

# Simple faith in Chiang Rai Thailand

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Chiang Rai is a small city in northern Thailand where riches may be scarce, but determination is great. The branch there was greatly blessed three years ago by a 14-year-old boy whose faith touched the life-long members.

Bouy was being taught by the elders, but had not yet been baptized. His mother was a recent convert and his sister was serving a mission. His mother worked hard to provide for the family, though it was hardly enough for their needs. Bouy had a passion for the gospel and deeply wanted to be a part of the Church.

He was soon baptized and scheduled to be confirmed the following week in sacrament meeting. As the meeting began, however, Bouy had not arrived. There was much tension as the time for his confirmation approached. When administration of the sacrament ended, almost on cue, the young boy came through the doors and headed straight for the stand, wearing the best clothes he had — a shirt with his favorite superhero and a pair of clean shorts.

This young man was being faithful to the covenants he'd made the previous week. But more incredible was the reason for his late arrival.

The family motorcycle had broken down and Bouy's bicycle, the only other form of transportation, was needed elsewhere. He knew he needed the gift of the Holy Ghost to complete his membership in the Church. Yet, being too shy to ask for a ride, he walked two hours to attend meetings. There was scarcely a dry eye in the building as he explained the difficulties of the morning.

Bouy now continues his faithful membership by riding to the meetinghouse each day at 4 a.m., to attend seminary, which begins at 5 o'clock.

This young boy was not extremely knowledgeable about doctrines of the Church, but he knew it was true.

Examples like Bouy's remind us that simple faith leads to action. When we as members of the Church truly know that this is the Lord's Church, there is nothing we won't do for Him. — **Heather Sommer of the Zion's Peak Ward, Salt Lake Valley View Stake, served in the Thailand Bangkok Mission.**