

## FFWPU Thailand's First Online Interfaith Peace Blessing Festival

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On November 20, 2021, the first online blessing was held in Thailand in cooperation with the National Housing Authority and other government organizations in various provinces. 104 families gathered at various venues in 7 provinces for this blessing event. They were all connected via Zoom to the main event at the Thailand Headquarters in Bangkok. The event that was broadcast live received attention from the local media in Yala Province who promoted and publicized this project. The atmosphere of the blessing activities were full of love and warmth. Family members pledged to become model blessed families and keep fidelity to their spouse throughout their life. Love and warmth in the family will make their community and society happy and strong.

Mrs. Kamonwan Boonyawong, President of the Family Development Center in Bang Non Sub-district, Ranong Province, supported the (Online) Interfaith Peace Family Blessing Festival at Community College Multipurpose Meeting Room, Ranong Province. 11 couples attended this event in coordination with the Ranong Provincial Social Development and Humanity Security Office. At the end of the local event, Miss Natthita Phacharakulhemsiri from the Ranong office gave congratulatory remarks and presented certificates to the model families. She said:

"What a valuable activity for the heart of the family institution, It emphasizes that we live together in harmony and connect with each other in a world that does not discriminate against races or religions. I feel so amazed. I never knew there was a foundation working like this in Thailand. This organization brings a lot of benefit to the world, to the country and to the community."

Mrs. Apinya Suwan Ministry of Culture, Yala Province said:

"Today's activities are very good to create love and understanding in the family. The family is an important institution in society as it is an important force for building a community and society that makes Thailand stronger. Therefore, from this small point, it will expand from this event. Every model family can meet and can show love, understanding and generosity towards each other, This will serve in Yala as a model for many families and will bring happiness, love and unity. To be a Thai Blessed family means we need to be strong physically and mentally for our children who are the future of the nation so they grow up to be a good example to help build a peaceful nation."

