



# Grace in Action

Stories of God at work in and through the GIS community

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## Journey to God

Dtaa is a woman who always has a smile on her face. Today, Dtaa and her husband Dtui own their own home and vehicles, have two children, and stable jobs. They have money in the bank and their future is bright. But, it wasn't always this way.

There was a time when their debts were so large that they felt they were drowning. Dtui was a security guard at Grace International School and applied for their Staff Emergency Fund. As Grace administrators looked into Dtui and Dtaa's application, they quickly realized that any payout that Grace could offer would make little difference to their debt. The administrators believed that the couple needed financial coaching to live within their budget and reduce their serious debt.

As Dtui and Dtaa began tackling their debts and living within their means, they started to feel hope. They felt the constant compassion and encouragement from the Christians God put in their path. Dtui and Dtaa's children also began to learn about the goodness of God at their Christian school. They shared the stories they heard and had many questions including, "Is God our other father?"

Soon, Dtui was at the point where he realized God must be true. However, they had many idols scattered throughout their home and he couldn't decide what to do with them. One morning, Dtaa and Dtui woke up and all the idols were gone. A thief had broken into their home in the night and stolen them. Dtaa later said, "This was a miracle! We couldn't decide, so God took care of it." Both Dtui and Dtaa later came to Christ and were baptized in the following months.

Now Dtui and Dtaa share the hope and faith that they have in Christ with others. Recently, Dtaa was in Bangkok where she witnessed to former night club workers about how to escape the cycle of debt. These women were very interested to hear her story. Today, Dtui and Dtaa are financial coaches, working with several other families. They are grateful that the path to financial freedom began when they approached their coworkers at Grace International School for help. In Dtaa's words, "If we think we can do it ourselves, we can't. I know the change in our family was because of God. My heart is full of gratitude to God, that He chose us!"