

Thailand Anniversary

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BANGKOK, Thailand — The Bangkok Thailand Stake celebrated the 40th anniversary of the dedication of Thailand for the preaching of the gospel with several activities Oct. 20-21. President Gordon B. Hinckley, then a member of the Quorum of the Twelve, dedicated the land on Nov. 2, 1966.



In native dress, Church members dance during cultural celebration in stake center.

Many in the audience were former missionaries who returned for the anniversary of the dedication of Thailand for preaching the gospel.

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In the four decades since, the Church has grown to include one stake and five districts with weekly Church attendance of about 3,000 members in a predominantly Buddhist country.

On the first day of celebration, the stake bused about 50 former missionaries who returned for the celebration to the spot in Lumpini Park where the dedication took place. Then the bus continued to the Bangkhae area where a new Church meetinghouse is nearing completion. Members performed Thai dances and provided fruit for the visitors.

The mission group was next bused to the new meetinghouse of the Srinakarin Ward, the first Church building on a major road in the Bangkok area. Members again provided entertainment. There was a testimony meeting that evening in the Asoke meetinghouse, the oldest in Thailand and the stake center.

Saturday's events concluded with ward members presenting Thai songs and dances at the stake center. There were also displays on Church topics such as family history, Church education and public affairs. Afternoon presentations included Church videos in the Thai language and a review of the history of the Church in Thailand.