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Dear Praying Family & Friends,

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Pastor "K" shared this story about one of our village ministries in Laos. The woman pictured above came to the church service this past Sunday and said she wanted to trust Christ. She trusted Christ and will be baptized next Sunday. Pastor "K" asked her, "How did you know that we have a church here?" The woman said, "Oh! The whole village knows that you have a church here, most of the people in the village say that the church family here has Love and Unity. They help one another."

Listen to Pastor "K" give a rundown. He says, "To make a long story short, I called our Bible students to share the good news and show her about the Love of Christ and suddenly she got saved. I just want to thank God for our Church members here. They have been a very good example and been a light to this village, and most of the people have been saved because of the example of their lives. We can't knock on people's doors and share the gospel, but we can use our lives to show them the love of Christ. Please pray for her spiritual growth, Her name is Bee."

\*This is a tremendous reminder that when God's people are united around Christ, love one another, as well as their lost neighbors, and they show forth good works, people will respond to the message of the Bible, even in the most difficult of places (JN 13:34-35; 17:21; Matthew 5:14-16).

**PLEASE PRAY FOR BEE'S SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND FOR OUR MINISTRIES TO CONTINUE TO SHOW FORTH THE GOODNESS AND GRACE OF GOD!**

Vangpao, who was saved about five years ago, has been one of our finest students over the past three years. His mother and father, after years of rejecting Christ finally trusted Christ and were baptized about two years ago. Their change of heart was a direct result of being helped by "Operation Samaritan's Compassion" amid the COVID Pandemic. Vangpao's mother went to heaven about a year ago and his father entered glory's gates last month. We thank God for the hope of heaven, for the gospel of Christ, and for all of those that have given and prayed for "Operation Samaritan's Compassion."

**PLEASE PRAY FOR VANGPAO AND HIS FAMILY DURING THIS TRYING TIME!**

### **CHIANG KHONG, THAILAND**

**We are so thankful and grateful for what God is doing in and through our lives and ministries in Chiang Khong, Thailand.** We are thankful for the opportunity that our team had to conduct two different Three-Day Bible Clubs in two separate villages. One of the villages is a Hmong village, while the other is a Khmu village. In the Hmong village, which is where our church meets, we had more than sixty children and teens attending all three days. In the Khmu village (a village we have never done any ministry in), we had 40 children and teens attend all three days. Between the two villages, 28 children and teens trusted Christ.

We have mentioned Jui in a few of our previous updates and we are so grateful that God saved Him out of Buddhism about eight years ago, in the country of Laos. He graduated from our School of Ministry and has now been assisting us in Thailand for about a year. God is using him to disciple two college-aged men, teaching English to more than a dozen people and using it as a platform to share the gospel. He is teaching our teens and children, and in a sense Jui is filling in the position of what we would call Youth Pastor in the States. He's doing a great job with both the English classes and with the teen and children!

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR JUI, OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, AND THE SALVATION OF THE UNBELIEVING ENGLISH STUDENTS!**

### **LAOS**

**We are so thankful and grateful for all that God is doing in the country of Laos, especially the new converts, two new church plants, and the completion of a building project in one of the village churches!** In the past two months, our team has planted two new churches. One of the churches is reaching primarily the Lao people and the other is reaching primarily the Hmong people. Both churches are doing very well, but the Hmong congregation is doing extremely well. They are averaging 50-60 people for their weekly service and have had 45 saved and 38 baptized.

Pastor “K,” one of our graduates and the young man that is already pastoring one church– and to our knowledge it is the largest IB church in either Laos or Thailand– is temporarily pastoring this new Hmong church. Lord willing, one of our students will take the reins of the church in the future.

Over the past few months, we have started having monthly Children’s Activities, Teen Activities, as well as regular Ladies’ Activities in two of our village churches. Lily (Pastor “K’s” wife), and our School of Ministry students are heading up these new ministries and are doing a great job. Between the two villages, we have over 80 children, 45 teens, and about 35 ladies attending the activities.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE TWO NEW CHURCH PLANTS AND FOR OUR MINISTRIES TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE!**

### **OPERATION SAMARITAN'S COMPASSION**

**Of course, we are thankful and grateful how God continues to use “Operation Samaritan’s Compassion” to spread the love of Christ to hurting people.**

In the past thirty days or so, among other things, we have been able to help a handful of widows, feed the hungry, provide medicine for the ill, enroll more children in school (the number is over 90 now), assist in the project of replacing roofs on two churches in Vietnam, one roof on a school in Laos, assist family members of a church in war-torn Myanmar, bless the children and teens at the Children’s Home, and assist with the cost of a funeral.

**THANK YOU FOR PRAYING AND GIVING!**

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR OPERATION SAMARITAN’S COMPASSION!**

As always, my wife and I want to thank you for praying, giving, and taking the time to read over our Prayer Update. We love and appreciate you all!

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