



Prayer Requests

Please pray for...

Additional funding. We usually don't mention this, but there is a significant need of additional financial support that enables us to be effective in this ministry.

Continual learning about and adapting to the Hmong culture so that we can serve the Hmong, whether they live in southeast Asia or in USA.

Planning for the next major distribution of audio players, probably taking place in February 2016.

Project 316

It's What Biblical Church Planting Is All About!

If you've been reading our newsletters and seen testimonies of fellow Hmong believers on our videos, there is no doubt that the audio players are playing a vital role in the lives of the Hmong. With 265 hours worth of teachings, including the entire Bible and the addition of much more to come, many Hmong are being filled with the knowledge of the Word of God. To make this kind of an impact, even just 20 years ago, would not have been possible without the aid of a solar powered audio player and the help of other Hmong believers willing to be part of the Project 316 team. Although there are still many challenges ahead and many more Hmong who have yet to receive an audio player, this nontraditional approach to church planting is being used by God in a very effective way.

Recently, I talked to a Hmong elder in Laos, who has believers coming from different villages in the area and asking



for more audio players. Requests are coming to him not only from Laos, but also from Burma (Myanmar), which is more than 250 miles away. Currently, there are only two audio players in Burma. How many Hmong live there? No one really knows. It is a very closed country with vast mountainous areas where there are no roads. The communist government continues to oppress the people there. Up in the mountains where many of the Hmong live, there is no electricity, no cell phones, no hospitals, no sanitation development, etc. So, there are many unknowns. It is a dangerous area of the world to live in, let alone trying to do any kind of missions work. One of our Hmong brothers from Thailand said that it

was like going back 40 to 50 years in time. And he is from a poor remote village in Thailand himself!

So, how can we effectively help the believers there? And how does Project 316 fit into church planting? As we've seen before, one of the greatest needs that Hmong believers have is teachings from God's Word. You may not have noticed this, but as you look into the ministries of the apostles and evangelists, most of their time was spent in equipping the believers, not in sharing the Gospel. It was in making disciples (Matthew 28:19-20). All too often (especially in overseas ministries) we focus on getting people to come to know Christ, which is obviously the first and most important step, but then there is little time taken to adequately ground them in the Word of God. Therefore, there are a lot of immature believers. (In many ways it is the same with believers in the U.S. There wouldn't be a problem with false teachings if more believers studied the Scriptures thoroughly). In Matthew 28:19-20, the emphasis is to "make disciples." The word, "Go," would better be translated, "As you are going." But the actual command is to "make disciples," to "teach all nations." Literally to "teach and make disciples of all ethnic groups." This is the main thrust of church planting. Church planting is not about erecting church buildings, attendance at a Sunday service, living in another country, establishing an organization, or a focus on programs and activities. It is not about music, dress, hair style, etc. The core concept of "biblical church planting" is in making disciples of Jesus Christ. And Project 316 is doing that in an extremely effective way.

Through the distribution of 650 audio players to date, we can conservatively say that thousands of Hmong believers are being thoroughly rooted in the Word of God. Praise God for what he has done and for what he will continue to do! Thank you so much for helping us serve the Hmong.

God bless, Mike, Sonja, Sinjin and Mikaela

Matthew 28:19-20
Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

