



Persecuted for Christ: What else would you expect

We are certainly grateful to our partners in southeast Asia who help with the distribution of Project 316 audio players! Recently 40 audio players were shipped up to a Hmong village in the north via bus. The police inspected this package of players. Since the police had the return address info, they contacted



our ministry team partner about the shipment. Fortunately, our partner was able to handle the situation because he actually owns a business selling computers and various other electronics. If this hadn't been the case, the audio players could have easily been confiscated. (Also, the police either didn't listen to or couldn't understand what was on the players. Thank God!) However, our partner is now "on the radar" of the

police, so we are no longer comfortable sending audio players via the mail service. Now we are requiring that any future players be picked up in person from our main distribution partner in this particular unnamed country. For many Hmong who live high up in the mountains, this can still take a day or two. So even though we have the players and ministry team partners in particular parts of the various countries that we work in, it can still be quite a task just delivering the players.

On top of all of that, when the players are picked up, our brothers and sisters still have to get them back into their villages. This also can be tricky in various locations because of the many check points that the police set up spontaneously throughout the country. The Hmong are not well respected and the police will give them a hard time just because they are Hmong. We certainly thank God that despite these obstacles, all of the players have been delivered into the hands of believers.

Six Believers Thrown Into Jail

In addition to the story above, I was talking on Skype with one of our other ministry partners. It was conveyed to me that six of our brothers went to a particular village near the Mekong river to celebrate Christmas with another local church. The leader of that village hates believers. Therefore to show his hatred of believers, he took the opportunity to call the police and had them arrested. Under Laotian law believers are allowed to assemble together, but you cannot share the Gospel “publicly.” However, many of the police are unsympathetic of believers, and they wholeheartedly believed that our brothers were disobeying the law. Even though these six believers weren’t doing anything illegal, they were still arrested and taken to prison.

Prayer Requests

Please pray...

- That the players get into the hands of the believers without any obstacles.
- For those who are in danger of persecution. Not necessarily to be taken out of it, but to be protected through it.
- That we will continue to have an effective ministry among the Hmong in the area that we live in.



Majority of Project 316 audio players are distributed in eastern Burma, northern Laos and northern Vietnam. The highest persecution of believers is in these areas.

Situations like these are not uncommon. The Hmong in these countries wonder why believers in America are shocked by the persecution taking place. They believe that it is part of being a follower of Christ. In 2 Timothy 3:12, it says that “everyone who wants to live a godly life will be persecuted.” They also read John 15:20 when Jesus was speaking to his apostles, he said, “Remember the words I spoke to you: ‘No servant is greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also.” They don’t see why we should consider persecution as an anomaly. And even though they would rather not go through it, they do it out of a love for God, not for themselves.

Although we may never endure the kind of persecution that some of our Hmong brothers and sisters go through, we can still help them by placing audio players into the hands of those who need them. Our Hmong brothers and sisters and we wholeheartedly thank you for giving them God’s Word via the audio players. Thousands of lives have been touched by your prayers and financial support. The current demand for audio players is still well over 5,000.

God bless,

Mike, Sonja, Sinjin and Mikaela

