

# HMONG INTERNATIONAL

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## MISSION

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Network



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## Be Wise In The Way You Live

In November, we traveled to visit our partner churches in Thailand and Laos. We also hosted a week of theological training sessions on “Christian life” with our Hmong pastors and evangelists. We had 145 students attend the training.

During our time in Laos, we traveled eight hours to assist a couple to get rid of their spirit altar. A spirit altar is a 7X7 wall hanging paper where the house spirits reside and receive offerings from the family for protection. The couple became Christians and were baptized a year ago. However, they needed someone to take down the spirit altar in their home, but the Christians in their village were not willing to help them. After we prayed and took down their spirit altar, the couple was so joyful that they butchered a turkey and we had a Thanksgiving dinner with the couple and their relatives. To help the couple celebrate Thanksgiving, we bought a case of Beer-Lao.

Many of the couple’s relatives came to join us. None of them were Christian. One of the relatives was Mr. Moua. When Mr. Moua saw our evangelist take out the case of beer to share with the men at the dinner table, he commented, “*I thought you Christians don’t drink beer*”. Our evangelist responded, “*Some Christians don’t drink, because they misunderstood the Word of God. We can drink in moderation to give thanks to God*”. The evangelist continued to share the Word of God with the men at the table that Christ has fulfilled all the laws, and that all things are clean to eat and to drink. We just need to give thanks to God before we eat and drink. After our evangelist finished sharing the Word of God, Mr. Moua commented, “*Smart people believe in God, stay smart. Dumb people believe in God, always dumb*”. He was glad to see that we were not like the Christians in the village. We can eat and drink in fellowship with them.

In the mission field, how we live our daily lives has a great impact on our efforts of witnessing the Gospel. We are the visible Gospel that people see. We must be very careful how we live out our Christian faith and lives. This is what the Apostle Paul says, “*Be very careful, then how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the*



*Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Ephesians 5:15-20).* Thanks be to God for what Jesus has done to set us free from the Law. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

## Baptisms:

Working with our Hmong pastors and evangelists, and with your prayers and financial support, in November alone, **1,287** individuals heard the Gospel, **161** individuals came to faith, **145 people were baptized**, and we started **3 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: [vimeo.com/manage/videos/893293519](https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/893293519). 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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