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Issue 34: **THAILAND**



Will and Thom



The Riley family live in Thailand. This story is by Mike, the dad.

My son, Will, is 6 years old. He has a friend, Thom,
who lives on the street.

Really. Thom lives on one
of the streets that make up
the flower market here in
our town. During the day,
the flower stands open up
and the flower sellers put
out their roses and lilies.
At night, they close the
stands and leave nothing
but wet streets and empty
cubby holes. Thom spends
his nights in one of those



cubby holes. During the day, he wanders the streets and tries to stay out of view of the police. But at night he finds a dry place among the flower petals on the street floor and fights off the dirty rats. Thom sleeps as much as he can but has to make sure he wakes up and leaves before the flower stands open up again because he will get beat up by the owners. Thom has a difficult life.



My son Will has a good life. He eats well, is healthy, has two parents who love him and has already asked Jesus into his heart. Will has a good sense of humor, loves to pick on his sister and thinks Luke Skywalker is the coolest Jedi to ever roam the galaxy. Will also helps us out at our youth center. He drops by the center every once in a while.

It was at the youth center that Thom and Will first met. At first, they did not have much in common. Thom did not know what a lightsaber was. Will did not know what it was like to


pick through people's garbage for dinner. Thom did not know what a bath was. Will wished he never had to take another bath in his life. Thom did not have a "lights-out" time because he did not have a parent to MAKE him turn out the light, let alone have a light to turn out! Will prefers his room to be a bit dark, but likes a night light to be on.

Not a lot in common—until they first went to shake each others hand. Amazingly, both Will and Thom knew the same goofy handshake with a whole lot of snapping fingers and fist bumps and noises. They DID have something in common; a handshake! And that started it all. They realized that they were both kids; different, but


This is an old fashioned drawing of Luke 14:21-23. It is also in old fashioned language. Some words are substituted with pictures. Can you write those words under the pictures?

PARABLE OF THE GREAT SUPPER.


Go out quickly into the




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and bring in hither the




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And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. And the lord


said unto the servant, Go out into the




and



and compel them to come in, that my



may be filled.



"The Bible in Pictures" was ©1922 - Now FREE to Copy. 248 www.creationism.org/books/ LUKE 14: 21-24.

The Great Commission

Matthew 28:19-20 and more

A parable Jesus told that was really about God and us, His servants:

Luke 14:21-23

The master said,

²¹“Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.”

²²“Sir,” the servant said, “what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.”

²³ Then the master told his servant, “Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full.”



everyone, no matter where they are and tell them about how to become His child and go to Heaven. God wants Heaven, his home, to be full!

How is Will (the boy in the story on page 1) doing this?

with more similarities than differences. Will taught Thom how to play the Wii, and Thom taught Will some Thai words. Will taught Thom some English words, and Thom taught Will how to eat jackfruit.

They are buddies now. They enjoy each other. I wonder what God will do with this friendship? Will He use it to bring Thom to church? Will He use it to convince Will that, when he is older, he must open a new center for street kids? Will Thom become a Christian because He has seen Jesus through Will?

I do not know. But I am pretty sure God smiles when He thinks about Will and Thom and their friendship. I am pretty sure He is proud of Will for being friends with this street kid nobody

else seems to love. I am pretty sure God wishes everybody would love street kids, and do something to



help them.

The street kids are supposed to come back to our center this Friday. Will is going to be there. I hope Thom will be there as well. And I cannot wait to see what God will do. They will begin with that goofy handshake...after that, I think God has some amazing things in store for this friendship.

Wow. And to think it all started with a silly handshake! ■



Facts About Thailand



Lotus flowers are common and the favorite flower in Thailand. Lotus flowers live above the surface, but they are rooted in the mud. There are many flowering trees and shrubs, and fruit trees.

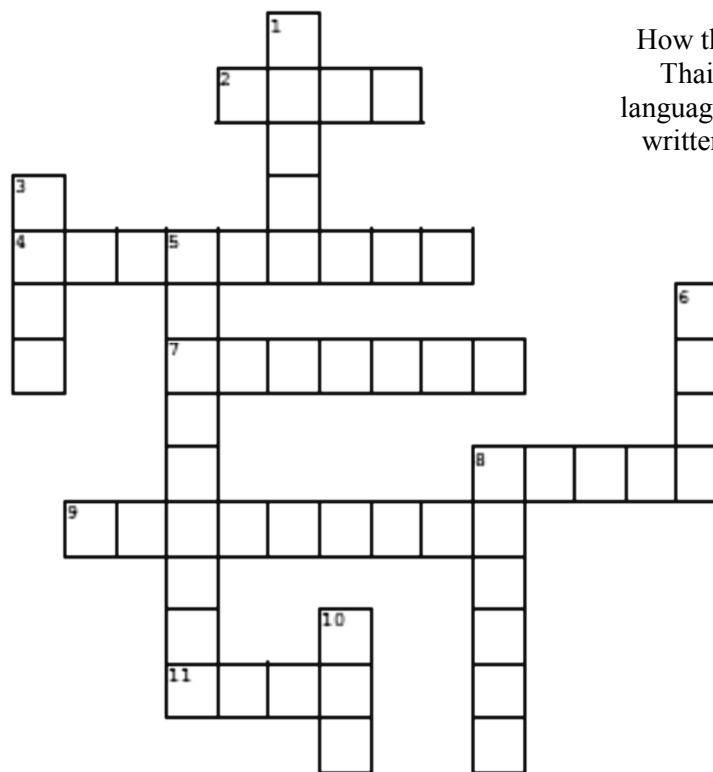
Thailand, which means "land of the free," was known as **siam** until 1939.

The capitol city of Bangkok is home to many impressive Buddhist structures featuring gold-layered spires, graceful pagodas, and giant Buddha statues.



Find the answers in the main story.

The Two Boys



How the Thai language is written.



Created on TheTeachersCorner.net Crossword Maker

Across

2. Will has this kind of life.
4. What Will and Thom had in common when they first met.
7. Where Thom sleeps, vendors sell _____ during the day.
8. Will's dad is sure God does this about the boys' friendship.
9. Thom taught Will how to eat this fruit.
11. Thom taught Will some words of this language.

Down

1. Will helps his parents sometimes at the _____ center.
3. The name of Will's friend.
5. Thom has this kind of life.
6. God wants everyone to _____ street kids.
8. Will's friend lives on the _____.
10. Will taught Thom how to play this.