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# Z E E K I S M S

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**Project 316 Ministry Team leaders who help distribute audio players throughout southeast Asia.**

## Prayer Requests



**Please pray for...**

- The additional teachings that need to be developed, translated and recorded for the Project 316 audio players.
- Borders to open in order to deliver more audio players into remote Hmong villages in southeast Asia. Right now 135 audio players and 25 micro-SD cards are blocked due to border shutdowns. One of our Project 316 Ministry Team members remarked that there is no indication when the borders will reopen.
- Praise God for individuals who continue to come to know Christ through the audio players.

## Equipping Believers

In past newsletters, we discussed that much of the Hmong culture is based on the supernatural, and it permeates almost every part of life. Spirits roam everywhere, and each household is considered to have multiple spirits residing within. Many of these spirits are believed to be relatives who have died sometime in the past. Some spirits are “good,” but it is regarded that others can wreak havoc in one’s life, household, or entire village, especially if a deceased person didn’t receive the

proper guidance into the next world during the complex, extensive funeral rituals. Therefore, the Hmong are very superstitious and sensitive to events taking place around them. They live in constant fear, always trying to appease the spirits in order to live at “peace” with them.

Obviously, from a biblical perspective, the spiritual world is very real and active. But for those of us who have grown up in the West, and especially those who

have matured in a Bible-teaching local church, we tend to downplay the spiritual world and/or just ignore it. But we will all be quite shocked at the amount of activity that occurs when our spiritual eyes are opened either through death or rapture.

The reason to mention this is because our Hmong brothers and sisters in Christ can easily get caught up in the search for particular spiritual experiences that are not only unbiblical but demonic as well. It doesn't take much to be enthralled in experiential and emotional pick-me-ups believing that is what biblical living is all about. Searching for miraculous signs



and wonders that are promoted today within certain groups of "Christianity" can lead many within the faith to a shallow relationship with Christ. The health, wealth, and prosperity "gospel," along with certain individuals reporting they receive divine revelation from God, is becoming all too common.

Within the Hmong community, experience is becoming more important than doctrine, or doctrine is being manipulated to



**Video shot of Hmong believer explaining how he used the audio player to share the Gospel with his father. Praise God that his father is now a new believer!**

give support for the "experiential theology" that many are looking for. (At this point I'm sure that you are thinking: This isn't just an issue within the Hmong community. It is stressed and promoted within many "Christian circles" all throughout the US and the world, regardless of ethnicity and culture. Indeed this is true.)



So, what is being done to help our Hmong brothers and sisters in order that they may receive proper biblical teachings and not get

caught up in these things? After conducting some research for teaching material on these issues, what we found quite shocking is that there is none. Many of the Hmong leaders realize this, but with the exception of a few, they haven't studied this in depth and therefore they cannot show others what the Bible says about these things other than speaking out about it. Now additional material is being developed and will be added to the already 350+ hours of teachings currently on the Project 316 audio players.

*God bless,*

*Mike, Sonja, Sinjin and  
Mikaela*