! He told us if God can restore a man with a broken spirit and with his Indian passport send him around the whole world (245 countries) then there is nothing impossible. Truly God can do anything; we need to respond to Him in obedience and ask Him how He wants to provide.

On Wednesday we all went out on outreach to various different locations to shine the light of Jesus in the city. Our group went to a school where we shared with 300 children. Deby and I were a part of the drama team and I also had the opportunity to share a testimony and about who Jesus is. At one point the children were asked if they want to receive Jesus and the Holy Spirit. The man declared that some of them will see images or even see Jesus and that God was going to reveal himself in a special way if they wanted to receive it. About 200 of the children shot their hands up and started to pray. We couldn't hold back the tears. The piercing words of Jesus saying that every single one of these precious children are the 1 of the 99 that he comes after broke us. Later that night at the mall we had a concert and saw God move greatly. Many people responded to Jesus and also were healed physically. A good friend that we made that day, Shaan was given an SD card of the Bible in Russian by a random person in the mall earlier that day. At the end of the concert he meet a Russian girl who never had heard of Jesus before that night. With tears in her eyes she danced away with that SD card of the Bible in her language. These are just two of the impacting testimonies of how God moved in Pattaya that day. A city known for darkness was a city of great light.

Thank you for praying and being a part of this great event. As we have shared God is placing in our hearts SE Asia and specifically the country of Laos so this was a special time. During the time of the conference God lead us to many individuals who were key connections for us. We meet many leaders and made new friends who gave great words of wisdom, encouragement, and direction to us and some that even want to continue to be in contact and be praying for us. Amongst these connections were two YWAM bases in SE Asian countries that border Laos and have a focus on ministry in Laos. Through these contacts we have people that can give us key information and insight as well as connect us with those in Laos and even take us into Laos. God is guiding us and opening doors of opportunity. These bridges we were able to make are key as we continue walking with God and seeing how He leads us to be a part of impacting the people of SE Asia.



Deby with Benny Prasad. He had come to Nicaragua when Deby was little and played at an event Deby was participating in.



Sharing at the school during outreach

