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Yexusfest Success!!!

Praise God for all that happened at this year's Yexusfest! Much was accomplished, even though we were unable to distribute most of the Project 316 audio players because they were held up in Bangkok customs. One of the highlights of the conference was it enabled us to connect with Hmong leaders from areas of Laos and Vietnam where severe persecution takes place. As a result of the conference, we added several more dedicated Hmong believers to the Project 316 team. Many of them have requested hundreds of players for the areas where they serve. We now have over 5,000 requests for audio players, and

we believe that that number will increase. But why?

It has been six years since Project 316 started. The

Players have been released from Bangkok customs!
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first batch of players were distributed about four years ago as we worked on producing teachings for the players. Even then, when the Hmong who lived in our area learned about the project, they came with a list of names to request players. And now with over 350 hours of

audio teachings, the believers are finally getting all of the foundational teachings that are needed to mature in their faith. Several years ago, our goal was to have all of the audio teachings complete by 2017. And we've done just that! But it doesn't mean that we are finished! Because there is such a hunger for God's Word, we will continue to produce additional teachings.

Over and over again we are consistently reminded that these players are exactly what the Hmong believers need. As much as I love discipling individuals face to face, which I will continue to do, these audio (continued on pg. 2)



players are accomplishing way more than what one person can. There are several reasons why these players are so effective. 1. There is a lack of Biblical resources, and these audio players are filling an enormous void. 2. Since the Hmong of

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southeast Asia learn orally, the players are so much more effective then giving them books to read (although we strongly encourage them to learn how to read so that they can study the Bible for themselves). 3. And since many of the Hmong are out in the fields all day doing repetitious field work, they have plenty of time to listen to what is being taught on the audio

players. We praise God for what he is allowing us to do!

Status Update Regarding Players Being Held Up In Bangkok Customs

This week, we received word that all 800 audio players have been released from Bangkok customs. They have been sent back to Hong Kong and now shipped to Singapore. They will be taken into Thailand (and other countries) by individuals traveling back and forth between these two countries. This was how they were brought into Thailand in the past, but we thought that shipping them all at once would be easier. Who would have known we would have run into so many problems? By God's provision, everything turned out okay. However, the ongoing challenge is to get them into Laos, Vietnam and Burma.

Fortunately, as mentioned earlier, we now have an

Prayer Requests

Strategically putting the players into the hands of those who need them most, especially those who are very isolated and being severely persecuted for their faith.

The amount of funds needed to meet the demand. Raising enough funds just to cover the current demand of 5,000+ players is estimated at \$250,000.

Praise God for the release of all 800 players from a corrupt shipping company in Bangkok.

expanded team to help get them into the hands of the Hmong who desperately need them. A big thank you goes out to everyone who had been praying for this situation.

Lamentations 3:22-23
His mercies are new every morning. Great is thy faithfulness!

God bless, Míke, Sonja, Sínjín and Míkaela