

Smiles in Thailand

THAILAND IS A LAND OF SMILES—a theme the country uses to describe its people. And the description is true. In the southern province of Phang Nga, many people have greater reason to smile than ever before because they are learning how much the true God really loves them. Our missionary, Rev. Suchat Chujit, is developing Bible study groups in many villages that have never had a witness to the Gospel. The mission has established an office in the village of Grassom where he meets with people from the area and where the people may eventually choose to gather for worship.

With the support of LCC's congregations and auxiliaries, God continues to allow us to teach the doctrines of the church. Rev. Sandor Arguello presented a course on Mission Theology to fifteen people in early May. They have thanked us many times for the opportunity to learn more about their faith in Jesus.

LCC staff and representatives continue mentoring Rev. Chujit as he learns what being a missionary means. He has faced already the opposition of God's great enemy, but he continues reaching out with the message of salvation in the language and culture of his fellow Thai.

The land of smiles is even more so as people learn about God's love for them through the words shared by our missionary.

Second Nicaraguan seminary is in session



Forty students are enrolled at the second seminary session in Nicaragua which began in mid-May.

THE LCC MISSION IN NICARAGUA has opened a new round of theological instruction. Thanks to the commitment and generosity of the Marvin Schwan Charitable Foundation, Lutheran Church–Canada and Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines, forty new students from Leon, Chinandega and Matagalpa have begun their two-year curriculum.

Rev. Harold Ristau (Ascension, Montreal) and Rev. Ronald Abresh

(Peace/Trinity, Trail/Fruitvale, B.C.) taught the first classes. The two pastors taught *Introduction to the Old Testament* and *Christian Doctrine*.

Rev. Sandor Arguello reports, "Teachers and students enjoyed a great deal of blessing and fellowship."

At the end of the two years' instruction the new Evangelical Lutheran Church–Nicaragua will call the candidates to serve as pastors, deacons, deaconesses and teachers.

Missions on-line

LCC MISSIONS has launched a missions page on the LCC website: www.lutheranchurch.ca/missions

The site features a catalogue of missions projects supported by LCC, CLMS and LWML. Viewers are provided the opportunity to support the projects and are supplied with an e-mail window to request more information.



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