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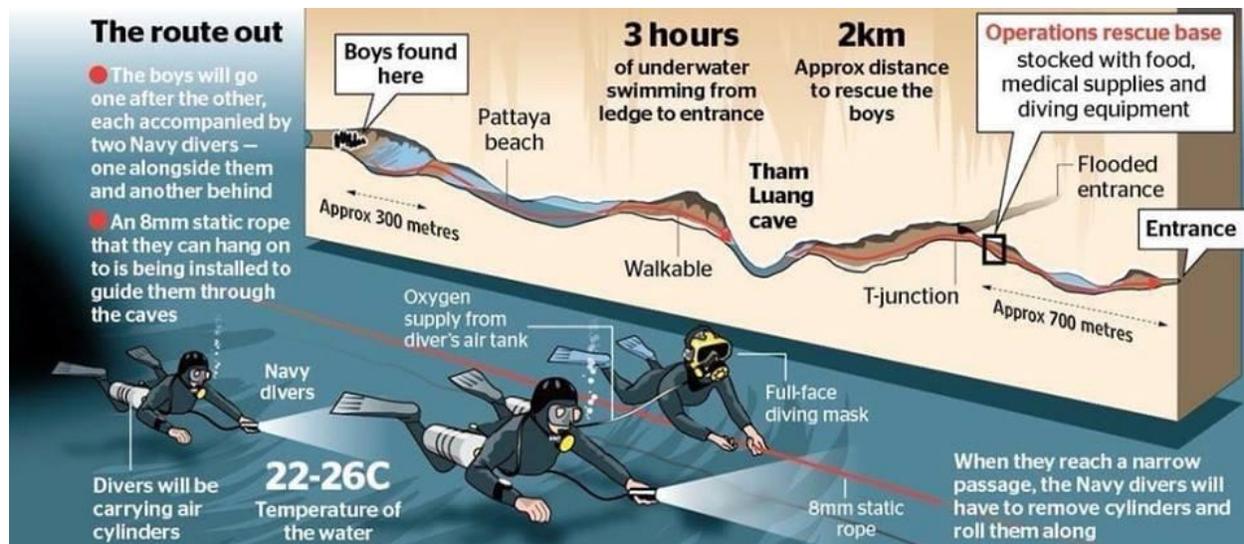
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MIRACLE!

***All 12 boys and coach safe after Thailand cave rescue!
PRAISE THE LORD! VICTORY! THANK YOU, LORD!***





23 June: The team entered the Tham Luang cave shortly after practice and prior to heavy rain. Later, the mother of one of the boys reported to local police that her son was missing after he failed to arrive home. Local police investigated and found shoes and bicycles near the entrance of the cave

Date: 23 June – 10 July 2018 (18 days)

The Tham Luang cave rescue, also referred to as the Thai cave rescue, was an international rescue effort for members of a junior football team trapped in a cave in the Chiang Rai Province of Thailand. Twelve members of the team, aged 11 to 17, and their 25-year-old assistant coach entered the Tham Luang Nang Non cave on 23 June 2018. Shortly after, heavy rains partially flooded the cave, blocking the exit and forcing the group deeper into the cave.

Efforts to locate the group were hampered by rising water levels and strong currents, and no contact was made for more than a week. The rescue effort expanded into a massive operation amid intense worldwide media coverage and public interest. On 2 July, after advancing through narrow passages and muddy waters, two British divers found the group alive on an elevated rock about 4 kilometres (2.5 mi) from the cave mouth. Rescue organisers discussed various options for extracting the group: whether to teach them basic diving skills to enable their early rescue, wait until a new entrance was found or drilled, or wait for the floodwaters to subside at the end of the monsoon season months later. After days of pumping water from the cave system and a respite from rain, the rescue teams hastened to get everyone out before the next

monsoon rain, which was expected to bring a potential 52 mm (2.0 in) of additional rainfall and was predicted to start around 11 July.

Between 8 and 10 July, all of the boys and their coach were rescued from the cave by an international team of rescuers. Ten thousand people participated from multiple countries, including 2,000 soldiers, 200 divers and representatives from 100 government agencies. Saman Kunan, a 38-year-old former Thai SEAL, died of asphyxiation on 5 July while attempting to go through a narrow passageway on his return to the cave entrance after delivering supplies of air to the interior. He was the only person to die in the rescue operation.

To God be the Glory!



Dear Readers,

What a great miracle has happened in Thailand! These 12 precious boys and their coach were rescued...all of them! Praise the Lord forever!

It has been so unbelievable to sit and watch this coverage and amazing rescue. I have cried and prayed with the millions around the world! The world was watching, wondering, praying, and calling on God for His help! Oh, He heard us! Those who believed that God can do anything...released their faith...and God did a miracle right in front of our eyes!

So, let us grab on to that same faith, trust God and believe for the MIRACLES we so desperately need! Whatever you are going through, LOOK TO THE LORD! Depend on HIM! TRUST IN HIM! I feel that the atmosphere is charged with a special anointing for MIRACLES! .

Some Scriptures of Faith:

- *“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.”*
Deut. 31:6 NIV
- *“Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not”* (Jeremiah 33:3 KJV).
- *“Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours”* (Mark 11:24 NIV).
- *“ If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer”* (Matthews 21:22 NIV).



In Honor and Memory...



NEVER FORGOTTEN

The former Thai Navy Seal, Sgt. Saman Kunan, who was working as a volunteer alongside rescuers, died earlier in the rescue effort when he ran out of air underwater. Sgt. Kunan was trying to free the stranded soccer team from the cave in Thailand.



Special Report from Ramelle T. Lee

Thailand Soccer Boys and Coach Released from Hospital!

The twelve Thailand soccer boys and coach were all smiles as they were seen leaving the hospital on Wednesday, July 18, 2018. They spent more than two weeks trapped underground in a flooded cave. They appeared to be in good health and very energetic.

A specially-arranged press conference showed that the boys were dressed in matching team shirts. Their coach appeared happy and relaxed as they took their place on a stage alongside their doctor.

The twelve boys are members of the Wild Boars Junior Soccer Team. They politely introduced themselves to the media, shared their nicknames and told the audience what position they played on the team. Sitting beside them were the Thai Navy Seals who stayed inside the cave with them once they were found.

One of the Thai soccer boys stated to the world's media, *"I thought divers' arrival was "A Miracle."* **Oh, I AGREE!**

Let us continue to pray for the entire team to maintain resilience as they adjust to getting back to their daily routine.



Twelve Midnight!

By Christine V. Mitchell
UK Ministry Leader & Staff Writer

Our attention was grabbed by the story of the twelve Thailand boys from the Wild Boars Junior Football team and their coach, who went missing in Tham Luang Cave on 23 June 2018, only to find themselves trapped - one way in and no way out! One can just imagine how they felt at the shocking realisation of this. The panic, the fear, the confusion, anger and uncertainty must have been indescribable. They must have thought about loved ones and friends who they may never see again... and especially as day after day went by.

In thinking about all that happened, the number twelve stood out, for many reasons. Midnight, as we know, is 12 o'clock at night. Here were twelve young boys. If they never knew a 'midnight hour' before ...this was it. Would they survive? Would they make it out of that cave ... alive? Their midnight hour was something that turned into hours and days, leaving them hungry and thin, holding onto to scraps of hope that they would be found. The possibility of a rescue was not without its dangers!

We thank God for answering the many prayers that went up, worldwide, for the boys and their coach and for the rescue mission. We praise Him for the amazing coming together of teams from around the world in this massive rescue effort. It must have been an awesome moment when the two British divers (John Volanthen and Rick Stanton) found the

boys on 2nd July, after performing a search, having had to wait until waters had subsided which were being drained away from another cave nearby the Tham Cave.

The whole rescue mission was absolutely amazing, considering the teams had to fight against time, with a threat of more monsoon rains and oxygen levels depleting. I read that the length that divers travelled through underwater to go in and out of the cave was equal to eleven football fields!

We were thrilled when we heard news that ALL twelve boys and their coach had been rescued, though saddened that a navy seal lost his life earlier.

This miraculous rescue is something that will stay with the boys for the rest of their lives. One of the boys said, *"This ordeal has taught me to be stronger and not to give u.p"* Another said, *"I'll be mindful and live a worthwhile life after this ordeal."* The Lord kept them throughout those nights and days. What a joy for their families to see them again!

Let's forever put our trust and hope in the Lord. He is there in our darkest night... nothing at all is hid from His sight. Whether in the midnight or day, God can make a way. He said He will never leave us forsake us (Hebrews 13:5). He can turn any situation around. He is a present help in trouble (Psalm 46:1). Praise the Lord!

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He Was God ...

*Today I was listening to the amazing late, great Aretha Franklin the Queen of Soul singing "I Dreamed A Dream." I heard three words in particular which stuck in my mind like a cracked record. "**He was God ...**" Those three words etched into my heart, resonating over and over. I suddenly heard a whole bunch of lines in my mind of how **God was God** in every situation of my life.... Because He Was God!*

*My thoughts then went to the soccer team who had been trapped in the cave in Thailand. It was an impossible situation. I said out loud, "**Oh Lord, you were surely God with them!**" Time was running out, with the weather threatening certain death for these young boys and their coach. The water continued its threatening journey rising up toward them. Monsoonal rains were an absolute certainty. No one knew where they were. The searching seemed worthless. The dire situation getting more and more critical. Even if the rising water didn't take their lives, how long could these boys last perched on rocks in freezing cold conditions? Was God even watching?*

***Yes!** God was most certainly watching. And God's ears were not deaf to the prayers of all who prayed around the world. When God's children pray He is there. Their prayers are never unheard or ignored.... and God was there in that*

cave with the soccer team just as surely as He was there with us in our living rooms, our motor cars, our kitchens, our beds as we lay praying and believing for a miracle. We wept at the thought of losing even one of these children, much less the whole team including the young coach. He was God with us, spilling His Love across the world.

Right there in that cold dank dark cave, He was God in their midst proving His omnipresence at the bowing of our heads. God was there when the two English divers discovered the team. He was there with all the local and international volunteers who selflessly risked their own lives giving their time and their hearts. He was God amongst the heroes giving them courage to press on.

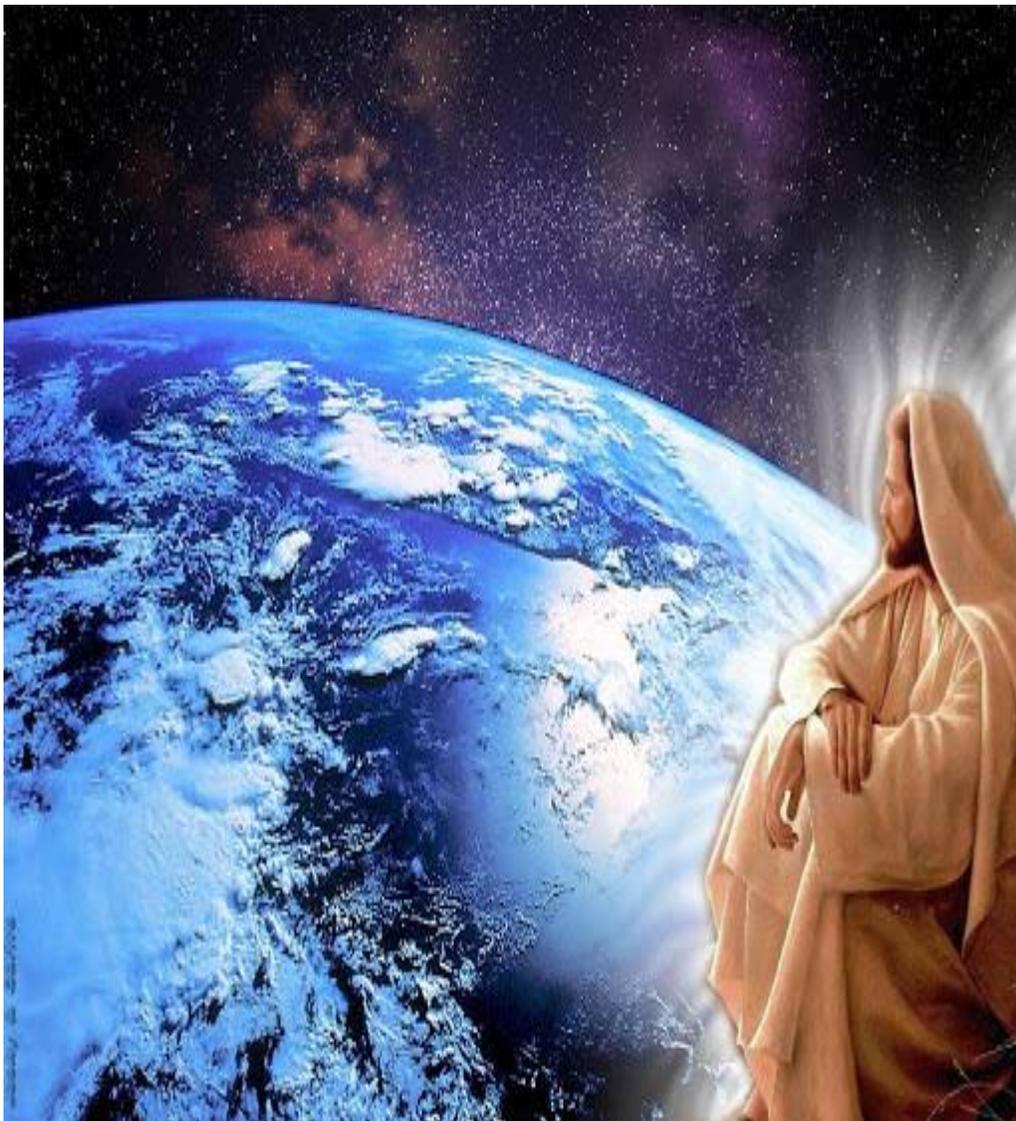
He was God when the team got lost. He was God when they became trapped. He was God when they panicked and cried, and He was God when they gathered their emotions and pulled it all together to survive. He was God when they were found, He was God when they were rescued. He was God when the parents received their children back. He was God, when the young coach was restored to his family. He was God when we all cried tears of joy and thanksgiving. He was God when the world united together for the sake of 13 young people.

He was God in that cave, and He is God everywhere.

Now and into all eternity,

***HE will forever be GOD. There is only One God to be praised,
and it is Him.***

We must remember...
God is with us!



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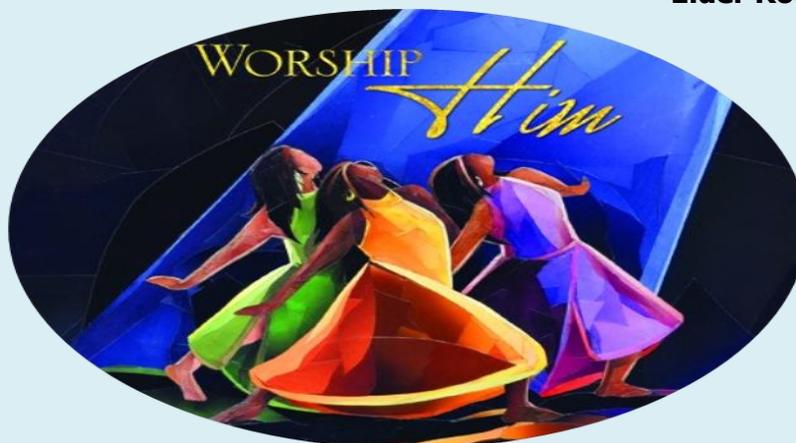
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