

From Thailand

September 2020



Arrested and brought to Trial

September was a fruitful month for the Lord's work in Southeast Asia with the Hmong. Fung taught two online classes with 39 pastors, elders and church members in Vietnam. Each class lasted five days and each day consisted of ten hours of teaching. The teaching covered word and sacraments, church duties and responsibilities, and pastoral care. As a result, three people were baptized during one of the teaching sessions. However, on the third day of the second group, the police came and arrested all eighteen people in the training, which was at a local hotel room. The police confiscated our training materials and the people's identification cards. They had to go to the police station for questioning. All we could do was pray and remember the word of God for encouragement and wisdom to deal with the authority. During the arrest, the words of Jesus in Mark 13:11, came alive in our hearts. It gave us the greatest comfort and confidence. Jesus says, *"Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit"* (Mark 13:11). At the police station, as the group walked into the Police Chief's office, he recognized the lead pastor of the group. Long story short, the Police Chief returned all the people's identification cards, told them to stop the training and just go home. There were no fines or charges against them. The training was discontinued in the late afternoon. However, instead of going home right after they returned from the police station to the hotel, the men went to witness the Gospel at a nearby Hmong village. As a result, six people became Christians that evening. This was more blessed than training them for six days.

We give thanks to the Lord for His protection and wisdom. Without Him things would have gotten worse, especially if Fung was physically in Vietnam and teaching the group at the hotel. We thank the Lord for modern technologies that Fung could stay safe in Thailand and taught the people online via the Internet. Here is a link to a short video: <https://vimeo.com/467608015>.

Baptisms

With your prayers and financial support, in September alone, our Hmong pastors taught the word of God to 118 individuals. Thirty-nine people confessed Christ as their Savior and forty individuals were baptized. As they continue to learn the word of God in accordance to our Lutheran doctrines and confessions, there will be more baptisms in October. Please keep our Hmong pastors and evangelists in your prayers and financial support so that the Kingdom of God will be expanding within the Hmong in Southeast Asia.

Persecution Victim's Housing Update

We give thanks to you for providing the needed funds to build a house for a homeless elderly man in Vietnam. The house is finished. This was the third house that we built in Vietnam. Here is a link to a short video: <https://vimeo.com/467681916>. Please keep your Hmong pastors and their church members in Vietnam in your prayers as they are working hard to build these houses to share the love of Christ to those individuals that faced persecution.

A Special Need

For the past three years the Lord's ministry through our family is growing, but our financial support has not come in at a rate that is able to sustain the ministry in Southeast Asia. We are in need of your prayers and financial support. The shut-in during COVID-19 has been difficult for many of our supporters to continue to financially support the Lord's ministry through our family. We are asking, if you are able, to please prayerfully increase your financial support so we can continue to engage the Hmong in Southeast Asia with the Gospel. Thank you. *Your missionaries: Fung, Kalia, and Mercy Lo.*



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