



Amnuay Srisuwan

1952-2007

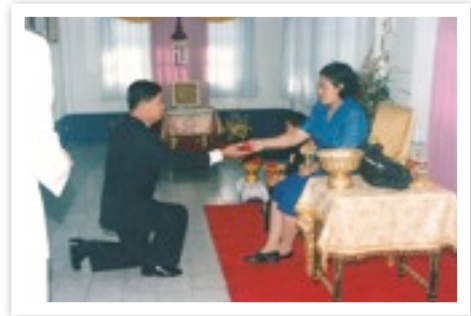


Anan with Amnuay on Valentines day at the hospital

Amnuay passed away on February 28th at 8 pm. Anan, his wife, was there at his side after a hard but quick battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife and two sons Nick (30 yrs) and Niew (28 yrs). I had returned to the US on February 23rd so I won't be able to attend the funeral ceremonies. I did get to spend several nights by Amnuay's side and was able to talk to him, read scripture to him, pray for him and say good bye before I had to leave. In Thailand the believers hold worship services for four nights and then have the burial or cremation service the following day (which will be on March 5th). Each night there will be different pastors preaching and music sung. I am sure many of Amnuay's students will be playing the music he and his wife Anan have

written over the years. Members of the Thailand Covenant Church will be coming from across the country to join the services.

Amnuay was the music director at the Center for Faith and Culture in Udon Thani working with Covenant missionaries Jim and Joan Gustafson for 13 years before moving back to Chaing Mai in 1996. Amnuay, Anan and 4 other Thailand Covenanters then started the Center for Church Enablement in Northern Thailand. One of the centers main focuses was to produce worship music using traditional northern Thai musical forms that would touch the hearts of the northern Thai people. Over 30 worship songs were written and these were recorded at the Voice of Peace radio studios in Chiang Mai. Amnuay taught hundreds of youth how to play the instruments of the north during his time back in Chiang Mai. He and his wife Anan shared Christ's love with their students. Amnuay has baptized many of his students over the 9 years of ministry back in Chiang Mai. Annual music camps were held to bring the students together. Some of the most skilled youth would regularly travel around to churches to perform and introduce the music to churches of all backgrounds. The group also performed at ceremonies and conferences across the country.



Amnuay receiving a royal award from the Princess of Thailand for his work teaching music at a home for the disabled.

Future:

I have had many people ask what impact losing Amnuay will have on our work there in Chiang Mai, Thailand. We will of course really miss Amnuay. The way he reached out to the youth he worked with, his soft spoken ways and concern for others. The good news is that Amnuay prepared others to take his place. Ot is one of these whom Amnuay took in and raised like a son. He has some God given musical gifts that flourished under Amnuay's teaching. He has now served on our music staff for several years. He is still young and will have some big shoes to fill but he certainly has the gifting. Amnuay's son Niew is also a very gifted musician and is currently performing in a traveling Thai play group that used the traditional Thai play form called Lee-gae to share the Good News.



Thank you for your prayers and support for the ministries in northern Thailand and your prayers for the Srisuwan family during this time.

Sincerely,

Randy and Cheryl Bevis,

Covenant missionaries to Thailand