



# The Greens Missionaries to Chiang Mai, Thailand.

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Greetings from Chiang Mai, Thailand.

We are now in the rainy season. It rains every year for about 4 months, usually every day. Except for construction, rice is the main crop farmed in Thailand.

My wife and I came to Thailand 13 years ago and have not been out of Thailand even once since then, with no vacations, we are here to work.

Thailand is a difficult place because of the Ancestral worship of Buddha. Most missionaries give up and leave after about 1 year. The language is said to be one of the hardest in the World to learn. Getting into the oriental mind is like trying to force open a clam. Only the Holy Spirit can give them light. But we have seen Him do it here.

Since we are close to the equator we have no heating problem. Our house has no heating system none needed. We are in the midst of a wave of Covid-19 here in Thailand. It has been spreading like wild fire. Also the farmers are burning the stubble on their previous crop fields and 30 people had to be hospitalized for smoke inhalation this week. Thailand has the designation of being the Worlds number one country for this problem. They do this every year.

The History of Chiang Mai and other neighboring countries are rife with wars at each other. In olden times the armies were usually led by a charge of Elephants whose leaders rode astride an Elephant and armed with a sharp knife attached to a long pole. (See drawing enclosed.) I found an interesting example of an attack on Chiang Mai centuries ago. In this attack King Nangrai learned of an impending attack upon his city of Chiang Mai, he alerted his son, Prince Khram who ruled the city of Chiang Rai, (about 120 miles North of Chiang Mai.) to raise an army to help repel the approaching king Boak and his invaders.

In the mean time King NangRai set 10,000 men to digging a water moat around the city of Chiang Mai to defend Chiang Mai. (This mote is still existence in Chiang Mai today.)

The following is an account of what happened in October (1300 yrs. ago) The son, Prince Khram quickly summoned all his forces to assemble from every village and domain. 518,000 of Chiang Rai, plus another 204,000, altogether 725,000 men, against King Boak the invader. Prince Khram and his army marched to Chen Pho. (East of the Ping River.) They prepared to do battle the next morning against King Boak, who was approaching Chiang Mai with a large force.

Prince Khram divided his army into two parts, first a frontal attack and then sent the other half around behind King Boak to attack from the rear.

Early next morning King Boak realized he was being attacked from the rear by Prince Khrom, so he turned his Elephant around to face the attack. During the battle Prince Khrom saw his chance. He urged his Elephant forward to confront the Elephant of King Boak, who was now facing him. The elephant of Prince Khrom wounded King Boak's elephant in the neck and raised the elephant up and with great force pushed it back, then Prince Khrom's middle guard slashed King Boak with a lance on his side.

The alarmed elephant of King Boak with drew and fled ending the fight. The place where the two rulers dueled from the elephant's backs was at the site of the village called Ban Noek, which was just a few miles East of Chaing Mai and the Ping River. (Which runs through Chiang Mai.) What makes this bit of ancient History interesting in that many of those cities still carry the same names. Such as: Chiang Mai, Chiang Rai, Ping River, the Moat around the City of Chiang Mai, Chiang Dao and Fang. Many such battles as the above took place through-out their History.

Pray for this land of darkness.

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The picture: A King astride his Elephant with a large sword  
Attached to a long pole.

This is how Kings did battle as they led their troops into  
Their fights.

