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Supredee Pongrujikorn shares his experience of Thai CMF



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Only 0.6% of people in Thailand are Christians. Studying in Thai medical school is never easy. Moreover, being a Thai Christian and medical student is even more challenging. It is really difficult to find friends who are believers. One of our priorities is connecting Christian medical students in Thailand together because knowing you are not alone on this journey is important. Thus, we started CMF Thailand.

Last March, I had a chance to visit CMF UK in London. It was so touching to see a strong group of Christian medical students in the UK and I knew this was not a coincidence, it was definitely God's plan. The quote Dr Peter Saunders told me, 'Think globally, act locally' was still in my mind. So, after coming back, CMF Thailand was formed by only six Christian medics from students in my faculty. In May we decided to have the first Thai Christian medical student camp – The Faith's Anatomy.

On the first day of the camp, there was heavy rain then an unpredictable transformer explosion and blackout. At that time, I could not understand why God let this situation happen but I knew that we were in an out-of-control situation. The things we could do as limited humans were praying and letting God do his plan. We carried on running every programme in the darkness with many candles. Then I saw one candle that was short and faint but still trying to light up the room. It made me think of hospitals in Thailand that contain not only needy people but also colleagues who are unbelievers, 99.4% are in the darkness. We, Thai Christian medical students, are short and faint candles. We have to survive in an educational system that forces us to study hard to be smart doctors. Sometimes we are tired but still try really hard to shine. Jesus once said 'You are the light of the world... let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven'.<sup>1</sup> This is true. After the camp, I saw pictures of the first day and was so surprised because the



pictures were so beautiful, candles were shining and you can see smiles from everyone in the room.

This camp had around 40 Christian medical students from all over Thailand participating and around 90 students are interested in joining us moving forward to form fellowships in their medical faculty to study God's Word and become confident

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Christian witnesses. We are also supported by IFES (International Fellowship of Evangelical Students) of Thailand. Ten of us are planning on joining SEAMMC (South East Asia Medical Mission Conference 2017) in Bali this August as well.

Please do kindly pray for:

- CMF Thailand's active vision and plan for our next year.
- For student leaders to keep being passionate and encourage Thai Christian medical students to put gospel first and have deep faith.

We are so excited to let God light CMF Thailand and we will shine for more and to more people in Thailand. ■

REF

1. Matthew 5:14-16