

A TIME TO REGROUP!

ITS BEEN A CHALLENGING YEAR FOR US ALL, with months of lockdown, hot and then wet weather, with a daily variety of national crises as well!

For many the month of August has been a sort of breather, with some lockdown easing, and more scope for socializing – depending where you live!



Speke Hall

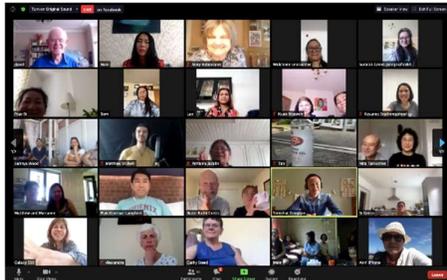
For ourselves there has been the opportunity for a week's "holiday at home", with visits to local places of interest, including Speke

Hall (near Liverpool), the Imperial War Museum North, and Wasdale in the Lake District.

For the Thai believers it has been renewal month too!

Returnees reunion. On Sunday 2nd August 12 of them gathered for their reunion day, which included joint worship, discussion and planning, and a meal together.

Annual Camp. Here in the UK the 8th August was our online "Camp" meeting, where 50 gathered on Zoom (plus 10 more on Facebook) for an excellent 2¼ hour programme. This included live worship, greetings from



Thailand, testimonies, bible preaching, break-out rooms for fellowship, and special prayers of commitment.

It was a major achievement for our technical guys to put all 13 sessions together!

Refreshment. During August there's been no official Thai fellowship groups meetings. Some groups have had met informally, others have met up in a "social distanced" way. Still others have taken holiday breaks. We trust all have been well refreshed!

Thai fellowship group meetings, September 2020

Please pray for online meetings in

3. South Shields 5. Carlisle 12.. W.Midlands
13.Huntingdon 17. Manchester 19?. Birmingham
21. Barrow, 26.Sheffield, 26.Worthing 27.London

As we head into September, new challenges await:

1.. How will the Thai believers meet? Continue on-line, or meet face-to-face? Government regulations vary depending on the area.

2. What happens to newly acquired 'members' who live too far from a group to attend normally, but who have been joining in the on-line meetings?.

3. Our own visiting groups by road has stopped during Covid lockdown. As easing comes, what will be our new normal – to go in person, or stay on-line?

Please pray for guidance in each of these areas!

Also for prayer

* This month the groups will be studying John 11, with a focus on 'life-death-healing' issues. Pray it will be relevant, especially to 2 or 3 Thai families who have severe health issues.

* The returnees group in Thailand have two meetings on-line each month. Pray for good attendance, and much encouragement for each other.



Returnees Reunion

* September 19th is our next committee meeting. It's held on-line, so having discussions is not always easy. Pray for good sharing & decision making.

* October 24-25 should be our next Fellowship Weekend. With Covid restrictions still in place, what are our alternatives? Pray we know what to arrange.

* Piak & Nam continue to look for opportunities to share their vision for their future Thai work.

* Paul and Grace continue their work with OMF and Platt church respectively; pray for fruitful service. They give thanks for a good holiday break for the family.

* Hannah's gives thanks for a good holiday break with Noah and Esther. Pray for her on-line teaching work with internationals; also for her gardening exploits!

Many thanks for all your prayers.

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