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## 2012 Festival of Tabernacles Letter

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Sawatdee from Thailand,

Legacy Institute sponsors the non-aligned<sup>1</sup> Feast of Tabernacles site with services each day for the full eight days every year in Thailand. This year the location for the Festival celebrations will be in Chiang Mai at the Empress Hotel and Convention Center. Chiang Mai is called the “Rose of the North”. It was the Capital of the ancient Lanna Thai Kingdom and the city still retains some of the old city walls and the moat that surrounds them. Chiang Mai maintains a unique culture which is a mix of ancient and modern; Western and Eastern; cosmopolitan and provincial. One can take a 15 minute walk near the hotel and visit ancient temples, crumbling ruins, shopping malls and Starbucks. A visit to Chiang Mai is a unique and educational, cultural and historical experience.



Brian and Shelby Drawbaugh cross river by Elephant



Karen tribe members sing special music

Most of our Karen tribal Church of God members are now living near Chiang Mai, so they will be attending the Feast with us in Chiang Mai this year. The Karen members are mainly refugees from Burma and typically provide special music with their own cultural flavor.

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<sup>1</sup> Legacy Institute is not affiliated nor supported by any particular western church organization.



Empress Hotel Front Entrance

shopping district where Starbucks, McDonalds, Pizza Hut, and Burger King can also be found.

The Empress Hotel has:

Restaurants, International phone service, 24-Hour Front Desk, Newspapers, Non-Smoking Rooms, Express Check-In/Check-Out, Safety Deposit Boxes, Luggage Storage, Air Conditioning, Sauna, Fitness Centre, Spa & Wellness Centre, Massage, Outdoor Swimming Pool (all year), Room Service, Meeting/Banquet Facilities, Airport Shuttle, Business Centre, Babysitting/Child Services, Laundry, Dry Cleaning, Barber/Beauty Shop, VIP Room Facilities, Breakfast in the Room, Ironing Service, Currency Exchange, Souvenirs/Gift Shop, Bicycle Rental, Packed Lunches, Car Hire, Tour Desk, Fax/Photocopying, Ticket Service, ATM Cash Machine on site, Concierge Service, Shuttle Service to airport (surcharge), Special Diet Menus (on request), and **FREE Wi-Fi** throughout the hotel.

Check out the hotel at: <http://www.empresshotels.com>

The Feast has been normally held at the Four-Star Empress Hotel and Convention Center which has modern facilities and reasonable prices. I have met with the General Manager, Khun Kanog, and he has assured me that the entire Empress staff is looking forward to serving the Legacy Festival Group once again this year.

Here are the cost breakdowns for the Festival of Tabernacles in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

The Feast will be held at the modern *Chiang Mai Empress Hotel and Conference Center* located just a 10 minute walk from the famous *Night Bazaar*

Costs are divided into 2 parts:

1. **Empress Hotel Accommodation**
2. **Legacy Institute Package**

### **Empress Hotel Accommodation:**

Legacy Institute has had a good relationship with the Empress Hotel now for many years. While costs are going up everywhere, the management has kept the costs down for our Feast-goers. ***Legacy Institute can make reservations for you***, but Festival attendees will be responsible for paying for their own accommodations, meals, and anything else that is not included in the Legacy Institute Package.

Here are the approximate U.S. Dollar rates (at 30. Baht/Dollar). This fluctuates. See below for a Superior Room (*Contact Legacy Institute for information on upgrades or suites*): The rates include all taxes, surcharges and VAT.

Superior Single: Intern'l Buffet Breakfast included:	\$37.00
Superior Double: Intern'l Buffet Breakfast for 2 included:	\$43.00
Extra bed	\$17.00
Buffet Breakfast: Children <u>under</u> 5 are Free; ages 5–12:	\$ 6.00

In addition, the hotel is offering the Legacy Institute Feast-goers:

- Fruit and flowers set in room on arrival
- Complimentary fruit drink at check in
- 50% discount on all laundry service
- Free ice cubes (dispenser located on 12<sup>th</sup> floor)

The hotel also has an international buffet lunch and dinner available in the Chao Nang Coffee Shop with the following costs:

Lunch: \$8.00          Dinner: \$12.00

Transfer to/from airport by air con hotel mini van: \$3. per person per trip.

Legacy Institute is happy to make reservations for you, but you will be responsible for paying all hotel costs upon departure. The Empress Hotel accepts all major credit cards.

## **Legacy Institute Package:**

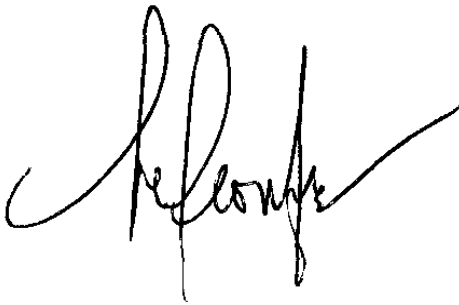
In addition, Feast-goers have the option of choosing to take the **Legacy Institute Package** for **\$150.** per person. This includes the following:

- A. Elephant Camp Show and Ride.
- B. Tour of Queen Sirikit's Royal Project.
- C. Tour of Wood Carving and Umbrella Handicraft Centers.
- D. Opening Night Buffet Dinner.
- E. Buffet Lunch on First Holy Day.
- F. International Buffet BBQ on Last Great Day.
- G. Thailand Festival of Tabernacles T-shirt.

If you do not want to choose the package with specially negotiated discount prices, then you are welcome to participate, but you will be responsible to pay all costs, including entrance fees and transportation to and from tour sites.

If you have any questions, please contact Leon Sexton at:  
[mail@legacyinstitute.org](mailto:mail@legacyinstitute.org)

See you soon,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Leon Sexton', with a stylized, flowing script.

T. Leon Sexton

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