

ZEEKISMS

Hmong Conference 2009

Mike & Banyaa (left in back row) with five believers from Doi Diw



Around 120 Hmong gathered for the annual Hmong Christian Conference from the 12th-16th of October. This year, two Hmong from Minnesota were the main speakers. Hmong travelled from at least ten different

villages in the surrounding area. Mike attended the first two days of activities while checking on our house before we move. He shared with the group our plans for working with the Hmong on the mountain of Doi Diw.

When the Dust Settles...

After we have moved, we will update everyone on our new address. (We hope to get a PO Box to make mailing letters from the U.S. easier. Thai addresses can be complicated!)

We may not have internet access immediately, but it shouldn't take long to install.

Pictures will be posted in our next newsletter. Here is a picture of the front of the house.



WE'RE ON OUR WAY!

We can hardly contain our excitement! We are one step closer to ministering to the people group with whom God has laid upon our hearts to share the Gospel! This last week of October we will be packing up and moving to a small Thai town called Tha Wang Phaa. Everything is working out with the rental house, and we are

making some much needed changes. The bathroom remodeling is finished, and we hope that the proper electrical grounding will be installed as soon as we arrive. Sealing any open spaces with screens to protect us from mosquitoes is also a priority. (Mosquitoes here can carry diseases like dengue fever and malaria.)

LANGUAGE AND CULTURE STUDY

It has been difficult learning the Thai language, and we will continue to study this difficult language. However, fluency in Hmong is our goal. If we cannot speak the heart language then our ministry will suffer greatly in the long run. Fortunately, the Hmong is much easier to learn than the Thai, although learning the culture will probably be just as difficult. The Hmong language is not related to the Thai. As we look forward to teaching God's Word we will have to be patient and hope that the Hmong will be patient with us as well. The main Gospel sharing and Bible teaching can only come after we have learned the language and culture. Most important, though, is establishing close relationships with them. So, for the next eight months we will spend time up on the mountain of Doi Diw doing just that. We will then return to the States for nine months. Upon returning to Thailand for our second term, we will be able to start sharing the

Gospel and teaching God's Word with the Hmong. There are about ten believers out of a village of around 2,000 people. Our goal is for everyone who lives there to hear the Gospel in a personal way.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS!



Your prayers are sustaining us, and we thank you always for your diligent prayers!

Praise

- Finding a rental house!

Prayer Requests

- Moving! Pray for safety and things arriving safely (and nothing stolen or broken).

- Diving into the Hmong language and culture!
- Transitioning from city to country life (and tribal life).
- Continue learning Thai - pray especially for Mike as he is taking a government proficiency exam Nov 29th.

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