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ANSWERED PRAYERS

HOUSING FOR NOV

In our last monthly update, we were looking for a place in Chiang Mai to stay when the baby is due in Nov. Last week, we found an apartment in a new condo building that is less than 10 minutes from the hospital!

SENG (XEEB)

Seng is the Hmong believer, who was arrested and put in jail for charges associated with murder. He was released but still had to report to the police in another province every few weeks. Now we have learned that he has been cleared of all charges and no longer has to report to the authorities.

COMPUTER CENTER

Every Friday night the Hmong kids have stayed at our house learning typing skills and English. They are excited to be in our home. There is a waiting list of eager kids who want to come, although they are still very shy toward us when they see us in the village.

**“Heaven and earth will pass away,
but My words will never pass away.”
Matthew 24:35**

Visa Issue Again

A visa allows us to live in Thailand. For our second term in Thailand, we changed our visa from a religious workers visa to a Thai foundation visa.

Unfortunately, we've had to make multiple trips to immigration and city hall. We had a 3 month visa on entry which we thought would be extended to a 1 year visa (the maximum time we can get). In August, we received a 1 month extension. In September, immigration only extended the visa until Oct 26th. So now we will go again, and pray that we can finally get our 1 year visa without any problems. Thanks to everyone who's been praying for this need!



Left: Seng (Xeeb) and his brother Gao (Kaum)

Rain, Rain, Rain

This year has been very rainy for Thailand. There were many mudslides in our province, especially on the road to the Hmong village. There are two places where the road has partially washed away.



This dropoff is probably going to be permanent as it is a long way to the bottom! This is the only road up to the village.

Boat Races

The river was running very fast for the annual Naga boat races in October. This is one of the biggest events in our little town of Tha Wang Pha. There's a small fair with games and food as well as lots of dancing and cheering for the racers. The whole town gets involved. The picture up top shows the race in progress.

PRAYER REQUESTS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL PRAYERS!

Please pray that we will finally receive our 1 year visa renewal on Oct 26th without any problems.

Pray for the writing, translating, recording and distributing of the MP3 players for Project 316.

We will be staying in Chiang Mai from Nov 10-Dec 10th for the delivery of baby #2.

We still need about \$450/month in committed monthly support.

Sonja and Sinjin walking on the beach in Phuket, Thailand during our vacation in early September.



“Building” Project 316

One of the biggest challenges of putting together Project 316 is the amount of time it takes to develop each lesson. Usually it takes about 20-40 hours from start to finish depending on the type of lesson or doctrine being taught. After each lesson is complete and recorded in English, the next step is to have it translated and then taught in the Hmong language by fluent Hmong believers. In the process of putting the material together, the one question that remains unanswered right now is: Will this project be successful? Mike has been able to discuss this project with a few Hmong here in Thailand, but since they don't have the audio player in their hand, they really can't give a clear answer as to whether or not they will use these audio players to share the Gospel and grow in their faith. But like Hudson Taylor once said, “Unless there is an element of risk in our exploits for God, there is no need for faith.” So, we will put it in God's hands hoping for the best.

Mike is presently working on the first foundational series of lessons on how to study and interpret the Bible and we are waiting for the Hmong translation team in the U.S. to produce the audio lessons in Hmong. This series is such an important part of a Christian's life, but few have learned how to properly study and interpret the Bible both here and

in America. This has resulted in a lot of sloppy theology being taught and therefore false teachings are everywhere. So, this series presently being worked on will be greatly beneficial teaching for the Hmong believers. And if you are interested in learning about how to properly study and interpret the Bible, please contact us.

Hmong Friend, Ja (Tsav)

A Hmong believer has been helping us translate on Sunday mornings when the church meets together. (His picture is on page 1.) He lives just a few houses away from us in the Thai town, but his family is from the same village in which we work. He knows basic English, so sometimes translating can be difficult. But Mike has been able to start teaching a series on how to properly study the Bible that he wouldn't be able to do without a translator. Ja is also helping us with cutting our grass and recently completed a big project for us: laying stone in our driveway.

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