



# Earth Aflame

A Ministry Update from Ken Snyder

Happy New Year from Southeast Asia! Thank you once again for all your continued prayers and support. I appreciate every prayer, every gift, every thought more than you will ever know. It is great to be back in Asia serving God's Kingdom. It has been a whirlwind of excitement and activity since my return just six weeks ago. Thanks for your prayers regarding my visa situation, I am pleased to share that I was able to enter and receive a 90 visa without any issues or problems whatsoever.

Since my return home I have begun to act as full time missions director for my local church. I will be running three overnight "Missions Training" events throughout the year as we will be sending at least six short term teams to other parts of Southeast Asia. It is our goal as a church that each person go on a short term trip at least once every two years. It is exciting to see young people grasp a vision and a passion to reach others outside of their culture and worldview. I firmly believe that this nation is endowed with special giftings to be missionaries to the rest of Asia and the world. It is an amazing blessing to be part of what God is doing and to watch people grow into their gifts and callings in the "pressure cooker" environment of short term mission trips.

We also had a packed Christmas schedule with many outreach programs. Our youth group of 12 hosted a Christmas event with over 70 people. Over 30 pre-believers attended and many heard the gospel for the first time. Many have expressed a desire to learn more about Jesus and several have already given their lives to Christ. Several years ago, God told us that 2012 would be a year of abundance and 2013 would be a year of harvest. It is a busy yet exciting time as more and more people come to Jesus. We are in the process of training all of our current members to be able to disciple and train newcomers as we anticipate exponential growth in this year as well as the years to come.

Discipleship and training are key in growing a self reproducing endeavor. It should be the goal of every minister to raise up people to exceed and outclass themselves. We stand on the shoulders of the giants who have gone before, and in doing so provide a step so that those who will come after us can reach ever higher and higher. I look forward to the day God has to give me a new task because so many locals have caught the fire and vision. God is doing amazing things in Asia, and I invite you to come and see for yourself.

In February I will be going to Thailand to visit missionary friends and renew my visa. Please pray for continued favor in the area of visas and travel. Pray also for God's grace upon my church here as well as myself as we expect a busy year of ministry and spiritual growth. Thank you for your financial partnership in what God is doing, through you God continues to meet all my needs. Even when unexpected expenses appear, God provides a way, most often through your generosity. I pray that you will be blessed in return beyond what you can even imagine.

May you be ever filled with His love and grace.

Until all have heard,  
Ken Snyder