# Ampt – Sunday 24 May 2020

## Parable of the Farmer Sowing Seed

## Welcome

Welcome to Ampt with Ruth. Today is part of May Missions Month at NBBC. This time last year the Ampt and Ignite groups helped to make gingerbread biscuits and served scones with jam and cream to raise money to help support our Missions workers.

## **Prayer**

Dear Lord Jesus, we pray for the Mission workers who are telling others about your love, locally and overseas. Please help us to understand today's Bible reading, videos and to enjoy the activities. Amen

#### **Videos**

Please click on the videos below to watch.

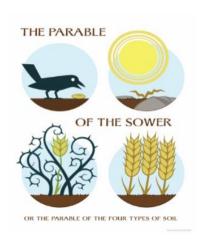






## Bible passage: Luke 8:4-8

<sup>4</sup>One day Jesus told a story in the form of a parable to a large crowd that had gathered from many towns to hear him: <sup>5</sup> "A farmer went out to plant his seed. As he scattered it across his field, some seed fell on a footpath, where it was stepped on, and the birds ate it. <sup>6</sup> Other seed fell among rocks. It began to grow, but the plant soon wilted and died for lack of moisture. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns that grew up with it and choked out the tender plants. <sup>8</sup> Still other seed fell on fertile soil. This seed grew and produced a crop that was a hundred times as much as had been planted!"



## Bible passage: Luke 8:11-15

<sup>11</sup> "This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is God's word. <sup>12</sup> The seeds that fell on the footpath represent those who hear the message, only to have the devil come and take it away from their hearts and prevent them from believing and being saved. <sup>13</sup> The seeds on the rocky soil represent those who hear the message and receive it with joy. But since they don't have deep roots, they believe for a while, then they fall away when they face temptation. <sup>14</sup> The seeds that fell among the thorns represent those who hear the message, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the cares and riches and pleasures of this life. And so they never grow into maturity. <sup>15</sup> And the seeds that fell on the good soil represent honest, good-hearted people who hear God's word, cling to it, and patiently produce a huge harvest.

#### Questions

- 1. What do the seeds in this parable represent? See verse 11
- 2. What does the hard path represent? See verse 12
- 3. What does the rocky soil represent? See verse 13
- 4. What does the soil with lots of thorns represent? See verse 14
- 5. What does the good soil represent? See verse 15

## May missions month

## Mission workers we are praying for and helping to support as they show Jesus love to the people around the world

Mission workers are people who go to different parts of the world "sowing seeds" to tell others about Jesus' love. They water "the seeds" with friendship, conversation, prayer, stories from the Bible, showing they care and encouragement. God is working through cross-cultural workers all over the world so that many will come to know and love Him.



## <u>Thailand – Dema, Carolyn and family</u>

Dema and Carolyn are living, working and telling people about Jesus in Chang Rai, Thailand.

Their children Grace and Daniel attend International School.

My daughter Sarah went to Thailand to help home school Grace and Daniel for more than a month, several years ago.



#### Monash University – Kirrily

Kirrily is part of our Church and we often see her up front leading worship.

She has even taught Kids Church.

She is now telling students about Jesus at Monash University.



#### Cambodia – Craig, Kim and family

Craig and Kim and family are living in a village, learning the language and culture and telling the Khmer people of Cambodia about Jesus. Their children Henry, Amaya, Elodie and Reuben attend International School in Siem Reap. They came back to Tasmania just before borders were closed due to the pandemic to see their grandmother who was not well.

## **Activity**

Write a letter to Grace and Daniel, the children of Dema and Carolyn in Thailand.

You could include your age, grade at school, any sports or musical instruments that you play and any hobbies. Tell them what you have learnt in Kids Church online today and that you have prayed for them. If you email your letter to me, I will forward all letters to the children's family.

## Thai food





Have you tried Thai Food? If yes, what is your favourite dish?

## Thai Flag



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# Least-reached People Group Focus: **Thailand** Thai Colour me in: Where in the world do Grace, Daniel, Sebastian, Levi, Oliver, Salem, Yindii, Zoe and Libi live? **Code Puzzle:** Unscramble the kid's names. Copy the letters in numbered boxes to reveal a mystery word in the bottom boxes. Thai flag CAGRE Colour in red, white and blue DEILAN then ask your teacher to NAISEBTAS show you the flag - did you VIEL get it right? LIEVOR SALME DIINYI ZEO