

HMONG INTERNATIONAL MISSION

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MISSION OF CHRIST Network



Fung, Mercy & Kalia

Become All Things To All People

During January, our family continued spending time doing outreach in Southeast Asia. We traveled and visited new villages, as well as continued developing relationships with previous villages that we had visited. Witnessing the Gospel is illegal for outsiders in many countries we visited; therefore, we have to be careful as to whom, when, and where we witness the Gospel. Being aware of this, at one of the Hmong villages, Fung decided to ask the men to take him and our evangelists to the jungle for a hunting experience, in the hope that they would have time to tell them about Jesus. Hmong men are hunters, so they love hunting.

The journey to the jungle was both exciting and dangerous. Exciting because we get to see the country in its natural environment where wide animals still abound and get to tell the hunters about Jesus. Dangerous because the paths to get to the hunting area were very rough.

As the Apostle Paul says, *"I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings"* (1 Cor. 9:22-23). In the jungle, Fung and our evangelists became hunters with the Hmong men. They got to share with them how God created the universe. How sin entered the world through Adam and Eve because of their disobedience to God. How God sent His Son Jesus to redeem the world, and that when they believe in Jesus Christ as their savior, they will become children of the heavenly Father, who loves them. Every time, before they ate a meal, Fung or one of our evangelists would ask permission to pray and give thanks to God through Jesus Christ.

After two days in the jungle, they returned to the village. Fung was tired and did not think of anything else except looking forward to traveling back to the city and having a nice hot shower at the hotel where we were staying. All of a sudden, one of our evangelists came to Fung and said, "Pastor Fung, one of the men in the hunter group said he and his family wanted to become like you." Fung replied, "Who is it? And what do you mean he wanted to become like me?" "His name is Vua. He said he wanted to become a Christian like you," replied the evangelist.

Later, Fung talked to Vua, and it was true that he and his family wanted to become Christians. Vua said, "Do you think God will accept my family?" Fung replied, "Of course; God accepts you and your family. He has been looking for you all these years." Vua expresses, "I am so happy to know that God accepts me and my family." Fung spent time giving more instructions about sin, salvation, and baptism. The next morning, we went to Vua's home to baptize them, but his older brother Chia called and prevented Vua and his family from being baptized. Chia said Vua should wait for



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him, because he also wanted to be a Christian. Since Chia is the leader of the clan, Vua decided to wait for his brother. Fung and our evangelists prayed for Vua's family and committed them to the Lord's hand.

Witnessing the Gospel is not only about preaching from the Word of God; it is also about how we Christians live out our faith for others to see. *"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven"* (Matthew 5:16). Please keep Vua, Chia, and their families in your prayers that the Lord will bring them all to the water of Baptism soon.

Baptisms:

Working with our Hmong pastors and evangelists, and with your prayers and financial support, in January alone, **2,233** individuals heard the Gospel, **114** individuals came to faith, and **78 people were baptized**. Started **3** new congregations. 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: <https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/910833551>. Please see the email we sent you this newsletter for the password to access the video.

Prayers Needed:

Please continue to pray for our financial support and the support of the Lord's ministry projects. Here are the different ministries and the budgets we are inviting you to support: Theological Training (\$15,000), Outreach Ministry (\$20,000), Church Buildings (\$20,000), Gospel Motorbikes (\$15,000), Women Ministry (\$20,000), and Youth Ministry (\$20,000). When you send in your tax-deductible support, please earmark it to the ministry you are supporting. **Thank you!**

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