



# Vision 7: Changing Thailand 7 Churches Annually

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### Current Church Plant Project:

- **Church Plant 5: Chiang Dao (Oct 2007)**
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- **Church Plant 7/8: Mae Hong Song (Nov 2007)**

### Bible/Leadership Training Conducted:

Aug 31- Sept 1 in Chiang Dao at a seminar for pastors and leadership training

Nov 8-9 at Chiang Rai at a conference for pastors and youth leaders

**Special Announcement**  
**Be a part of an Evangelism/Church Construction Team to Thailand in 2008**

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**Vision 7 is achieved for 2007. Now it's time to plant 7 more churches in 2008. You can help.**

*Join us in God's vision*

*Help build a church*

***Are you are interested?***

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**God's Spirit Poured Out: Joel 2:28-29 I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. (NIV)**

## Vision: Encouragement from God

Most people probably would think about Jesus and his 12 disciples in regards to discipleship. Many pastors might refer to the book of Acts in regards to the outpouring of the Spirit and church growth. Some leaders consider Phillip and Paul as good examples to follow in regards to evangelism and spreading God's word. Yet people, when it comes to visions and dreams, are probably more skeptical and doubtful instead of realizing that visions are directional encouragement directly from a loving God. For those of you who are intrigued with the mystery of why certain people are driven to excel for God even in great loss then the story

of Paul and Barnabas should be considered as a case study. Imagine how glad Paul must have felt to have someone like Barnabas except him as a brother among the disciples. Barnabas defended and encouraged Paul when the other disciples were initially afraid of him. Later the Spirit in Acts 13:2 commissions Paul and Barnabas as a team to go and preach the gospel. These two men worked, traveled, and lived together. They experienced spiritual highs and lows, prayed and discussed personal things together. They were brothers in the Lord, friends, and just about as close as any two people in a family or ministry might

ever come to realizing unity in God. However because of an unsolvable disagreement, over a tag-along on their team, they separated. Both must have felt the depression, the despair and the doubt that occur in a separation when you care deeply for someone. Yet God does not want you to quit! (See The Vision below)



**Training (in Chiang Dao) is key to church growth. Can you spot the non-Thai?**

## The Vision: Unique Opportunities

God's remedy when Paul was at a very low point in ministry was to encourage him by giving him a vision of a man in Acts 16:9 asking Paul and his new teammates to come to Macedonia. Paul needed this encouragement. He might have felt that he was no longer in God's will now that Barnabas was gone. Perhaps Paul felt that he had taken a wrong turn in his ministry as Acts 16:6 stated that

the Spirit forbid him to preach in Asia as he had planned. In a similar way our church plant #5 was started. The church used to be a former Baptist church until the pastor started preaching about spiritual things. As a result the congregation left and started another Baptist church. This split left the pastor a few people to start what we have now as a Spirit driven church. Church #6 was uniquely started when some

unsaved villagers sought out a pastor to preach in their community as they didn't know how to solve the problems of drugs and separation among their youth. Church #7(&8) was started by a pastor, who John and I met at a training we conducted in May at Mae Hong Song. He was struggling financially, but still caught the vision to start 2 separate house churches. He has helped us achieve our vision of planting 7 churches in Thailand in 2007. Praise God!