

ZEEKISMS



Major Distribution Coming!!!

In just a few months from now Yexusfest, being held in Chiang Mai, Thailand, will be upon us. Further Project 316 audio teachings are being produced, and we are working out all of the details for the big event that is starting to take shape.

For some of the Hmong in south-east Asia, getting to the conference is a major event in and of itself. It can take several days for many of them to get there. Here is a common scenario: You live way up in the high mountains of northern Vietnam. First, you will have to find someone with a motorcycle willing to drive you on a five hour ride down the treacherous muddy, pothole filled, mountain road while you try to hang on with a basket of luggage on your back. Or, you may have a two days' walk because the road is more of a rocky trail and not even accessible by motorcycle! Then you hope to be able to get to a small town in time to hop on a bus for an eight hour trip to



the Laotian border. You may not be able to afford an air-conditioned bus, but actually that's not a problem since you need the windows down anyway to prevent motion sickness. (This is a common problem for many of the Hmong since they don't have cars.) You pray that when you get to the Vietnam-Laotian border, the border patrol won't give you a hard time. But since you are Hmong, you never know what to expect (especially since the



Hmong partnered with the USA during the Vietnam War). You are asked why you are crossing the border. You need to answer wisely. Otherwise, if you say that you are going to a Bible conference in Thailand, you will certainly be harassed and probably not allowed to cross. When you get into Laos, you have to find another bus that will take you to the border between Laos and Thailand. It is about a 10 hour drive up and down over the mountains of Laos, and since the bus driver drives fast many people are getting sick even with the windows open. Then you have to go through the ordeal of another border patrol check. When you finally get into Thailand, you still have another seven hour bus ride to get to Chiang Mai. (Our family know these roads very well. Many of the bus drivers drive like they are on a suicide mission! They weave around blind corners crossing double yellow lines expecting that no other vehicles are coming from the other direction. There have been quite a few times when we have had to pull over onto the side of the road to prevent getting hit by a bus!) Finally you arrive in Chiang Mai. You are not sure where you will be staying (certainly not in a nice hotel), but most likely you will be staying in a small room with many oth-

er believers for the three nights while you are there. It is not unusual for 30 people to sleep on a hard tiled floor in a 20x20ft room. Then after the conference is over, you have to go back home and do the whole trip over again!

We pray to God that every believer at the conference will be able to receive a Project 316 audio player if they need one. We mentioned before that it would not be surprising that we could potentially distribute a 1,000 players while at the conference and will likely have requests for many more. Most of the Hmong in Laos, Vietnam and Burma who are going to this conference are desperate to know the Word of God. And since it is so difficult to get the players into many of the highly persecuted areas this is a perfect opportunity to do that.

Please pray...

- For all of the planning details that need to be taken care in time for Yexusfest.
- That all of our Hmong brothers and sisters will be able to afford the cost of going to Yexusfest.
- That enough funds will come in to give out 1,000 players.

*God bless,
Mike, Sonja,
Sinjin and Mikaela*