

HIM: Hmong International Mission

February 2022



Baptizing in Vietnam



Baptizing in Laos



Baptizing in the US

We Preach Christ Crucified

During the month of February, the Lord continued to bless His work through our family and the Hmong pastors and evangelists in Southeast Asia. However, the devil also worked hard to sabotage the Lord's work by bringing divisions and disunity to many of our Hmong congregations in Southeast Asia. Being members and I an ordained pastor of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, our family truly believes that we are teaching the truth in the Gospel through the proper distinction of Law and Gospel, means of grace, word and Sacraments. Furthermore, as Lutherans, we live our Christian lives free from dietary laws and are to love our neighbors as ourselves. Preaching that Christ crucified on the cross for the sins of the world is enough and sufficient for our redemption. Therefore, we trained our Hmong pastors and evangelists these truths in the word of God. However, these truths were not well received by many Hmong Christians in Southeast Asia. When they heard of our Lutheran doctrines and confessions, they accused us of being cultic and heresy. This led to many of our Hmong Lutheran brothers and sisters in Southeast Asia having to always defend themselves against the reform theologies of glory, prosperity and decision making. Currently, one of our congregations in Southeast Asia is being sued by a reform church group for teaching and practicing false doctrine of infant baptism and the real presence of Jesus body and blood in the bread and wine of the sacrament of the altar. We are not sure yet how the local authorities will pass judgement on this little congregation. We need your prayers for them to stay strong in the Lord while they are being persecuted.



This photo is a good illustration of how most of the Hmong Christians in Southeast Asia understand the word of God. Their confessions of Christ as their savior gave them salvation, but **they don't see and understand clearly** how

to live their Christian lives in Christ. For them to keep their salvation secure they believe they must watch what they do and don't do. Meaning they must continue to practice strict dietary and moral laws. For many of these Hmong Christians, Jesus alone is not sufficient for their salvation. They must perform good works to prove that they are worthy to be Children of God. Therefore, LCMS missionaries like our family must work hard to get to the Hmong people, so that they will know that *"The kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit"* (Romans 14:17). Please continue to keep the Hmong International Mission in your prayers and continue to support our family by

sending us back to Southeast Asia to engage the Hmong in the Gospel's truth and impact them for eternity.

Baptisms:

Working with our Hmong pastors and evangelists, and with your prayers and financial support, in February alone, **1,103 individuals heard the Gospel, 36 individuals accepted Christ as their Savior, 29 baptisms, and 2 new ministries.** Here is a link to a short video of the Lord's work: <https://vimeo.com/684812989>. The password to watch the video is **022022**. We give thanks to the Lord for His love and mercy for these growths in His mission work among the Hmong in Southeast Asia.

Semiannual Report:

Our family sent out over 600 semiannual reports to our supporters. If you have not received a copy of our semiannual report, please let us know and we will mail you a copy. In short, from July 2021 to December 2021, **2,644 individuals heard the Gospel, 493 individuals received Christ as their savior, 272 individuals were baptized, 5 new ministries were started, and 2 new church buildings were constructed.** Thank you for your prayers and financial support.

Special Need Request:

We need your prayers for our Hmong brothers and sisters in Southeast Asia to stay strong as Lutheran Christians. We also need your prayers for more churches for us to visit in June and July. Our schedule is now fully booked for March, April, and May. Pray that the Lord will lead us to raise enough financial support to return to Southeast this August. Your financial contributions can be sent to Mission of Christ Network and earmark it to: *Lo family*.

To financially support the Lord's work through our family,

Please send your tax-deductible donations to:

Mission of Christ Network:

P.O. Box 533, Concordia, MO 64020

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