



Our evangelists distributing clothes to the people at our new ministry site

Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me

During June and July, our family was traveling and visiting many churches in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, and Georgia. We also visited the Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum in Kentucky. We did not submit a newsletter for June because we did it as a part of our Annual Fiscal Report. Therefore, we hope you received our annual report and watched the video, too. There are many things that happened with the Hmong International Mission in July. Here is one event that we want to share with you and ask for your prayers.

During the second week of July, **three of our Hmong evangelists in Southeast Asia got arrested** for sharing the Gospel in a village. The local authority said the evangelists did not have permission to come to the village to share the Gospel. They were fined \$1,500. This was a lot of money. If they could not pay the fine, they would be locked up in jail. Therefore, the members of their home congregation collected funds among themselves to pay the fine and had the evangelists released.

In the US, many Christians live their Christian faith as though it is just one of the recreational activities that they do on Sunday. For others, going to church on Sunday already causes much pain because it is wasting their time. In Matthew 16, Jesus says, *“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me”* (vs. 24). For many Hmong Christians in Southeast Asia, what Jesus says is how they live their Christian faith. For them, being Christian means, they are to take up their crosses and follow Jesus. It is not a recreational activity that they do when they feel like it or have time. It’s about saving lives for the Kingdom and losing one’s life for the sake of the Gospel.

Prosecution is a cross that they are willing and expected to carry when it happens to them.

We can help them carry the cross of persecution by praying for them and giving financial support to set them free when they are arrested for witnessing the Gospel. Therefore, we invite you to give your support to our **Persecution Victims Fund** through Mission of Christ Network. Here is a link that you can give your financial support online: <https://missionofchrist.org/lo/>

Baptisms:

Working with our Hmong pastors, and with your prayers and financial support, in July alone, **2,086** individuals heard the Gospel, **57** individuals confessed Christ as their Savior, **40 people were baptized**, and we started **2 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 July: <https://vimeo.com/736310725>. Please email us at Lolegacy@gmail.com for the password to access the video.

Prayers Needed:

On August 25th, our family will be returning to Southeast Asia. We ask for your continued prayers for our safety and fruitful ministry. We will be visiting the different ministries in Southeast Asia and host at least two theological training sessions. Therefore, we continue to need your prayers and financial support to do the Lord’s work as He leads us back to Southeast Asia.

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

To donate online:

<https://missionofchrist.org/lo/>

For more information: Lolegacy@gmail.com

