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An Opportunity for You!



The Continued Success of Project 316!

After several weeks of distributing Project 316 audio players the “Word” is getting out to many of the Hmong throughout our area. Many Hmong even come to our house requesting audio players from other villages that we have yet to visit. As of today, we have distributed 70 players throughout Southeast Asia.

In one village, there was not only a desire for the players, but also a strong desire from these Hmong in this village for believers in Laos who desperately want to receive the valuable teachings of God’s Word.

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First, some background: After living in Thailand for several months I (Mike) contemplated how to go about “church planting” in a culture very different from my own. Despite having a Bible degree with a minor in “Missions” from Philadelphia College of Bible, I still had many important questions that needed to be answered. As I continued to look for answers, I registered for a five day seminar entitled “Church Planting in Thailand,” and looked forward to learning something new. However, after attending the first two days, I was extremely disappointed and very frustrated. The entire seminar focused on bringing the “western” concept of “church” and “church planting” into an “eastern” culture.

I’ve studied many different approaches and philosophies to “church planting” in college and as a youth pastor, but I’ve never found anything truly worthwhile. However, as I continued my search, I reconnected with a friend, Steve Spacek, of Help Ministries. He

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introduced me to the “Biblically Rethinking the Church” Bible study. After the first few lessons, I was thrilled with what I was learning. Finally, I had answers to the questions which I had searched long and hard for. And I learned a whole lot more in the process. Now as part of our ministry we are making this Bible study available to you. You might say to yourself, “I’m not an evangelist (a.k.a ‘church planter’), why would I benefit from a study like this?” Because how we think “church” is how we “do church.” If you are a true believer in Jesus Christ, then you are the church. Believers, especially, should know how the body of Christ should function and on what we should be focused on.

One additional note: Because of the nature and tremendous benefit of this study and for you to get the most from it, you need to go through the study with someone who has already studied it. The study material is free but only available to those who make a commitment to complete the study with a mentor. You will also need a computer, webcam, and internet connection. Please don’t pass up this opportunity. Through this study you will learn the simplicity of what “church” is all about. For more info please visit our website and/or email us.

The Naming of Lydia

Earlier this month, a young Hmong mother approached Mike about naming her 13 day old daughter. Her husband left to work in S. Korea shortly after they married and will not see his daughter for another 3 years. Mike was flattered with the honor, but unsure that he was qualified to name her. The mother insisted that whatever name Mike said, she would like. So, after several minutes had gone by, he thought Lydia would be a good name for her. Not only do we find this name in the book of Acts, but as you

read about Lydia, she was known for her hospitality and love for our Lord. Also, the name “Ia” is a common Hmong name which could be used as a shortened version of “Lydia.”



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Hopefully we will be able to get them into the hands of the believers in Laos very soon. However, there is a lot of uncertainty due to the intense persecution that many of our Hmong brothers and sisters face. The believers are able to cross the border into Thailand and are able to worship and study God’s Word freely. However, undercover Laotian police can follow them into Thailand to see what they are doing. The danger occurs when the believers go back into Laos.

Mike, Sonja, Sinjin, and Mikaela Zeek

1 Peter 3:15

“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.”

