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— MISSION PRESENTATION SPEAKER —

Rev. Pornprom (Ted) NaThalang
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Don't miss this opportunity!

Pornprom NaThalang was born in Bangkok, Thailand, into a Buddhist family. When he was still a boy, his stepfather and mother moved to Fort Wayne, Ind., where he was instructed and baptized into the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.

The Word took root in the heart of the young boy. He attended Lutheran elementary and high schools and graduated from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis in 1991.

The Holy Spirit brought Rev. NaThalang full circle when his first call was to serve as LCMS evangelistic missionary to Thailand. During his 11 years as a missionary there, Rev. NaThalang started a Thai Lutheran Church and trained Thai church leaders.

"When I look back at my life, I see how the Lord has worked in planting Lutheran churches in Thailand," Rev. NaThalang reflects. "In



my stepfather, God sent a messenger to bring the Gospel to me and my family. Now I have returned to bring this same message to the Thai people."

Since 2002, Rev. NaThalang has served as Southeast Asia Coordinator and translator for the Lutheran Heritage Foundation.

With its deep-rooted tradition in the Buddhist faith, Southeast Asia would seem the least fertile ground on which to sow the seeds of the Christian faith. But due in part to Rev. NaThalang's efforts, new life in Christ is springing forth in Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Indonesia and Burma.

Since joining LHF, Rev. NaThalang has translated *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation* and an accompanying workbook into Thai. He has overseen the catechism's translation into Cambodian, Lao, Bahasa (Indonesian), and Burmese. He also directs projects in Japan and Korea.

The catechism has been instrumental in spreading the Christian faith in Southeast Asia. "If you give a Bible to the new Christian, it can be overwhelming," said Rev. NaThalang. "Unless you're trained to read the Bible correctly, you'd be confused. The catechism is the tool to open Scripture."

Don't miss this opportunity to hear Rev. Ted NaThalang share inspiring stories of people coming to the faith, and of new Christians standing firm in the face of incredible persecution. Come hear how you can take part in this "second Reformation," putting into the hands of new Christians the books that will form the foundation of their faith.



Following catechism instruction, Rev. Ted NaThalang prays with tsunami survivors in Thailand.



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