

# Zeekisms

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## Visa, House, and Hmong Village

Thank you for your prayers! We praise God that He is able and faithful to provide!

The process of obtaining and renewing a visa to stay in the country of Thailand is never easy. This year was especially stressful, because we didn't receive the necessary government signature to renew our visa until two days prior to expiring. We finally heard that the letter was signed and coming on an overnight bus from Bangkok. We picked it up at 8 am and arrived at Nan immigration at 2 pm on July 15th, the day before it expired. Whew- too close for comfort for us!

We asked you to pray for a Hmong believer to help us in church planting. While in Nan, we talked to Banyaa. He is a Hmong believer, who is highly respected among the Hmong community. He is also the first Hmong in Thailand to receive a college degree. He speaks Thai and Hmong fluently, and can understand some English.

Banyaa has graciously helped us find a house in the Thai town of Tha Wang Pha. We looked at some houses and found one that is very promising. We still have to ask the landlord more questions, but we feel that this house is the answer to our prayers.

The last item of prayer was to find a Hmong village with a few believers. Banyaa connected us with a Hmong village that has less than 10 believers. The village on Doi Diw is only 35 minutes away from where we will live. It is easily accessible, and they have a place for us to stay. As we learn about the Hmong culture and language we will be spending several days a week living among the Hmong. We have so much to learn from them. Although we may never truly understand the minds and hearts of the Hmong, even now, we feel welcomed and at home in the village despite coming from a completely different culture.



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Mike's sister, Stephanie, visited us for 6 weeks. (Sinjin, 6 months old)

**Mark 12:29-31 NKJV**

Jesus answered him, "The first of all commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."



**Boys' dorm and meeting place**

**Youth Hostel**

In addition to our ministry up on the mountain, Banyaa also oversees a home for Hmong children (which is different from the Sanglir's ministry at Kathy's Home) who don't have the means of getting school-

ing in their villages. There are 25 children, (some as young as six years old), who currently stay at this "dorm" throughout the school year. Banyaa has asked us to minister there as well since many of the children are from Doi Diw. Because the Hmong highly value their children, being intimately involved in this ministry will enable us to make further inroads into the Hmong community and give us opportunities to share the Gospel with all who are in the village.



**Hmong girls' dorm**

**Prayer Requests**

Thank you for your faithful prayers!

**1. Housing**

We will move at the end of the year, but hope to start renting a house sooner. Pray that we can move into the house we found (or for the right home for us.)

**2. The Hmong on Doi Diw**

Pray that they will accept us living in their village and that they will be open to the Gospel.

**3. Banyaa's Partnership**

Praise God for his help already. Pray that we can develop a strong friendship and work closely together.

**4. Learning Language**

This is an ongoing request for prayer so we can communicate clearly with the Thai and Hmong.

*God bless, Mike and Sonja*