

COATS



Scott & Tan Coats

MYANMAR & THAILAND

LANGUAGES

Thai
English
Burmese
Shan
Akha
Lahu and more

MINISTRY PRIORITIES

Abolishing Global Slavery,
Education,
Training and Capacity
Building

BIRTHDAYS

Aphiwan 2/16
Scott 8/22



LOCATION

Myanmar, Thailand



ABOUT

Tan (Aphiwan) and Scott are jointly appointed missionaries of International Ministries and HOPE International Development Agency.

From their home in Chiang Rai, Thailand, Scott and Tan support Thai nationals in their own ministries as they seek to impact

the lives of the ethnic minority peoples who inhabit the hills of northern Thailand, the Eastern Shan State of Myanmar, and neighboring countries. These partner organizations empower communities to organize for social and economic change.



Dr. Witoon Yongmethawut, director of Overbrook Hospital, is ready to hand over two donated renal dialysis machines to a Myanmar government hospital in Kengtung, Eastern Shan State.



MINISTRY STORY

It was with some excitement that I stood with the director of Overbrook Hospital, a Thai Christian hospital in Chiang Rai. We were standing next to two used renal dialysis machines out on the sidewalk in the Thai border town of Mae Sai. We watched as an old ambulance from across the Myanmar border drove up and three Myanmar doctors disembarked. These men were associated with the Kengtung General Hospital in the Eastern Shan State, located some 100 miles north of the border.

Their government hospital lacks most of the basic equipment needed to serve the 250,000-plus population in its area, though in recent years it has begun to

improve. This improvement came after months of meetings, calls, and follow-up visits to encourage the Overbrook Hospital to seek ways it could use its resources to help meet the health needs in Kengtung. A year earlier, Overbrook Hospital provided some small assistance to the Kengtung Hospital after International Ministries partnered with a matching grant.

Though there is much more that needs to be done, it's encouraging to know that IM and American Baptist workers were able to bring relief and support to some of the patients in need in the Kengtung area and bring about greater interest for Thai Christians to do more this year.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that more people from Thailand and beyond will show Christ's love to the people of the Eastern Shan State by sharing their skills and resources.

Pray that we can be a bridge to enable Thai people and others to bring social and spiritual transformation to this area.

Pray for peace, hope, and reconciliation as local believers in the Eastern Shan State come together to share their love and faith with others around them.

SCRIPTURE

"Therefore, as we have the opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."

Galatians 6:10 (NIV)