

Thailand Womens Ministry Newsletter

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**For our struggle is not against flesh and blood,
but against the rulers, against the powers,
against the world forces of this darkness,
against the spiritual forces of wickedness
in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:12**

Dear Prayer Warriors,

I am fighting a spiritual battle day in and day out; it seems like these past several weeks have been the most intensive ones I have ever experienced. I know for a fact that after praying for a demon possessed woman in Laos and leading her to the Lord it caused the devil to be furious with me! Therefore, the evil ones have been coming after me, hoping to beat me down!

Just a few weeks before the women's retreat began in northeast Thailand, I got sick and ended up at the hospital. On top of that, I have been suffering with a lot of back pain. It has prevented me from sitting and standing. In the past, whenever I suffered with back pain, I was able to do my work in a standing position but this time is so different; even in a standing position the pain is unbearable!

Four days before the retreat took place, the founder of the organization that puts the retreat

together ended up in the ICU with a stroke. His whole body stopped responding for more than 24 hours, and everything looked so hopeless. The retreat committee were thinking of preparing for a funeral instead of holding the retreat. At that time, we



Mary and Marcia

all chose to pray for a miracle and moved on by faith moment by moment. My friend, Marcia Oley, arrived from the US just in time to be my intercessor for the retreat. Even though the uncertainty of the crisis was still ongoing, by faith we flew to the retreat's destination and

continued praying for the best outcome.

In fact, everyone pressed on in prayer and in faith. We all were ready for whatever might happen at the last minute. Then, just ten minutes before my first teaching session, Marcia fell and sprained her ankle on the split level of the meeting hall! She was immediately taken to the hospital. Regardless of what had just happened, I tried to stay focused and began my teaching as scheduled, while my heart was in prayer for Marcia.

While speaking, my back pain became so severe that neither standing nor sitting helped it. I was praying and encouraging myself to press on throughout every second of my talk. Marcia continued to be my intercessor while being in a wheelchair.

The women's committee felt disappointed as many women, from several churches, could not attend the retreat because of various trials. Regardless of the crisis, we praised

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God because after three days, the retreat ended victoriously. Yes, we all felt beaten down and bruised by the attack from the enemy, but we made it through and God's Word went forth powerfully! We also praised God for the condition of the founder of the organization because his body had begun to respond slowly after 26 hours in the ICU. Since then, he has been getting better each day. This is a miracle!

Our God is the Lord of hosts! He certainly fought the battle on our behalf. Seventy women who attended the retreat were greatly blessed. They all said that they had never heard in-depth teaching of the Word of God like this before and expressed their desire for more of this kind of teaching. Most of them were used to hearing messages on health, wealth and prosperity and other things that stir up emotions,

but not at this retreat! They were in awe of God's Word and greatly rejoiced over the lessons they had learned. It was encouraging to see these women recognize their sins and repent.

Please continue to pray for my back problem because I am still suffering greatly with back pain. I believe that our God has a reason for every trial and I trust in His promise in Romans 8:28.

In Him,
Mary Noi (Chanaddah Chaisakorn)

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