



A SPECIAL VISIT

In May we received word from our Hmong brother, who is one of our key Project 316 ministry members, that he was coming to the USA for seven weeks. For part of that time, we invited him spend a week with us and the Hmong community here in Lancaster, PA. Although Skype and Facebook are effective communication tools to coordinate the distribution of audio players, there is no replacement for face-to-face conversations. English is not his first language (it's actually his third). So, having him here was extremely beneficial. We discussed culture, political issues, doctrine, how the church is doing in Southeast Asia from his perspective, the persecution of believers, etc. We got to know each other a lot better through our time together, and I was certainly glad to have the time for him to come visit!

We discussed Project 316, and he mentioned how effective the audio players are for the Hmong believers. I asked him how many additional players he thought the Hmong church would need. He couldn't give me an exact number. So I asked him if 10,000 audio players were available, could he see a demand for that many? Without hesitation he said, "Yes!" Bear in mind that he is only referring to his home country, which is one of several countries where the Hmong in Southeast Asia live (this does not include China, where the population of the Hmong are estimated to be at 4-6 million). So, there is certainly still much work to be done.

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Like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation...

1 Peter 2:2

Prayer Requests

- *Praise God for the valuable time we had with our brother from Southeast Asia.*
- *Pray for our Hmong brothers and sisters who are being persecuted for their faith in Christ.*
- *Pray that we can get more audio players into the hands of the many believers who still need them.*

During our brother's visit with us, we connected with another family via the internet in Southeast Asia. He told us that he, his wife, and kids can not plant rice/vegetables because he won't stop sharing the Gospel. The local government officials and other villagers would destroy their gardens if they tried to do so. (They live in a very isolated area up in the mountains.) I asked him if he could move to another village. He said, "No, because the

government officials wouldn't allow it." (In this country you can't just pick up, sell your house, and move. You need to seek permission from government officials both from the village you are leaving and the new



one you would like to move into.) At this point, they don't know what to do. He also made a comment that reiterates just how spiritually degenerated many of the government officials are. He said that the officials have no problem with the Hmong who plant illegal drugs. But if you plant only rice and are a believer in Christ, then you'll be in trouble. Obviously, the officials are running a drug business on the side and taking advantage of many of the villagers who are happy to oblige because they can make more money harvesting illegal drugs than by just planting rice and vegetables. This is not an isolated situation. Circumstances like this are all too common. But despite these difficult circumstances, more and more people are becoming believers. Praise God!

*God bless,
Mike, Sonja,
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