

Nong Fa's Story

As told to Sue Danneker, March 2006

Storyboard #1 Text

When six year old Nong Fa saw the store front building across the street from her home opening its doors in June (2003), she figured it was probably another school that taught English—especially when she saw a few foreigners coming and going. Nong Fa has just started first grade that May.

Storyboard #2 Text

A few months later, her older sister, Bee, took her into that store front building to get some snacks. It was a church, the Mahapawn New Vision Church. Bee had been going a few times to the services.

Storyboard #3 Text

Nong Fa liked the snacks and took a liking to Giff, the pastor's fiance. Nong Fa followed her sister to the church for awhile but then started going on her own. Nong Fa especially liked Giff. Giff paid extra special attention to her. Nong Fa also liked Pastor Rangsan and she thought the other members were nice. And she always enjoyed the snacks after services.

Storyboard #4 Text

Nong Fa was born in Bangkok and grew up in a typical Thai family that followed the Buddhist teachings. She always enjoyed going to the temple with her mom. But at church, she heard a different message. She went as often as she could, always sitting next to Giff. She started to help out where she could.

Storyboard #5 Text

For example, she helped the teens wash the dishes after Sunday fellowship lunches. Giff taught her to speak more politely. After Bee got pregnant and had to drop out of ninth grade, Nong Fa's mother became very protective of where Nong Fa would go. But Nong Fa's mother was very pleased with the church.

Storyboard #6 Text

She felt it was a safe place for Nong Fa. She was also pleased to see the improvement in Nong Fa's language and to see she was not so stubborn anymore. Her mom also saw Nong Fa's grades improve in school since Nong Fa began attending church. Nong Fa's mom sometimes comes to special events at the church like Christmas and Thai Mother's day.

Storyboard #7 Text

Nong Fa began to faithfully attend the Saturday children's outreach once it started in March 2004. She invited her friends to hear about Jesus too. Nong Fa prayed and asked Jesus to be her Savior the following March (2005) when she was eight years old and finishing second grade.

Storyboard #8 Text

Now Nong Fa is nine years old and just finished third grade. She continues to invite friends to church and attend faithfully.

Storyboard #9 Text

She even helps the teens clean the church on Saturday and helps with the worship practice Saturday evening. She tries to not go to the temple, but sometimes her mom still makes her. But she doesn't bow to the statues anymore.

Storyboard #9 Text

Please pray for Nong Fa, that she will continue to grow in her faith in Jesus. Pray that her parents, her sister Bee, nephew Beam and older brother will all come to know Jesus as their Savior too.