

# Contents

## ***ONE***

### BEAUTY FOR ASHES IN VIETNAM

#### **IN SEARCH OF CONTENTMENT**

**A Turning Point**

#### **GOD'S NEWEST INSTRUMENT**

**Stepping Forth in Faith**

**“Don't be Lazy: Pray”**

#### **A MISSIONARY ENCOUNTER**

**Xinh's Story**

**Vision From God**

## ***TWO***

### TRUE FREEDOM IN THE “LAND OF THE FREE”

#### **WELCOME TO THAILAND**

**Stranger in Bangkok**

**Out On A Wild Journey**

#### **INSIDE PATHUM THANI**

**True Freedom**

**God's Opportunity**

**The Old is Gone**

#### **OUTSIDE PATHUM THANI**

#### **ABUNDANCE IN LACK**

#### **THE HOUSE OF BLESSING**

## *THREE*

### THE SLEEPING GIANT RISES

#### **A TURNING POINT**

#### **SET APART**

**Are we really called?**

#### **FRIENDS OF CHINA**

#### **THE ENGLISH CORNER**

**A Disciple's classroom**

**A Disciple Goes Forth**

#### **GET READY FOR THE HARVEST**

#### **PRAYING FOR A VILLAGE**

#### **RAISING UP NEW LEADERS**

**The "Friends Forever" Camp**

#### **THE SATURDAY GROUP**

#### ***SHANG DI* AND THE GOSPEL**

#### Abstracts

#### **BEAUTY FOR ASHES**

When Michelle's mother unexpectedly got pregnant, her father suggested an abortion. But Michelle hung on tenaciously. This truth about her life made Michelle God's perfect instrument for His work in Vietnam, among the orphans, the abandoned, the disabled, the unwanted children. Michelle identified with the plight of the young people and by God's ample grace she had compassion on them. She became one of God's channels of blessings in this war-torn land, as she spread God's word among the young.

#### **TRUE FREEDOM IN THE "LAND OF THE FREE"**

Lhen Miale lead a cloistered and limited Christian life until she decided to try mission work in Thailand for two years. A complete stranger in a land which prides itself in freedom, Lhen ironically found work among drug convicts inside Pathum Thani prison. Suffering from

culture shock, lack and alienation, Lhen discovered that those were exactly God's ways of molding her to equip her for a lifetime of ministry. Her work among prisoners proves that in God's Grace, freedom is not a label but a spiritual reality which can be found only in Jesus.

### **THE SLEEPING GIANT RISES**

Ramil and Minerva Mendoza were both burdened to share the gospel in China. Ramil left his well-paying job and became a Bible courier. But even as he smuggled the Bibles, Ramil was being prepared to become God's workers among the growing underground churches in the mainland. Ramil's experience traces his early sacrifices which were blessed with a harvest of souls as he committed his life to serving Christ by teaching and "parenting" young students. By touching one soul at a time, then households, then villages, Ramil and Minerva continues to reach out to more souls who are ready for the harvest.