



George and Awn in Thailand



We are in Sukothai, but I promised that I would write about our trip to Chiang Rai.

I love this picture and it captures the hearts of everyone on the trip.

You may remember a letter not long ago from Mark chapter 6. Jesus tells the disciples to get in the boat and go north to Bethsaida. Later He joins them after a walk on the water, and they land in Gennesaret the far west. Strange.

Well I shared this story with the group in Chiang Rai. I drew them a map of the sea of Galilee showing where Jesus was (southeast), where he told them to go (north) and were they landed (west).

I then asked a question, "Has this ever happened to you? You start out for one destination and wind up somewhere completely different?"

That is very similar to the question I asked you in that letter not long ago. Well I shared this thought in about 10 to 15 minutes. Then everyone discussed it for the next 2 and a half hours. People told their story. They talked about the many and often unexpected turns their lives have taken. They shared very personal struggles, expectations and disappointments.

At midnight I said, "This has been a good evening. Now remember when the disciples headed north it was in response to Jesus' command. But when they wound up in the west, an unexpected and perhaps undesired turn, Jesus was in the boat. You may be in a place you never expected to be. But have you invited Jesus into your boat."

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