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Serving in Thailand

“Coming from an Asian Buddhist background, I have seen many Asians reject the Gospel, thinking that it is an irrelevant Western religion. I have a passion to share the Gospel with Thai Buddhists in ways that make sense within their culture so that they can really know Jesus.”

Coming from one culture; serving in another culture

Anna was born in Hong Kong and grew up with a Buddhist background. Although she accepted Jesus Christ as a teenager, she was not serious about her faith until she migrated to Australia in the 1990s.

Coming from an Asian cultural background, she experienced different stages of culture shock after moving to Melbourne. She understands at a deep level that people's beliefs are inseparable from their culture.

Having earlier gained her Masters degree in Biology and worked in medical research, Anna completed her Master of Divinity at the Bible College of Victoria in 2002. She serves the multi-cultural groups of her church.

In Thailand, more challenges in a Buddhist environment

- For 200 years there has been mission work in Thailand, yet there are about 2,000 ethnic Thai believers. Sixty million Thais are as yet largely unaware of Jesus.
- For Thai people, to be Christian and Thai is contradictory and foreign, for Buddhism and Thai culture are intrinsically linked. “To be Thai is to be Buddhist.”
- Thai people need to hear of Jesus in ways that make sense to them. Anna joins a team with that goal.
- There are significant social needs yet to be addressed through Jesus' love, such as poverty, AIDS, drugs, prostitution and more.

Please partner Anna in her work in Thailand: pray for her, give toward her support and encourage her through emails and letters. In doing so, you help carry the message of Jesus to ethnic Thai people.

“For I have a great sense of obligation to people in our culture and to people in other cultures, to the educated and uneducated alike.” Romans 1:14 (New Living Translation)

