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## Serving the Unreached in Thailand

Sawadee kha; hello from Thailand. My name is Sarah Eby, from Petra Church. I've been serving in Ubon Ratchathani for the past year. There are 22 million Isaan people within Thailand and only about 1 percent are Christian.

I am serving with a church plant called CityLights Church and supporting the leadership. We want to empower the believers to be missionaries in their community. Recently we had two young men come to accept Christ. We focus on building relationships and people accepting Jesus—we then help them develop their faith.

We look for ways to build relationships in our community. Every month we visit six grandmas and give them care packages and pray for them. I provide free English classes for children every

Saturday afternoon. After class, I share a Bible story and have an art project. Every Tuesday we have sports ministry; we invite the youth to come play soccer at the church.

We have different outreach events throughout the year. Our biggest

event is at Christmas. We had about 250 people attend and many heard the story of Jesus for the first time. We provided food, children's games, worship music, and gifts.

As I live among unreached people, I am reminded that God is faithful. God has huge plans for the Isaan believers. I want to be a part of spreading the gospel, even if I am just a small part.

By Sarah Eby



Sarah Eby, Thailand Missionary

## HOPEWELL NETWORK STATESIDE CHURCHES

- **Freedom Path**—Akron, PA
- **Good Shepherd Community Church**—Reamstown, PA
- **Hope of the Nations**—Reading, PA
- **Hopewell Christian Fellowship**—Elverson, PA
- **Hopewell Christian Fellowship**—Telford, PA
- **Hopewell Community Church**—Pottstown, PA
- **Iglesia Restauracion Divina**—Reading, PA
- **Immanuel Christian Fellowship**—Manheim, PA
- **Kingdom Life Ministries**—Hesston, KS
- **Living Hope Fellowship**—Forksville, PA
- **New Freedom Church**—Sudlersville, MD
- **Petra Church**—New Holland, PA
- **Rockville Fellowship**—Belleville, PA
- **Spring City Fellowship**—Spring City, PA
- **Tierra Prometida (Spanish)**—Hagerstown, MD

## HOPEWELL NETWORK INTERNATIONAL CHURCHES

- **The Lord's Sanctuary Churches and Ministry**—Kenya
- **Grace Assemblies of Churches**—Haiti
- **Agupacion Familiar Cristiana**—Mexico
- **Rays of Peace**—India
- **City Lights Churches**—Thailand
- **Grace Charismatic Ministries**—Ghana

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## 2019 Hopewell Network Leaders' Conference

Are you looking for something to strengthen, encourage, and make you more effective in your role as a leader? Something to help you grow in your walk with the Lord? If so, you will want to mark your calendars and attend our upcoming Fall Hopewell Network Leaders' Conference scheduled for Friday, October 18, at Petra Church, New Holland, PA.

This is always a very encouraging and engaging time of being strengthened as leaders in our various roles. Our theme this year is God of the Generations.

We will begin with a banquet the Thursday evening before at Shady Maple Smorgasbord. The banquet is for Pastors, Elders, Network Intercessors, Para-Church Leaders, and Mission Directors of the Network churches.

The Conference on Friday is open to anyone who would like to register for the day sessions. There is no registration cost for the evening session.

Returning this year as our speaker is Pastor Marc Estes from Oregon. He recently succeeded Pastor Frank



Pastor Marc Estes and his wife, Susan, are the Lead Pastors at Mannahouse in Portland, Oregon.

Damazio in becoming the Lead Pastor of Mannahouse (formerly City Bible Church). They are a family of local congregations throughout Oregon and Southern Washington.

Pastor Marc is a nationally and internationally known creative communicator and author who has reached thousands with his dynamic leadership skills and unique perspectives on the Bible.

He is well respected in the Portland/Vancouver area and has worked relentlessly to build bridges with other churches, public schools, law

enforcement, anti-sex trafficking groups, foster care agencies, and other groups to transform his community and break down the walls that have divided it. He is also President of Portland Bible College, which focuses on training leaders around the globe.

We invite you to come and be blessed. Registration will open in August on our website — [www.hopewellnetwork.org](http://www.hopewellnetwork.org).

By Pastor Lester Zimmerman,  
Apostolic Leader

## CityLights Church, Ubon Ratchathani, Thailand



**Hope of Isaan Group**

The Hope of Isaan is a small group of emerging leaders in Hopewell's CityLights Church in Thailand. It has been nine months since they took leadership of the church. They have grown so much spiritually, and we praise God for His faithfulness. The church is five years old this spring.

The goal is for this church to one day be self-sustaining and reproducing. In pursuit of this, it is valuable for them to understand that giving is an important part of this goal.

Throughout the discipleship process, we have emphasized the importance of giving into missions, even when the resources are needed for them personally or in their own church.

Last October I shared with them the need for Network pastors in India to become more self-supporting as their government cracks down on church efforts and restricts incoming finances.



**Pastor Solomon Raj and his newly purchased cow**

One way the Indian pastors are doing this is by purchasing cows to be able to sell milk.

I presented the idea of raising money to support one of the Indian pastors. Knowing that CityLights Church is a small church and has many needs, I wasn't sure how they would respond.

To my surprise, they responded in bold faith that they could support this Indian pastor.

The Hope of Isaan ministry team set aside ten percent of accumulated church offerings and in February was able to send \$800 to buy a cow for a pastor in India.

By Lazaro "Nacho" Barrera,  
CityLights/Thailand Team Coach

## Fredy and Dignora Melendez Ordained

Pastors Fredy and Dignora Melendez were ordained to the ministry during the Hopewell Network Leaders' meeting at Petra on January 8. They serve together as the pastors of Iglesia Restauracion Divina in Reading.

Iglesia Restauracion Divina is a new Hopewell Network church. They meet in the same facility as Hope of the Nations, and were connected to the Hopewell Network through their relationship with Hope of the Nations and Pastors Angelo and Teresa Sarna.

Pastors Fredy and Dignora have two daughters, Freiny and Deilenys, who are integral parts of the

ministry leadership at Iglesia Restauracion Divina.

Pastors Fredy and Dignora have embraced the Hopewell Network and the foundational values and vision of the Network. They especially enjoy the way that the Holy Spirit flows through worship and fellowship within the Network.

Their vision is to minister salvation and healing to wounded people and restore them to a place of value in the Kingdom of God.

By Pastor Allan Yoder,  
International Apostle



**The Melendez Family**

## Grace Charismatic Ministers Network Engagement

The Grace Charismatic Ministers Network has begun a two-year engagement period with the Hopewell Network of Churches.

The Grace Charismatic Ministers Network is a new network located in Ghana under the leadership of Pastor John Boateng. It is a network of young pastors, most of whom have studied at the Immanuel Bible Institute and Seminary in Ghana. Many of the network pastors are Pastor John Boateng's former students who formed independent churches and looked to Pastor John for counsel and covering as they developed their churches.

Pastor John Boateng and his wife, Dorothy, were introduced to the Hopewell Network through Pastor Scot Magann, pastor of Living Hope in Estella. Pastor John and Pastor Scot

are longtime friends and ministry partners since they met at Elim Bible College as students.

Pastors Allan and Rebeca Yoder and Pastor Scot and Phenny Magann will travel to Ghana in August to affirm the

engagement of the Grace Charismatic Ministers Network with the Hopewell Network and to confer Apostolic ordination for John Boateng.

By Pastor Allan Yoder,  
International Apostle



**Pastor John and Dorothy Boateng**

## Register Now

- Senior High — June 24-28 For youth who completed grades 9-12.
- Junior High — July 15-19 For youth who completed grades 6-8.
- Kids — August 12-16 For kids who have completed grades 2-5 and are at least eight years old.

Register at [www.hopewellsummercamps.com](http://www.hopewellsummercamps.com)

