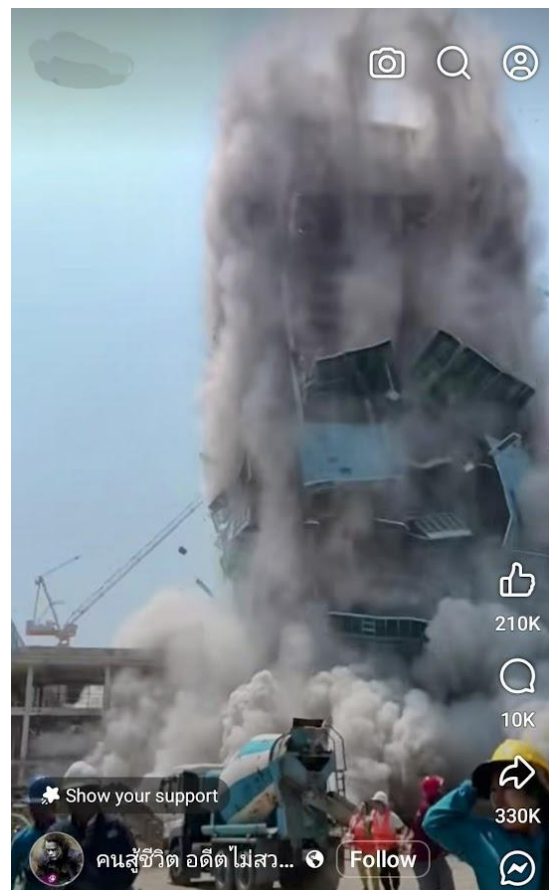
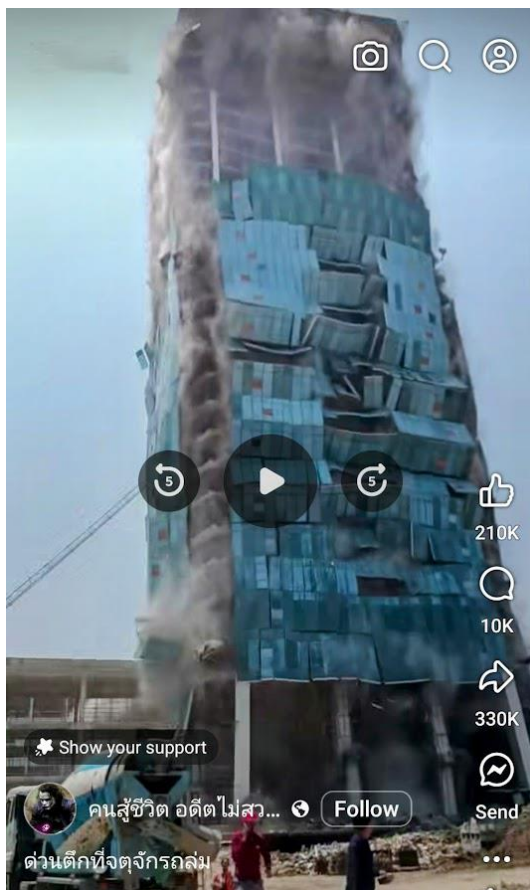


Sitting in a little shop eating chicken and fried rice in Bangkok, the counter and stool started swaying. I've felt it before in the Philippines. It was an earthquake.

People ran outside and started looking at the major construction project in the middle of main street. They're building an elevated four-lane highway to decongest the downtown of Ladkrabang, Bangkok. The shaking stopped, but like ants, more and more people streamed outside of the buildings around me. They didn't know what to do. Earthquakes "never" happen in Thailand. I could do little to comfort people around me because of my very limited Thai language, but I did help a few foreigners feel more at ease.



(these are NOT videos -- just copied photos from my phone)

Our BSOP family of fieldworkers in both Thailand and Cambodia (they felt it there too) are all safe and sound. BSOP's Rhesa G. lives in the same district as the thirty-story high-rise that collapsed. Many construction workers are still unaccounted for at that project. Rhesa and all the other BSOP and Santisuk workers have been busy reassuring neighbors, friends, and students that they will be OK. It's a good time to talk about peace. Santisuk, the name of our school and ministry, is the Thai word for peace. We have new opportunities to talk about God's peace.

People are still somewhat fearful but life seems to be returning to normal. Public transport has started running again. There have been no aftershocks to further frighten earthquake rookies.



Santisuk finished the March term of English classes on Thursday. Pray that our 50 students will remember the lessons they learned about English, about God, and about His followers. I know that my 15 students are all a step or two closer to God. Their barriers are breaking down and they see Him as powerful and good--not an enemy of their traditions and religion.



A new session starts Monday. Pray that more new students will enroll early next week.

Onward,

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