

HIM NEWSLETTER

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Wow! What a blessed month! The Lord has been so gracious that He led us to do much work in the month of December 2008 and January 2009. For a start, Funghatou traveled to Vietnam and did some work with some of our workers in the field. Many instructions on how to Sheppard the sheep and how to plant crops were given to the workers. The workers shared that the harvest is plentiful but, as usual, the workers are few. Please pray that the Lord of the harvest will raise up more workers for His rice field. Funghatou will continue to provide instructions for the workers in the future.

From December 7 to the 22nd, our family spent time in Thailand with Rev. Thomas Hedtke and his wife Mary Jane. During our time together, we finished the course on the Old Testament Survey with the leaders from Thailand and Laos. One of our brothers from China also joined us and gave instructions on Missiology. All together, ten leaders attended the training for a week and a



Hanoi, Vietnam

half. The Lord granted opportunities for us to baptize five children and three adults. We visited four villages and celebrated the Lord's Supper with our members in the villages of Pa Kha Mai and Ban Lok Ko. We also saw the site where a community church building is being built in Pa Kha Mai. We are anticipating having that building finished by March of this year. We also encouraged the members in Ban Lok Ko who were also building a facility in which to worship the Lord. By the grace of God, that building too will be finished in March. We hope to have two church dedications in April of this year. Please keep the success of these building projects in your prayers.

From December 22nd to January 7th, our family traveled to Laos and visited some of the work that is being done there. HIM and LCMS World



The Lo family in Ban Lok Ko, Thailand

Mission are supporting a family in Laos to plant a bigger rice field. Currently, that family has many crops to plant and needs a bigger field in which to plant. We are providing some assistance to expand their rice field. During our time of traveling and visiting in Laos, we saw many rice fields that are ready to be harvested. There are also many people that are ready to be workers. What is needed is someone to show them how to harvest the rice fields and teach them to become good workers in the fields. We pray that HIM and LCMS World Mission are ready and willing to provide assistance for the people in Laos so they can become effective workers for the Lord in His rice fields in Laos.

A hidden village in Laos



Needs:

We thank the Lord for being so faithful and gracious to include us in the work He is doing in Thailand. Currently, we are in the process of helping to build two new church buildings for our new congregations in Tak. Our immediate goals are to:

- continue sharing the Word of the Lord to the lost
- train more leaders for the holy ministry,
- form a Hmong Lutheran Thailand Synod,
- Register 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.

- 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)

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 supports.
- 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.

ABOUT HIM

Hmong International Mission (HIM) is a ministry of the Hmong Mission Society (LCMS). Its mission is to develop Hmong spiritual leaders to share the Gospel and to plant mission Churches among the Hmong people throughout Southeast Asia. HIM is in partnership with the LCMS World Missions to share the Gospel and to do NGO projects in Hmong villages where there is a need for such projects. The people who coordinate and travel on behalf of HIM are volunteer pastors and members of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. HIM is currently funded by gifts from different Churches, LWML societies, fundraising projects, and individuals. We are truly appreciative to all who have prayed and support the mission of HIM. We would like to encourage your continual prayers and financial support. Please consider supporting those who travel to evangelize and serve in training of students to become pastors to share God's Word to the Hmong people throughout Southeast Asia. Please prayerfully send your financial gift to:

Hmong Mission Society, Inc.; 161 Johnson Ave., Oshkosh, WI 54902. Make your check payable to Hmong Mission Society, on the memo line please indicate: HIM. Your gift is tax deductible.



The road to ban Lok Ko in Thailand