

Title: The “4/14 Window” MISSION STRATEGY
Case study: “Promise School” in Huai Som Suck Village

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ABSTRACT

The churches do, preach and teach about evangelism. However, the churches are not growing and the number of Christian children is decreasing. The church in Thailand has 180 years history in working in evangelism, social work through Christian hospitals, and the founding Christian schools. However, only 0.7% population is Christians. The reason is that Thailand is deeply rooted in Buddhism and the churches in Thailand lack of discipleship training needed to rise up new leaders.

This research proposes an approach to Christian Education and Discipleship for children from 4 to 14 years old in Huai Som Suk village of Thailand. The purpose of this research is to study local children, and find the way to approach children and effectively present the Gospel in order to rise up new leaders.

This study consists of seven chapters. The first chapter examines the issue of Christian children in global church and Thai church. The second chapter will help us understand more about the 4/14 window. The third chapter will help us see the necessity of mission to children by giving expression to the needs of children, presenting a Biblical view for mission to children, and the importance of children. The fourth chapter clarifies some of the main challenges in reaching children. It is because of the gaps, the closing church doors, and the misconception of Christian Education by both Christian and non-Christian. The fifth chapter presents Christian education and Discipleship as methods of reaching children and crossing the gap and obstacles and communication for better understanding and relationship. The sixth chapter looks at the steps and methods used to reach children at Promise School. First, it will help us understand the background of the school and its challenges. Then it presents methods to reach children in order to build up their spiritual life with God, the life in relationship with others, life of learning knowledge and put in practice by doing evangelism. In the last chapter, I will wrap up the issue and methods to reach children through Christian Education and Discipleship.