

HIM NEWSLETTER

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Indonesia

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Ban Lok Ko



Dedicating the newly finished church building in Ban Pakham Mai to the Lord

funding from Hmong Mission Society, Inc., LCMS World Mission, and private donors from the US. The project was supervised by the CWEFT staff. The building is a blessing to our 17 Christians families and the other 70 non-Christian families in the Ban Pakham Mai. We would like to express many thanks to Pastor Bob Hedtke for securing much of the funding needed for this building project. All glory to our risen Lord Christ Jesus!

From March 1st to April 14th, Fungchatou was in Thailand doing more work among the Hmong people. Fungchatou visited three of the Hmong congregations that we are supporting in the mountains of Thailand. Fungchatou, CWEFT staff members and the Hmong Pastors in Thailand were blessed with the opportunity to dedicate a church building to the Lord on behalf of our members in the village of Ban Pakham Mai. It took about two months to finish the building project with



Hmong pastors, CWEFT members and Members of Pakham Mai Community Church post in front of the new church building



Pastor Phongsouck sharing the Gospel message with the members at Ban Lok Ko

Our next project is to help the members in Ban Lok Ko to build a church building so they can also have a place to worship the Lord. At the present time, the members are meeting in an empty space under a member's house. The cost of the project will be \$1,500. We pray that the Lord will move someone to fund this project so the members in Ban Lok ko will have a place to worship the Lord by August of this year.

We are also taking on two more church building projects in Laos. As you

might already know, it is illegal to build church buildings in Laos for Christians to get together to worship the Lord, but it is legal to host church services in someone's house. The challenge is that the houses are small, and therefore no more than ten people can come together for worship. Therefore, we are helping two members in Laos to expand their houses so there will be more space for the members to worship the Lord together. Each of the house church



Fungchatou giving instructions to the theological students from Thailand and Laos

projects is approximately \$4,000. Please help us pray that the Lord will open the hearts of LCMS members or LCMS congregations in the US to sponsor these much needed projects in Laos.

In addition to the above activities, Fungchatou spent 1 ½ week giving theological instructions to the Hmong lay leaders who are to become ordained pastors after they finish a 3 ½ years of our theological program. There were four students from Laos and ten from Thailand. Please keep these students in your prayers. Most of them travel very long distances to get to our Mission Center for the training.



Fungchatou has recorded a CD album of Indonesian Gospel hymns in the Hmong and English languages. The CD album contains beautiful vocal and instrumental music along with lyrics in both Hmong and English languages. The project is to support the Lord's work in Thailand. If you are interested in obtaining a Copy of this special CD album please contact Hmong Mission Society at 7017 North 58th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53223, (920) 254-5270, or via email to Hlegacy66@gmail.com. We are asking a donation of \$10 for the CD.

Song Titles:

Christ justifies me, On the Cross, The humble heart, Jesus is my guiding light, Christ is my Lord, Christ's love endures forever, At the Lord's Holy Table, We shall meet again.

Needs:

We thank the Lord for being so faithful and gracious to include us in the work He is doing in Thailand. Please keep the following needs in your prayers:

- More opportunities to continue to share the Gospel to the lost.
- More leaders willing to be trained for the holy ministry,
- Formation of a Hmong Lutheran Thailand and Asia Synod,
- Registration of the Hmong International Mission Bible Institute as a formal and recognized private theological school in Thailand.

We invite you to partner with us in this blessed mission work among the Hmong people in Thailand. We are inviting you to:

- Pray for HIM, theological students, theological teachers, missionaries, congregation members, and the Hmong people in Thailand and Laos.
- Prayerfully support HIM financially. You could choose to direct your financial support to any of the following areas:
 - Mission Center's rent (\$ 400/month)
 - Mission Center's maintenance cost (\$100/month)
 - Sponsor a theological student (\$10/month)
 - Sponsor a theological teacher (\$100/month)

- Sponsor a congregation (\$100/month)
- Sponsor the Mae Rim Student Center (a student boarding house) (\$300/month)
- Build a church building (\$5,000/building)
- Purchase two motorcycles (\$3,000)
- Support the Film Ministry (\$200/show)
- We need more Hmong, Thai and Laotian Bible (\$500)

It is truly a blessing to see how the Lord is bringing people into His Kingdom in Thailand.

Give Thanks:

Please help us give thanks to the Lord for:

- LCMS World Mission and CWEFT for their partnerships and financial support.
- LCMS Congregations in Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin for their prayers and financial support.
- LCMS Hmong congregations for their prayers and financial support.
- The donors who have committed to pay the rent of our Mission Center.
- Our theological pastors/professors for their commitments of time and finances as they travel to Thailand to do the training.