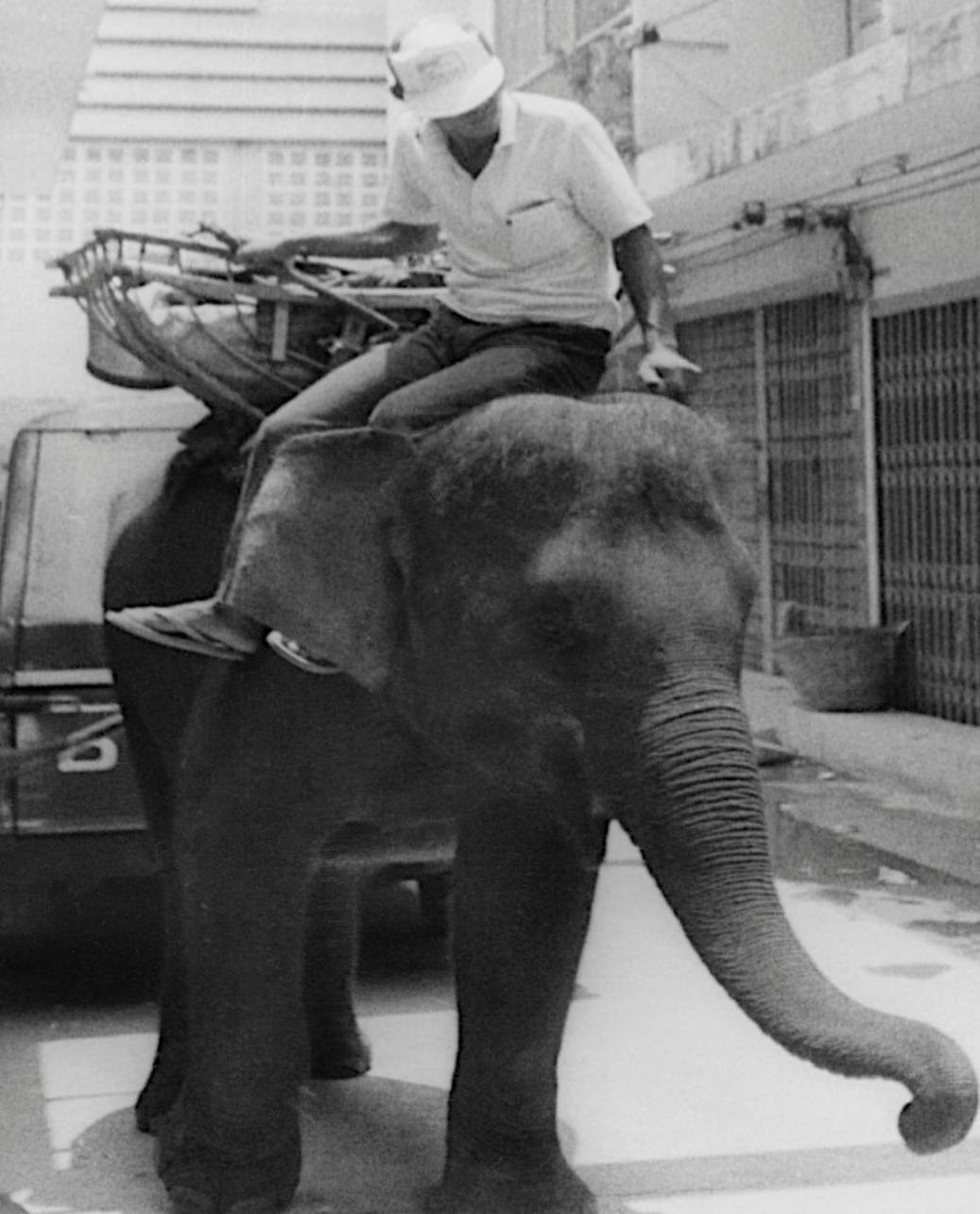




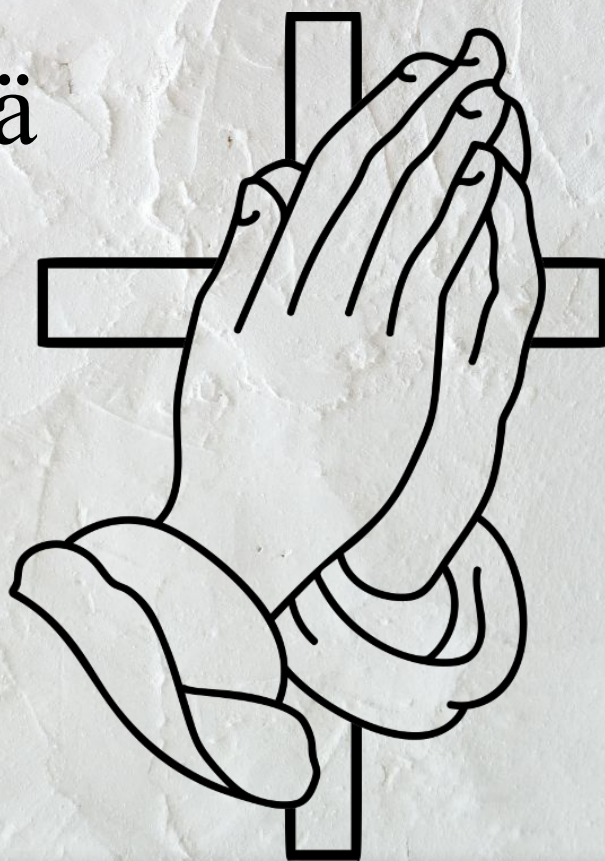
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PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



1976 – 2019

Photos from the history of
the Evangelical Lutheran
Church in Thailand and the
Lutheran Mission
in Thailand

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Several persons have contributed by sending photos from their collections. Here are their names and a list of the abbreviations used in the captions. The same persons have given comments and clarifications on details. All mistakes and misinterpretations are mine alone.



- AK Anneli Könni
- BB Ban Bu Lutheran Church, co-ordinated by
Jongkolnee Sampachayanon
- BJ District 2, Boonmee Jaruphong
- EH Eivind Hauglid
- HP Hanna Pajula
- KK Kirsti and Vesa Kosonen
- KTK Kaija and Tapio Karjalainen
- LA Liisa Alanne
- LJH Leena and Jukka Helle
- M Maija and Jaakko Mäkelä
- PH District Three, Preeda Hongsakaew
- PPH Pirkko Harju-Hiltunen and Pekka Hiltunen
- PS District Four, Peerachai Saenthaweedet. Co-
ordinated by Jongkolnee Sampachayanon
- RTK Districts Four and Five, Riikka-Maria and Tomas
Kolkka
- SA District One, Suthiphath Akkarananthaphong
- SK Phaporn Si Khiu Lutheran Church, co-ordinated by
Jongkolnee Sampachayanon
- TS Tarja Säynevirta
- VID Mission and Diakonia Archives, VID, Norway.
Selection by Eivind Hauglid
- FELM FELM photo archives, Finland. Selection by
Marika Björkgren-Thylin
Luther Seminary in Thailand, Facebook
Mukdahan Lutheran Church, Jongkolnee
Sampachayanon

OPENING THE WORK



NMS missionaries in 1977.

Back row from the left: Helge Breivik, Emil Aarsheim.

Middle row: Astrid Breivik, Liv Turid Bjerkreim, Åse Øye, Bjørg Kjetså, Eli Aarsheim.

Front row: Rune Breivik, Jorunn Kjetså, Kristin Kjetså, Anne Kathrine Kjetså, Nils Peder Kjetså. (VID)



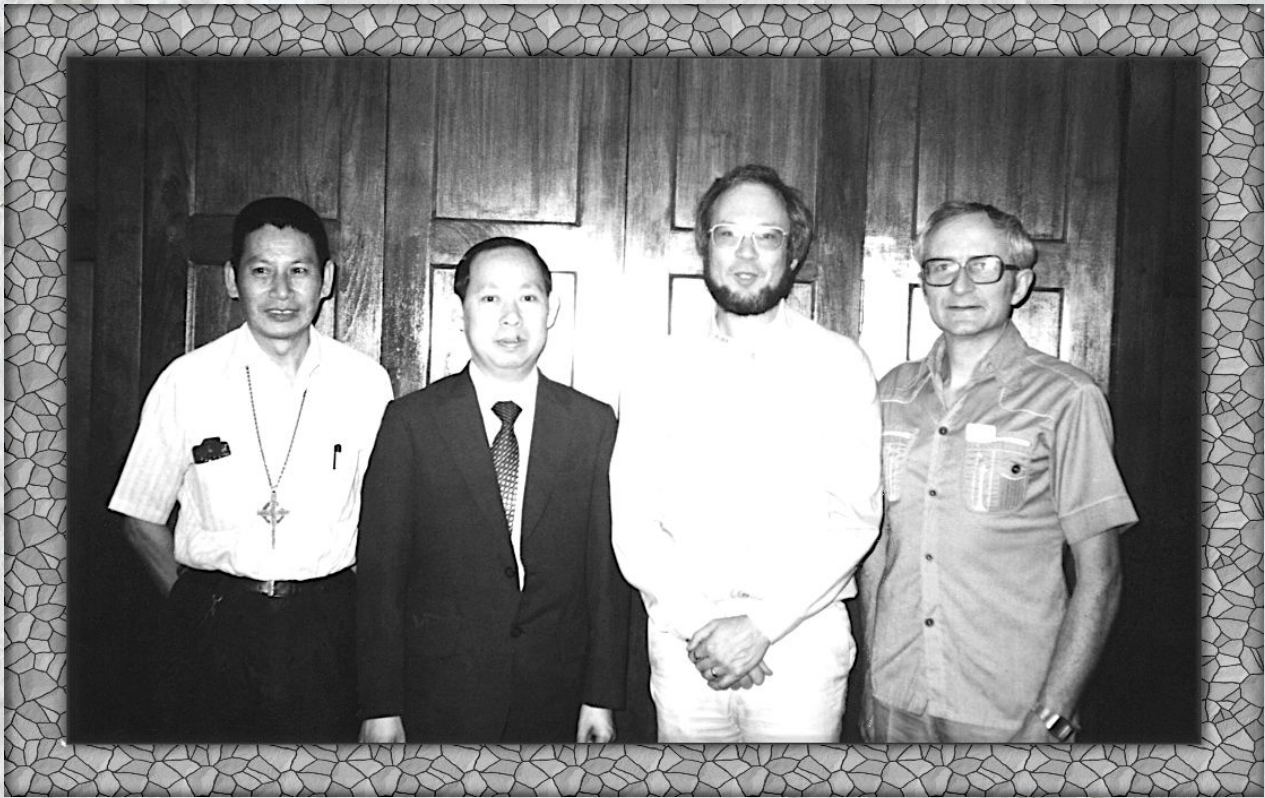
FELM missionaries in 1982.

Front: Ulla Kuisma, Anne Rantanen, and Pauli Rantanen.

In the middle row from the left: Liisa Alanne, Jaakko Mäkelä, Maija Mäkelä, Raija Kakko, and Aila Laaksonen (Laukkanen).

In the back, Salli Lamponen and Anneli Könni.

Children: Jakke Mäkelä, Mirkka Nieminen (Mäkelä). (M)



Members of the Joint Board for
Thailand in 1982.

Revs.

Victor Tsu and John Tse (ELCHK)

Seikku Paunonen (FELM)

and Egil Eggen (NMS). (M)



STEPS TOWARDS ESTABLISHING THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THAILAND



LITE students at the site of the future
Headquarters on Soi Roemcharoen,
Sukhumvit Road 50,
before the construction began. (KTK)



Delegates of the first Thai Lutheran
Assembly, 1987. (TS)





The first ministers were ordained in 1988.

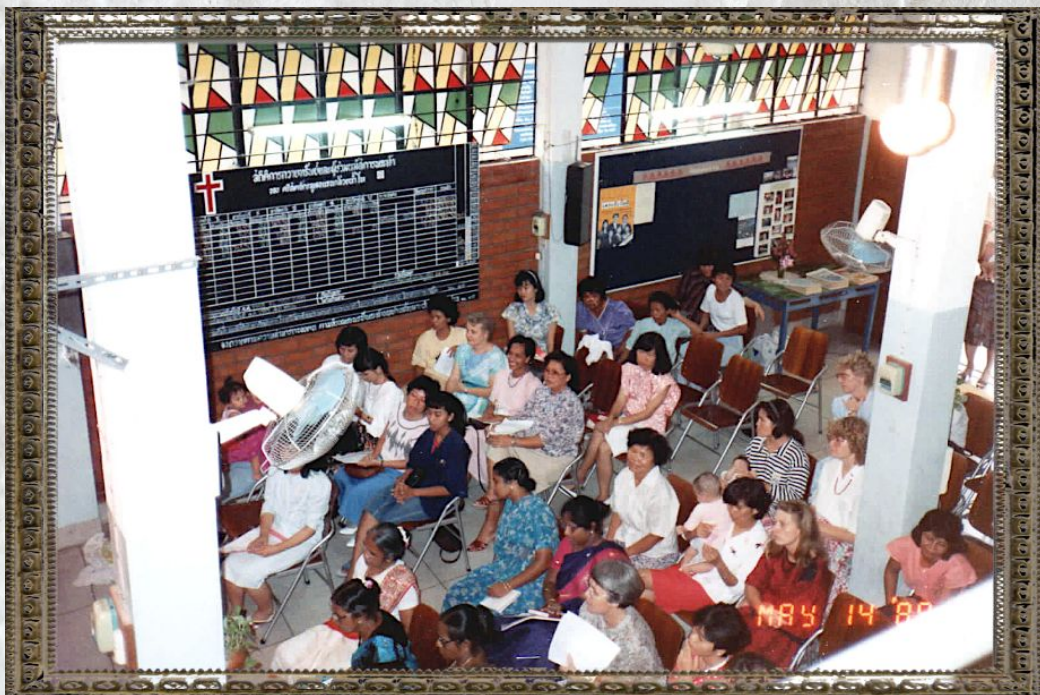
From the left: Phongsak Limthongvirutn,
Suk Prachayaporn, Thaweeep Oiwan and
Sompong Hanpradit.

Back row: Visanukorn Upama. (KTK)





The LMT Christmas celebration was held at Ladphrao Church in 1988. (M)



The LMT women's committee first met at Immanuel Lutheran Church in 1988. (TS)

FOUNDING OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, ITS PARTNERS AND RELATIONS



Banjob Kusawadee was installed as the first bishop of the ELCT on April 24, 1994. (M)



The choir practicing for the celebration, conducted by Viroot Tha-asa, April 1994. (M)



The founding celebration of the ELCT.

Rev. Tapio Karjalainen (Chairman of
the LMT),

Bishop Banjob Kusawadee, and
representatives of the congregations.

(KTK)





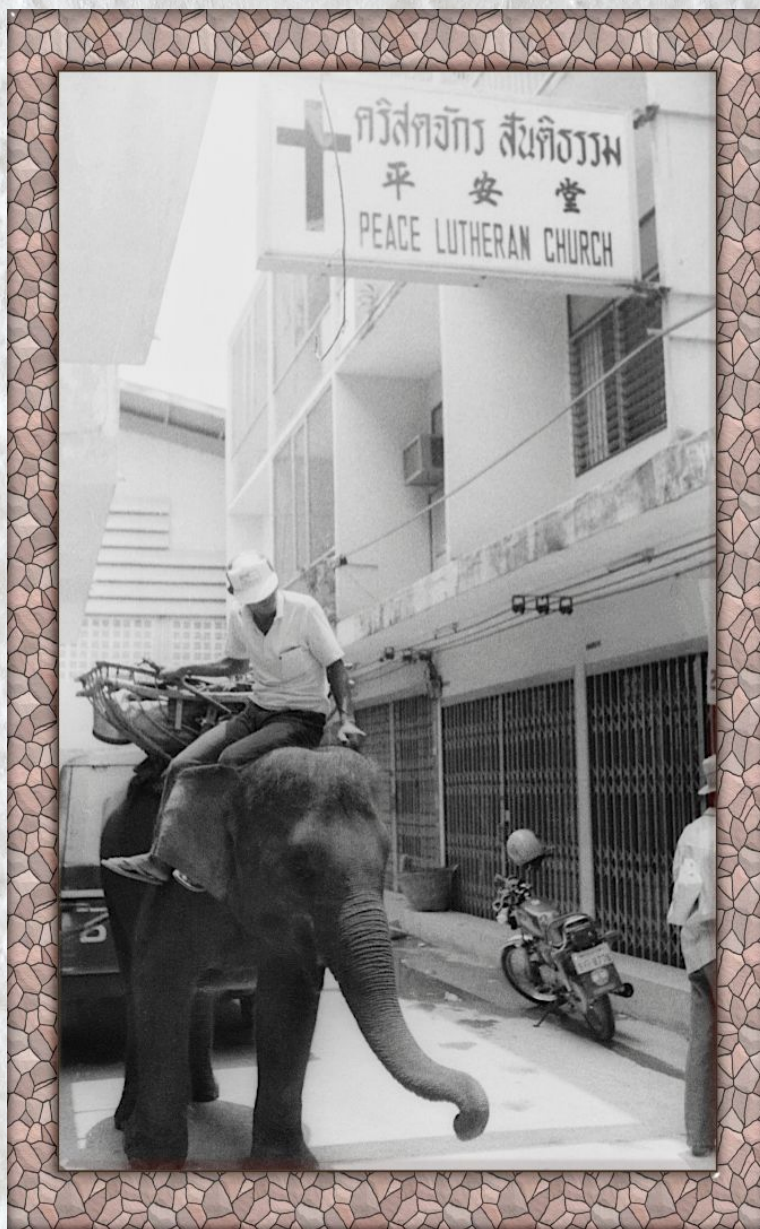
A Thai music ensemble in the 1990s. (M)



The Headquarters of the LMT/ELCT, 1994. (M)

CONGREGATIONS

District 1



An elephant passed by the doors of the Peace Lutheran Church (Santitham Church) in Soi Amon in 1980.

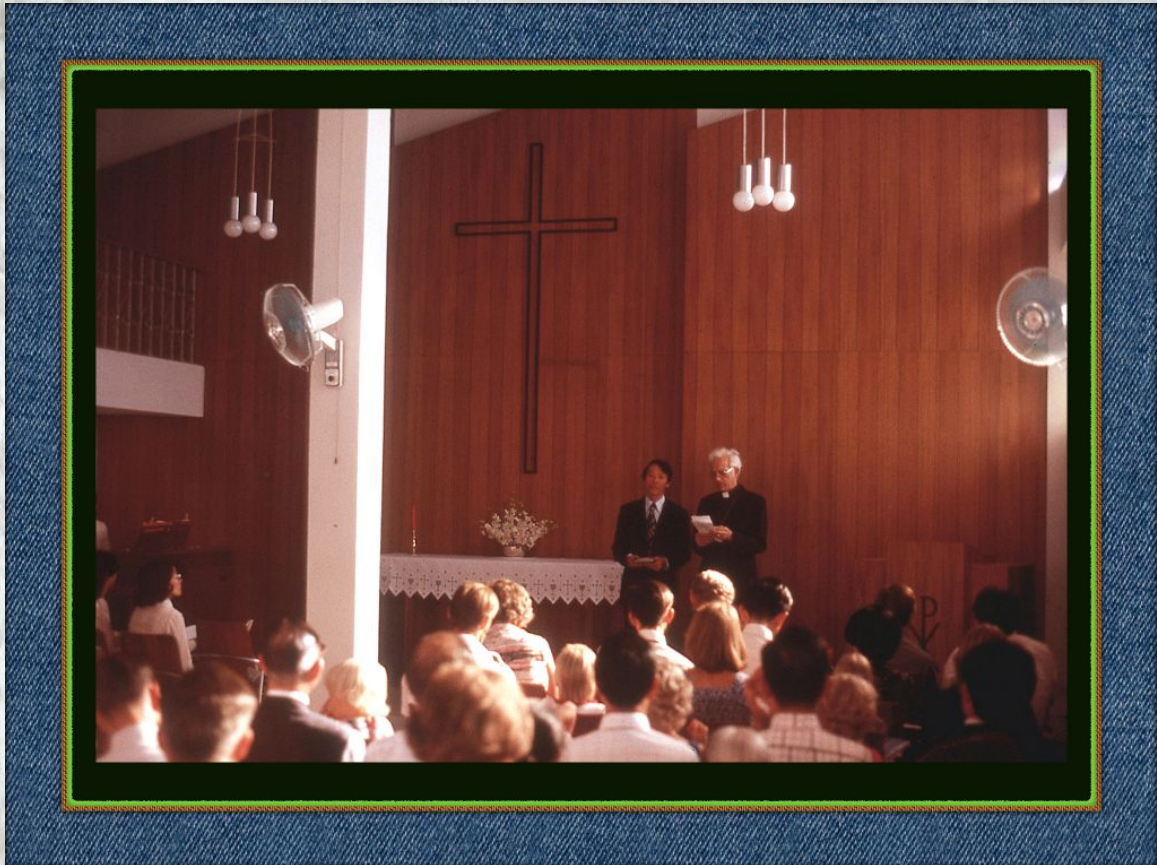
Wichien and Kanjana Navasin were the first Thai co-workers. (M)



Peace Lutheran Church. The Christmas celebration at the second location in Soi Amon, 1986. (M)



Peace Lutheran Church in Bangkhunthian (SA)



Immanuel Lutheran Church (Klongtoey
Family Centre/Klongtoey
Church/Kluay Nam Thai
Church). Emil Aarsheim led the
dedication service in 1977. Phaibul and
Phasuk Namsorn were the
first leading Thai coworkers. (EH)



Personnel and children of the Kluay
Nam Thai Church Day Nursery, 1989. (M)



Immanuel Lutheran Church (SA)



Ladphrao Church. Worship service
at the rented premises on
Soi Chokchai 4.

Team:
Rewadee Sae Liu,
Maija and Jaakko Mäkelä,
and Anneli Könni. 1981. (M)





Ladphrao Church. Evangelist Suk led a children's meeting in a courtyard in the 1980s.
(KTK)



Ladphrao Church (SA)



The first meeting place of the
Samroong Church in 1982.

Team: Thaweep Oiwan,
Liisa Alanne, Anne Rantanen,
Kjell Sandvik, and Eivind Hauglid.

(LA)



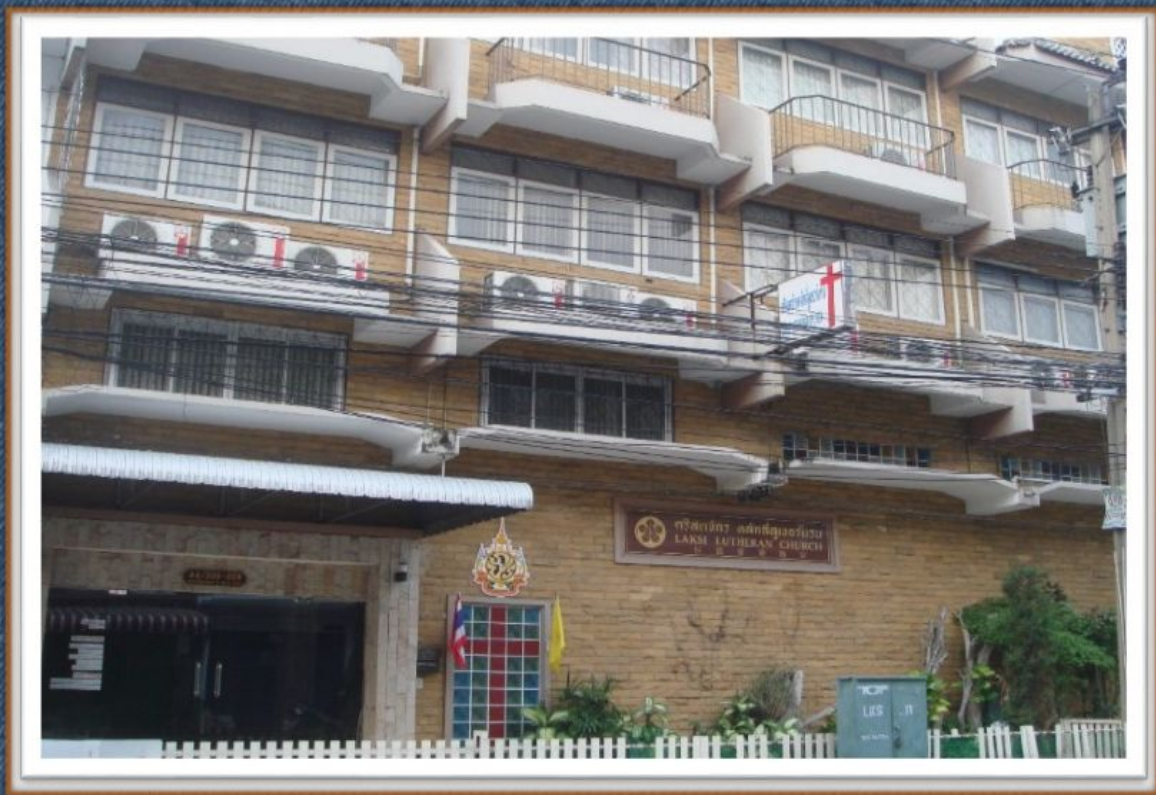
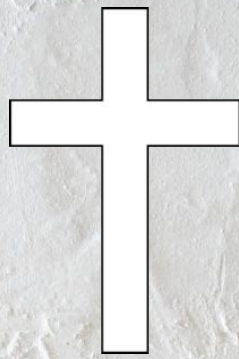


Samrong Church (SA)



Laksi Lutheran Church. The opening celebration was held in 1985 at the first meeting Place.

Team: Pongsak Limthongviratn, and Kirsti Kosonen (Huikko). (KK)



Laksi Lutheran Church (SA)





Phasee Charoen Good News Church
(Bangkhuntian Good News House). The
opening celebration in March 1986 in
Bangkhuntian. Members from other LMT
congregations joined in the Celebration.

Team: Anant Likhittwittayanont,
Seija Ala-Uotila, and Hanna Pajula. (HP)



Phasee Charoen Good News Church (SA).



Ruamphraporn Lutheran Church (SA)



Lutheran Church Sukhumvit
Soi 50 (SA)





Phraporn Si Khiu Lutheran Church. The LITE team prepares for an evangelistic meeting in the house of Pho Sompong and Pa Lek in Ban Nong. 1991. (TS)





Celebrating the laying of the foundation stone for the new church building in Si Khiu, 1998. (PPH)



Phraporn Si Khiu Lutheran Church (SK)



Mukhdahan Lutheran Church
(Mukdahan Church)



Ban Bu Lutheran Church (BB)

District 2, Ubol Ratchathani, Sri Saket



On the Mekong River. The first official study tour to the Northeast by members of the Joint Board and the Executive Committee, April 1982. (M)

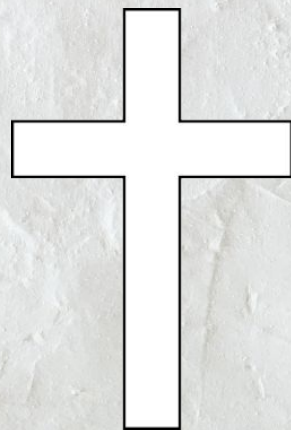




The opening celebration of the first meeting place of the Ubon Good News Church in the City Center, 1986. The members of the first team were Ruth and Peder Jørgensen, Thongthip and Sompong Hanpradit, Tone Tvedt Nybø, Svein Nybø, and Norlys Nilsen. (M)



The second location of the Ubon Good
News Church. 1990. (M)





Ubun Good News Church (BJ)



Phibul Mangsahan Lutheran Church (BJ)



Sirinthon Preaching Place (BJ)



Ang Sila Preaching Place. Youth wearing masks during the Covid-19 epidemic. (BJ)





Fahuan Lutheran Church. Church members,
the Ubol Provincial team and the LITE team
at the house of Pho Daeng. 1990. (M)





Fahuan. This first church building was destroyed by termites. (BJ)



Fahuan Lutheran Church (BJ)



Thungphraporn Koknoi
Lutheran Church (BJ)





Romphrakhun Nam Thaeng
Lutheran Church (BJ)



Church members of the Nong
Chuak Lutheran Church (BJ)



Ban Pran Lutheran Church.

1997 (BJ)



Ban None Kratae
Preaching Place (BJ)



District 3, Udon Thani, Bueng Kan



Members of the Nonghan
Lutheran Church. (PH)





Bua Toom – Pabak
Lutheran Church. (PH)



District 4, Chiang Rai, Lampang



Palun Lutheran Church (RTK)





Ban Rai Phattana Lutheran Church.
Laddawan Akhe leading the
worship in the bamboo
church. (FELM)





Ban Rai Phattana Lutheran Church (RTK)



Ban Mai- Huay Luang – Tha Ho
Lutheran Church (PS)



Saithong Lahu Lutheran
Preaching Place (RTK)





Ban Mai – Santisuk Lahu Lutheran
Preaching Place in Wiang Pa Pao (PS)



Myanmar Center (RTK)



Ban Mai Charoen
Lutheran Church (Akha) (PS)



Ban Mai Siri Phattana
Lutheran Church (PS)



Ban Poh Lutheran
Preaching Place (Lahu) (PS)

District 5, Nan



Ban Napong Lutheran Church (RTK)





Ban Den Lutheran Church (RTK)



Ban Pakow Gospel Center (RTK)



Rubber Plantation Gospel Center (RTK)



Ban Huay Mee Lutheran Church (RTK)



Ban Huay Tone Lutheran Church (RTK)



**Ban Huay Pong Lutheran
Preaching Place (RTK)**



Ban Ko Kuang Lutheran
Preaching Place (RTK)





Lua Language Project.

From the left:

Suwimon Rungphobnobphakun,

Riikka-Maria Kolkka

and Chadaphon Jaiping. (RTK)





The Experimental Farm. (RTK)



Lutheran Mass Communication and Rangsan Bookstore



Lutheran Mass Communication, 1983.
Wanthane Vanichakhachorn
and Sølvi Woie.

Christopher Woie was
the leader of the team. (VID)





Rangsang Bookstore on
Ladphrao Road in the 1980s. (M)



THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION



A T-shirt with the Luther Rose, a stylized picture of a traditional Thai woven pattern and the words “by grace alone”, referring to Ephesians 2:8. 1990s. (M)



LITE students of Diploma of Theology and
Certificate for Church Ministry at the
rented premises in Soi Amon. (KTK)





The first graduates of the LITE in 1990.
Celebrating those receiving the Certificate
for Church Ministry: Prasith Srimaneerat,
Chuang Panomkhet and Khwanjai
Likhitwitthaynoon. Smith (Sanit)
Wuthisavat and Siriphon Tunaphan had
received their Diploma of Theology some
time earlier. (M)



“Peter denies Jesus.” From a passion play by the LITE and the congregations in Bangkok, 1993. (M)





Rev. Suk Prachayaporn was installed as
the first Thai Director of the
LITE in 1999. (M)





LST students performed at the World
AIDS Day event that was organized
by the Diakonia Department
(Lutheran Church Foundation)
in 2007. (LJH)





Ranat Ek. 2006.





The graduation procession in 2010.
Banjob Kusawadee was the
Director at the time. (LJH)





Students of the Diploma of Theology and
the Certificate for Church Ministry in
2019. This author is in the picture
second from right. (LST Facebook)



Diakonia



The early days at the Home of Grace. (AK)



Participants of the co-workers training and recreational camp in 1993. (AK)



Camp for sponsored students in 2007. (LJH)



Tsunami relief. 2005. (LJH)



Voluntaries from the ELCT delivered relief goods to victims of the floods in the Bangkok Metropolitan Area.
Rainy season. 2011. (LJH)





Lunch on the Elderly day at Good News Church in Ubol Ratchathani. 2008. (LJH)



Support for the elderly. Bishop Amnuay
talking with church members in Nan.

(LJH).



Immanuel Hostel,
Phibul Mangsahan,
2006 (LJH)





The new premises of the
Home of Grace.

2009 (LJH)



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