



## Persecution Could Expend God's Mission



During December, we had opportunities to visit our ministries and partner churches in different areas of Southeast Asia. We shared the Gospel with more than 300 people, both Christians and not yet Christians.

During one of our visits, we were asked by a partner church to do a three-day Biblical teaching with the church's members. We got everything set up: The dates and time for the teaching and all foods and teaching materials for more than 100 people for three days. We traveled close to 200 miles to get to the village to conduct the teaching. When we arrived in the village, we were led by our host to the local police station to notify them that we are in town visiting relatives and church members. Everything seemed to be fine. The next day, we spent a whole day teaching about *"What is Christianity? What is God's ultimate desire for humanity—sinners?"* It was a joy to teach the people the Word of God and to see them so joyful once they understood that **Christianity is LOVE**, because **God is LOVE**. Because of LOVE, God sent Jesus (His Love) to save us from our sins and death. Therefore, God's ultimate desire for humanity—sinners is to reconcile them to God. When we ended the day, the people joyfully went home and expected to come back for another Biblical learning after dinner. However, we never had the opportunity to return for the evening's teaching because the local authorities stopped us. We were called back to the police office and had to sign a document stating that we must not have anything to do with the Christians in town and that we must leave the village as soon as possible.

Disappointed, we left for another village about 250 miles away without much expectation of doing any more teachings or witnessing. We planned to just kill time and do some sightseeing. However, as we arrived in that city, one of our evangelists called us and invited us to visit him. When we visited him, he took us to visit some of the ministries under his care. When we met with the church members, they asked if Fung could teach them the

Word of God. For the next two days, we visited four villages, and Fung taught the Word of God to more than 200 people. The same joy we saw with the people at the first village was also seen among these Christians, for they now knew that being Christians means they are loved by God and that they are called to share His love to all people.

From this experience, we remembered the Word of God from Matthew 10:23, *"When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another...."* Fleeing because of persecution is not a cowardly act, but it could be God using the persecution to expend His mission into other places. His ways are not our ways. His thoughts are not our thoughts. We plan, but God directs. Our plan was to train only a few people in the Word of God at one village. God directed us and we got to teach His Word to close to 300 people in four new villages. It was a joy to be used and be directed by God to fulfill His purpose of expanding His ministry. Please continue to keep our family in your prayers as we continue traveling in Southeast Asia to share the Word of God.

### Baptisms:

Working with our Hmong pastors and evangelists, and with your prayers and financial support, in December alone, **6,656** individuals heard the Gospel, **227** individuals confessed Christ as their Savior, **88 people were baptized**, and we started **8 new ministries**. We give thanks to the Lord for His love and mercy for the Hmong in Southeast Asia. Here is the link to a short video for the month of December: <https://vimeo.com/786933525>. Please email us at [Lolegacy@gmail.com](mailto:Lolegacy@gmail.com) for the password to access the video.

### Prayers Needed:

The Lord's ministry in Southeast Asia continues to need your prayers and financial support. We need financial support for (1) *Theological Training Ministry* (\$20,000); (2) *Church Building Project* (\$30,000); (3) *Sewing Project* (\$10,000); and (4) *Gospel Motorbikes* (\$15,000). As you do your financial planning for this new year of 2023, talk to God about how you can bless His work with these project ministries. You can send your tax-deductible donations directly to: Mission of Christ Network and earmark it to the ministry projects of your choice.

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