

Newsletter April - FBS to Thailand and Romania!



Dear Mission Friend!

March has been an intense month with much traveling and many exciting developments with FBS. We've held two teacher trainings in Thailand and a conference in Romania. Additionally, Fredrik Josefsson, our board chairman, has taken a short trip to Laos.

Thailand

In the first two weeks of March, we conducted two trainings with Focus Business School in Thailand—one in southern Thailand, Prachuap Khiri Khan, and one in northern Thailand, Chiang Mai. We have long prayed for God to open doors to Thailand and have attempted to arrange a translation, which has been delayed and challenging. However, we have finally completed the translation and were ready to launch in the country.

In southern Thailand, we connected with David Lerner, who grew up in the country as a missionary's child and opened doors to Prachuap. We had around 50 participants in the training, mostly from the southern parts of the country, but also some from the north. The receptiveness was fantastic, and several churches have already started using the material in their services, conducting a lesson each week right after Sunday service.



In northern Thailand, we had about 80 participants and experienced the same level of receptiveness as in the south. Some participants were moved to tears of gratitude when sharing how the course has impacted them. In Sweden, we may not always grasp how many of the topics touch on their life situations. For example, many in the country are deeply in debt, which puts them in very difficult situations.

We have now formed a working group that includes both Swedes and Thais, with a couple of highly respected pastors in the group. We see the potential to reach the entire country with FBS if God grants us the grace. Please pray that God's will be done for this work in the country.



Romania

In mid-March, I was in northeastern Romania, Suceava, for a two-day introductory conference for Focus Business School. We had around 60 visitors over the days, and several very interesting opportunities opened up. Among those present was the woman responsible for entrepreneurs in the Pentecostal community, who was eager to arrange a teacher training in her hometown where she has 190 entrepreneurs in her network. The work progresses steadily, step by step, though nothing comes for free; it always requires effort and much prayer.

We also believe it is important to include a generational shift in our work, bringing in both students and teachers from the younger generation. In some countries, we are purposefully focusing on reaching those in their 20s, and in Romania, we have several very talented young individuals who have completed the school and now wish to start helping as teachers. The younger generation is key to the future!



Prayer requests:

- Grace and anointing over the opportunities opening up in Thailand.
- Continued success and stability for FBS in Romania.
- We are currently focusing specifically on Asia and all countries in South Asia. Please pray for this.
- That our teachers in Brazil and the USA will be able to open FBS in Angola.
- Breakthrough for our coordinator in Medellín, Colombia, who is currently experiencing difficulty in establishing new schools.
- We are in discussions with Central America about teacher training in Honduras, El Salvador, and Belize. Pray for God's guidance in this!
- We have planned a teacher training for Christian Arabs in Bethlehem and Nablus in June. Please pray for this! We have postponed it twice due to the war between Israel and Hamas.

- We have been asked to conduct FBS trainings for a church network in Ukraine. It is not finalized yet, but pray for this and that we can complete a translation into Ukrainian.
- New schools are coming up in Greece.
- We would like to secure resources, people, and finances to focus more on Africa in the future.

God's blessing!

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