

HOEFLE-MAGAL



Joel Hoefle & Patricia Magal

THAILAND

LANGUAGES

Thai
English

MINISTRY PRIORITIES

Peace and Justice,
Training and Capacity
Building

BIRTHDAYS

Joel 11/24
Trish 6/4



LOCATION

Thailand



ABOUT



JOEL and TRISH are development workers serving in Thailand and Myanmar (Burma). Trish is developing an approach for ethnic people in their cultural context so they can empower themselves and relate to one another in a more authentic way. She uses a Ministry of Presence and offers encouragement through English,

exercise, mindset, and art. Joel develops tools and methodologies for building greater trust and understanding and reducing conflict within civil society. Joel and Trish work through Hope International. They are the first IM global servants to work in Myanmar since 1965.

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Grilled eggplant, a curry dish, several green vegetable dishes, lichen, pomelo salad, roasted peanuts, and chili peppers

left their families and everything that is familiar to make money and to help their people. In Thailand, they often experience racism and stigmas not only from the Thai community, but also surprisingly from their same ethnic groups. During the pandemic, this is exasperated when people become even more suspicious and frightened of anyone who is considered a stranger.

These simple gatherings really bless and encourage us. Even in the midst of all the tragedies right now, we have created a space of comfort, joy, and love. This is how God's grace works, helping us as we try to handle the problems of the world, side by side.

“ MINISTRY STORY

Almost every week our work family comes over to cook and share a meal. With children weaving between our legs, laughing and teasing each other, and a series of dishes that will make your eyes sting they are so spicy, the kitchen feels alive.

The menu often features a combination of dishes from Shan, Kachin, and Karen States (Myanmar), as well as Northern Thailand and Western flavors. Taste is a powerful sense, tying us back to our treasured memories of home and those we love.

It's important to us to be able to offer a place where people feel they truly belong. Many of those who work alongside us are originally from across the border. They

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for all ethnic people in Myanmar (Burma). Pray for those displaced by the military. Pray for their protection, food, all supplies, education, and housing.

Please pray for worldwide justice based on God's wisdom. We look forward to witnessing Christ's miracles in creating a better world of peace.

SCRIPTURE

“So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.”

Romans 12:5 (NIV)