

# ZEEKISMS



## PROJECT 316 AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING

As the Word spreads through the distribution of the Project 316 audio players, we hear reports that more and more of the audio players travel further and further out into distant, remote Hmong villages. The church continues to grow throughout southeast Asia, and there is a continual need for the teachings of the Word of God and the development of leaders/elders as well.

When opportunities arise, we play a part in teaching and equipping leaders through leadership training seminars which occur over the course of several days. Usually these leaders come from villages several hours away. When they arrive for training they must neglect their duties at home and in the fields. Most

of the Hmong leaders are very poor farmers. During their training, many of them are given audio players for themselves and other believers in the villages where they came from. When these training sessions take place we occasionally receive stories of how the audio players are making an impact in the lives of the believers, but we still don't see the complete picture of how many people's lives have changed through this ministry!



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### Prayer Requests

- *Praise God that the Project 316 audio players continue getting dispersed to Hmong believers who desperately need them.*
- *Pray that more funds will be given for the thousands of believers who are still waiting for an audio player/micro-SD card.*
- *Pray for the ongoing translation work in progress regarding the 316 Prophetic Seminar Series.*



With that being said, much of the work that is accomplished by missionaries all over the world isn't glamorous and "in the spotlight." We aren't in this to bring attention to ourselves. Discipleship and building up believers takes many years. Unfortunately, many believers in the US are prone to fall into the same trap as the rest of the world in looking for excitement and the next best thing. Although most believers understand conceptually that discipleship is important, we don't make it a part of our lifestyle. Most local churches function within this framework. So there is a constant struggle between what the Bible lays out about the discipleship process in the church and the mindset of how we think "church" should be carried out. The concept of the church being like a "river two miles long but only two inches deep" is now more prevalent than ever. How then does this affect our perception of missions?

*Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation...*

*1 Peter 2:2*

When we think about cross-cultural missions we oftentimes judge ministries, for example, on how many people come to know Christ, the excitement of finding the least reached, and the nostalgia of traveling into exotic unknown parts of the world. We indeed praise God for these things, but our main focus and excitement should be based on the mandate from Jesus Christ himself, which is simply to "make disciples" (Matthew 28:19-20). This is a very long process, and it is very difficult to truly measure "discipleship." But I would encourage all of us to focus more on "making disciples." This is how Jesus said that he would grow his church!

We've mentioned in past newsletters that there are thousands of Hmong believers still waiting for audio players. Since they don't readily get fed on a regular basis, their appetite is large, and they desire the pure spiritual milk that only comes through the teaching of God's Word (1 Peter 2:2). They truly desire to learn and grow in their faith. So, we ask that you would please consider helping our Hmong brothers and sisters in Christ who want to grow and become fully developed, authentic, evangelistic, disciples of Jesus Christ. And for those of you who have supported our ministry to the Hmong all these years, again, we want to say thank you so much for helping us help the Hmong.

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

