



The Caravan

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Ragha

[Rag'hah] a Thai word meaning "worth"

Ragha has a heart as big and solid as the shell on her back. She may be quiet and shy but, whenever one of her friends needs encouragement, she happily speaks up.

A few years ago, Ragha wasn't as happy as she is now. She moves too slowly to play many games with her friends. She also doesn't like to read and isn't good at math, so she doesn't do very well in school. Ragha felt like a failure.

She thought that maybe, even if she couldn't play games or make good grades, she could do good things to make up for her mistakes, like her Buddhist friends. So, Ragha tried to do a lot of good. But she still felt like she did so many bad things that the good didn't matter. Ragha felt hopeless.

Then, one of her friends at school told her about Jesus. She said Jesus is the Son of God and that He came to Earth to pay for all of the bad things that everyone does. Jesus did this because He loves each of us!

Since then, Ragha has told all her family and friends about Jesus. She likes to go with her family to share about Jesus with the poor and sick because she wants to help anyone who may think no one loves them. She wants them to know that's not true because God loves them very much.

Thailand. The Kingdom of Thailand sits in Southeast Asia, bordered by Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia and Malaysia. Most Thai people are Buddhist, 95 percent. The country was called "Siam" until 1939, when the government changed the name. Officials wanted to celebrate the fact that, unlike Myanmar and Cambodia, no larger nations had ever controlled it. "Thai" means "free" in the country's language.

Buddhism. Buddhists believe that there is no God. They teach that the way to be happy is to live a simple life because "things" only cause suffering. They believe in reincarnation – that after we die we are reborn as a different person or animal. They also teach that all the good and bad that we do in this life carry over to the next.



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Tortoise. The Asian Brown Tortoise, one of the giant tortoises living in Asia, lives in the broadleaf and tropical rainforests of South and Southeast Asia in countries such as Thailand, India, Bangladesh, Myanmar and Indonesia. They normally eat vegetables, herbs, seedling grasses, fruit and fungi. Experts call the Asian Brown Tortoise unique because the females make good mothers and protect their eggs, unlike other tortoises.

Favorite Verse

“ But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ”
Romans 5:8 (NLT)