

# OMF Central Thailand Strategy Statement

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## **Our Context**

The Central Region of Thailand has 16 Provinces<sup>1</sup> with a population of more than 10 million people. The majority of them are ethnic Thai speaking standard Thai language. Less than 0.2% of the population are Christians. Out of the 163 Districts there are still 42 without a single Church. There are 342 Churches (compared to 6788 Buddhist Monasteries). The Central Thailand region of the Associated Churches of Thailand (ACTC) has presently 62 churches that are mainly lead by local lay leaders.

## **Our Vision**

is a community of biblical churches (ACTC) of sufficient size and strength (about 1% of the pop.) that is able and dedicated to continue the evangelization of Central Thailand.

## **Those Churches**

- know and obey the Word of God
- pray and depend on God
- reach out to their non-Christian environment
- reproduce and multiply
- live unity and forgiveness
- are a community of believers where each member is a growing, functioning and serving part of the body of Christ
- disciple and train at all ages and levels
- are led by spiritually mature (very often unpaid) leaders.
- adapt to and work within their given context, using the resources of indigenous churches
- function within a community of churches like a network of extended family

## **Towards that Vision**

### **We commit ourselves to**

- studying, living and teaching the Word of God
- ongoing and regular prayer
- holiness and sacrifice
- Ongoing evangelism
- Saturation Church planting
- Reaching the unreached and harvest the responsive
- Continuous learning and training

### **We make disciples by**

- working along existing family lines and contacts
- focusing on reaching whole families
- using reproducible methods
- intentionally mentoring and training disciples of all levels towards continuous spiritual growth and sacrificial service within the body of Christ
- intentionally implanting a DNA of reproduction right from the beginning by modeling and having disciples of all levels pass on what they have learned

### **In working with ACTC we**

- work with and alongside Thai nationals / the Thai Church
- listen to learn and discern to keep focused
- foster, initiate and execute intentional Church Planting
- focus on training a strong base of local lay leaders
- promote dependency on God and using resources of indigenous churches
- promote cooperation and fellowship between Churches within ACTC and beyond

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<sup>1</sup> ACTC / OMF CT area: Angthong, Ayutthaya, Chainat, Kampheng Phet, Kanchanaburi, Lopburi, Nakhon Sawan, Nakhon Nayok, Phetchabun, Phichit, Phitsanulok, Saraburi, Singburi, Sukhothai, Suphanburi, Uthai Thani