

## Introduction

The Way Foundation was founded in 2016 by Ben Kibbe as an extension of the Evangelical Friends ministry in Thailand. Ben and Charity were first sent to Thailand by Damascus Friends Church in 2012 to join an already thriving team started by Ben's parents, David and Marilyn Kibbe and their national partners. After spending almost 4 years in language and culture studies it was time to formalize the organization and register with the Thai government. Since that time the Lord's favor has been with The Way Foundation both in their relationship with communities and their standing as a Christian organization with the Thai government.



## The Three Pillars

### Bible Teaching

Since 2004 David and his Lahu partner Charlee have been developing and teaching Bible curriculum to men and women who want to have a deeper understanding of God's word and who want to teach others. Pastors, Evangelists, and disciple makers have studied 4 days a month for two years in order to grow in their relationship with the Lord and be better equipped to study, teach and most importantly, apply God's truth to their daily lives. There are currently 35 students from a number of villages. Charlee is also starting with two new groups in two places, both about 4 hours from Chiang Rai. There are currently 3 groups representing a number of villages, meeting in 3 different locations in northern Thailand. Approximately 40 students are attending these monthly sessions. Charlee is training five men to help him in the teaching.



### Church Planting

The Way Church is located in the city of Chiang Rai and has two main purposes. The first is to reach people (both Thai and Lahu speakers) in the city who don't have a church. The second is to be both a model church and a missional church. The leaders of the church have a vision for training and supporting teams who will go out into the mountain communities and make disciples and plant churches. Pastor Solomon and the team have planted a second church in the village of Ja Saw Pa and are currently working in two additional communities.

### Discipleship

#### *Whole Life Discipleship*

Over the last three years our team has been working with D4D (Discipling for Development) and the Navigators. Our team has learned the theology of development and the results of dependency models and how oftentimes good intentions lead to an unhealthy relationship between outsiders and the communities in need of development. We have grown a lot as a team and started to take a different approach to the communities that we are connected to.

#### *Farm Development*

The Way Farm, directed by YawSaPa is an educational farm used to learn better farming techniques and new cash crops that can be used by nationals in ministry to supplement their income and do more sustainable ministry as bivocational pastors and evangelists.

## How You Can Be Praying

Pray for wisdom for each leader. We want to hear from the Lord, especially on how we prioritize our time and energy.

Pray for additional funding. We strive to be good stewards with the resources that God has given us. Right now, we especially need additional funding for training scholarships for volunteers.

Pray for the Kibbe family as they transition their family back to the US. Pray for Ben as he encourages our national leaders in Thailand and acts as a liaison between Evangelical Friends Churches in America and our ministry in Thailand.

## Learn More about Supporting EFM Thailand

Visit The Way Foundation website here: [www.theway.foundation](http://www.theway.foundation)

To schedule an opportunity to connect with Ben Kibbe, you can email him at [benk@friendsmission.com](mailto:benk@friendsmission.com) or call him at 307-355-9679.

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- Over the phone by credit card at **303-421-8100**.
- By mailing a check to **EFM, PO Box 771139, Wichita, KS 67277**, marked "EFM Thailand"

You can also sign up as an EFM Thailand prayer partner to receive news and prayer updates by scanning the QR code to the right.

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