



VICKI AND JOHN

Serving in Thailand

'We are convinced that helping people address their physical and social needs is vitally important – but also that it is not the total answer. Only when people experience inner change through Jesus will they be motivated to sustain any relational or personal changes they might make. When Jesus gives them a sense of being loved without reserve and of being valued eternally, their attitudes towards themselves and also their actions and reactions to others are radically changed.'

John and Vicki Rees

John and Vicki first represented Global Interaction in Africa, teaching at the Fiwale Hill Bible College in Zambia from 1994 to 1998. Since 2000, they have been living in Thailand, initially studying the Thai language in Bangkok.

They then moved into communities in northern Thailand where they have been involved in teaching English and other relationship-oriented activities. In 2004, after moving to northern Thailand, they adopted Thane. Brianna joined the family in 2006.

Their work has a “whole person / whole community” focus as they have looked for ways to help people address their needs. For example, they have helped women who are HIV positive set up income generating projects and have networked resources for people with physical disabilities. They have opportunities to teach English and to get alongside families and individuals facing crises or difficulties. Through activities such as these they are beginning to see people's lives transformed by the power of the gospel.

As with other members of the Global Interaction team in Thailand, John and Vicki aim to present the message of Jesus in ways which resonate with ethnic Thai people and their understanding of life, which is strongly associated with the Buddhist religion.

John and Vicki have a deep desire:

- to see ethnic Thai people come to a place of total allegiance to Jesus;
- to have them express their faith in ways that are firmly grounded in Thai culture;
- to see such believers retaining their links with their family and friends and, through those networks, passing on the message of life and hope they have found in Jesus.