

# Visit to Andy & Val Simcock



Chiang Rai, Thailand

November 2009

Chiang Rai

Chiang Mai

Bangkok

Phuket



# Objectives

- Encourage Andy & Val in the Lord
- Take a gift from their Church family
- See how they live
- See the work that they are doing
- Help raise their profile in River Church by interviewing them for Complete Life
- Include a week's holiday in Phuket
- Report back

# Encourage Andy & Val in the Lord

- Visits to Missionaries from 'home' church leaders are not usual
- Not all visitors are good news
- God used us to bring Andy & Val a prophetic word that hit three issues which Andy & Val are facing
- Andy & Val: You were a real blessing to us and we really enjoyed your stay.

# Take a gift from their Church family

- Offerings received including tax benefits totalled £483.08
- Other gifts brought the total to ca. £935
- Andy & Val: Please pass on our thanks for the gift from our Slough family for the work out here. It is really appreciated and will be used wisely. But more than that, it really warms our hearts when they do something so unexpected like that, making us feel so much closer than the many miles apart would suggest.

# See how they live

- They are living very comfortably and are taking good care of themselves
- They have a circle of friends they meet regularly
  - Women's Bible Study and Prayer Walking
  - Men's fellowship
- They are part of a Church, although this is not ideal



Home, sweet home

...of the Glowing  
Life Foundation







60 Today Happy Birthday VAL











With Frank Smith of  
Supporting Hearts

# See the work they are doing

- Developing the Glowing Life Boy's Home
- Helping at the Burmese border Drop In Centre
- Visiting HIV/Aids patients in their homes
- Visiting Childlife Children's Home
- Leading Discipleship Course
- Teaching English



Gates of the Glowing Life Boy's Home





Glowing Life Land  
and Fish Pond

A wide, flat expanse of light-colored, sandy soil, likely prepared for construction. The ground shows signs of being levelled, with some faint tracks and small depressions. In the background, there is a line of green trees and a clear blue sky with a few clouds. The text "Levelled ground for the house foundations" is overlaid in white on the lower-left portion of the image.

Levelled ground for the  
house foundations

3 weeks  
growth!







Drop In Centre - after hours



In centre of Sex Trade  
overlooking Burma





Standing in Burma





...shopping in Burma



...and visiting  
the duty  
free shop



This lady and her husband are much improved with medication



Funds from Supporting Hearts and help from village neighbours built this house



Typical  
village home





A warm welcome from  
the Grandma's



Frank's favourite lunch spot - 5 lunches for less than £4





Childlife Children's home



9 staff, 3 volunteers  
and 100 children







Yaba has a special place in  
the Simcock's hearts...

A young boy with short dark hair and a sad, somewhat pouting expression is the central focus. He is wearing a light green polo shirt with a blue horizontal stripe across the chest. The background is an outdoor rural setting with a tree trunk, some dry leaves, and a wooden stool. The lighting is natural, suggesting daylight.

Too ashamed of his  
teeth to smile for the  
camera



Part of Andy's Discipleship Course  
and translator Florence

# Andy & Val's Needs

Prayer! Spiritual climate is hotting up...

- Protection
- Health
- Wisdom
- For finances to arrive
  - £12k of £40k received to date
- Kingdom based Church
- Initiatives to involve and bless local folk





Coffee at Mae Khong River Border with Laos

UNQUA SINGHA® DRINKING WATER



Thai / Burmese border guard post



Border skirmishes  
still do occur!

...and will  
these God's  
protect  
them?





The Golden Triangle  
Thailand, Burma and Laos

*Cabbages & Condoms*  
Resort & Restaurant Thailand



The Rubber Triangle  
Charity initiative to  
combat HIV/Aids





Stuart & Michelle  
Simpson in Chiang Mai





# The White Temple





...looks nice,  
until you get  
closer



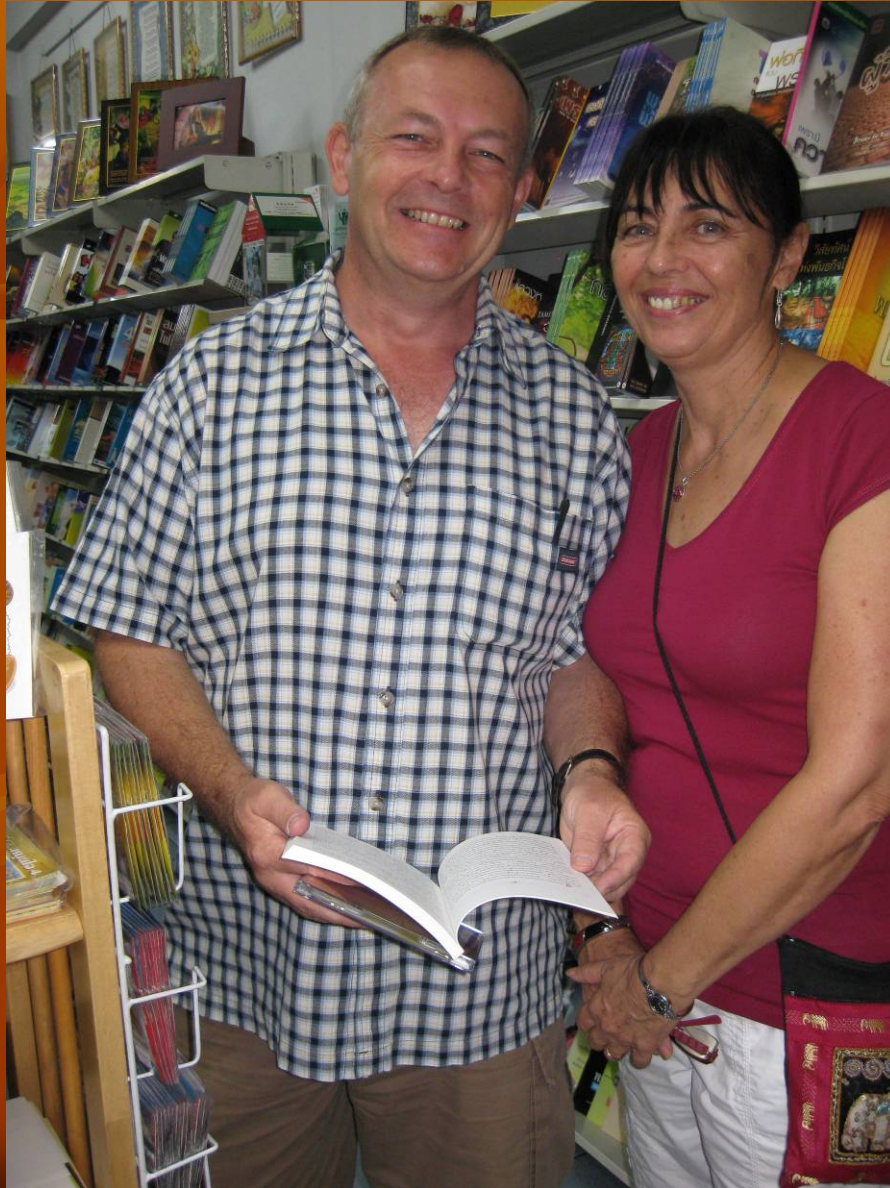


**Mission IS the agenda**

To see more of Phuket  
you will need to visit us...!



Last word goes to Andy & Val



Please give  
everyone our  
love.

We look  
forward to  
seeing you all  
in June.