

Mien & Family News --- from C. W. Callaway, March 2010

On this page I am highlighting 3 vital Mien ministries dear to my heart.
Please join us in prayer for each of these projects.

Recording Whole Mien Bible -- A Huge Project

About 15 to 20 years ago several Mien and I worked about 6 months on recording the Mien New Testament. Since then the Old Testament has also been translated and the New Testament revised. Also we now have more who can read the language and some are good readers. Thus our Mien Christian Mission Fellowship (MCMF) voted recently to undertake the recording of the whole Bible. A committee of 4 was appointed to supervise this project. I am serving as an advisor.

When complete our goal is to make this available on the World wide web, disks, cassettes, and radio so that it can be heard by Mien throughout SE Asia as well as in France, Canada, USA.



Kao Meng Saetern is chair of this committee & also 1 of 5 radio programmers.

Currently only about 1% of Mien worldwide are Christians and only a small

percentage of those are literate. When the Bible is available in audio format then many thousands will be amazed and say as did those Jews long ago, "We hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues." Acts 2:12

RADIO ANNIVERSARY



Mrs. Liew Chan Barkway

In 1993 Liew Chan committed herself to God for radio ministry and began training. The first Mien Christian broadcast was on March 5, 1995 **so a few days ago was the 15th anniversary!**

Now she and 4 others prepare the programs. Liew writes, "I am very grateful that God has allowed me to have a part in His amazing work in the radio during the past seventeen years. The Mien Radio work is always exciting and challenging... Pray that we are faithful to serve Him with all our heart, so we can focus on Him and be able to reach the Mien People better."

CRITICAL NEEDS AT CYDC



Dorothy with 18 CYDC students baptized last December

Over 40 years ago we and co-workers opened a dormitory for tribal students who did not have adequate schools in or near their mountain villages. That first year we had 4 students - 1 Mien and 3 Hmong. For many years parents provided rice, tuition at Chiangkham schools, and spending money. Thus minimal mission funds were used for simple housing and house parents salaries.

From the beginning we and co-workers led Bible studies 2 afternoons a week after school hours and students worked 2 afternoons a week to keep grounds clean and to grow gardens. Week-ends we required them to go back to their home villages so they could keep in contact with their parents and home cultures. Most students then as now are from non-Christian homes but the majority became Christians while staying in the dorms. Often parents and other relatives have also come to Jesus.

Co-worker Dorothy Uhlig pictured above has been much involved with this dorm program.

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Since 1993 these 2 dorms (boys & girls) have borne the name **CYDC (Chiangkham Youth Development Center)**

The current situation is drastically different from the early years. The AIDs epidemic has ravaged many people and numerous parents have been killed or jailed due to drug violence. Many in the dorms would be at risk of prostitution, slavery, or drug trafficking were it not for this safe haven. Most now have no home or family support.

It has become necessary to obtain funds from abroad to care for the needs of these students. The house parents have often used from their own salaries to carry on this ministry. Now the dorm has about \$7,000 shortfall.

In order to maintain this ministry there is an ongoing need for increased financial support. Since many former students now serve as pastors and leaders in churches it has and is serving as a worthy evangelistic tool. Now there are 50 + kids –Mien & Hmong.

If the Lord lays it on your heart to contribute to this need you may send tax deductible contributions to “The Life Church of Florence, PO Box 4367, Florence, SC 29502. Checks should be made payable to “The Life Church.” Please enclose a note “for Mien Ministries/CYDC”

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PRAISE GOD FOR:

* At Thailand marriage conference Dec. 2009 six were baptized, 37 newly believed, & 49 rededicated their lives.

* The new Mien church in Bangkok is growing.

* Mien Christians have reached out to a closely related ethnic group, the Mun / Lanten, so that there are now new Mien believers in 2 or 3 SE Asian countries.

* Christians from Thailand & US are going often to minister among Mien & others in the 3 restricted Asian countries.

* Praise Him for a number of Mien young adults who are dedicating their lives to full-time Christian ministries.

* The 1990 version of Mien New Testament in audio and Jesus film video are on the Seattle MEC Mien church web site www.mecwa.org

* Other aids & information can be found there and on the MCMF site:

<http://www.yidg.org/> and Mien Christian Youth Association site

www.mcya.net

* To aid you in praying there is a great Mien prayer blog at:

<http://PrayForTheMien.blogspot.com>

Don Byers is with the Lord

A dear fellow worker, Don Byers, who served among the Khmu people in Thailand & the US got his promotion to the Lord's presence last fall after a long illness. Lois & I had many happy times with him & family. Pray for his wife Roberta who is not well.

ASK GOD FOR:

1. Pray for wisdom & safety of pastors who go periodically to train new leaders and church planters in restricted areas.
2. Pray for our Mien Radio staff as they prepare challenging programs and for the many in Asia who listen.
3. Pray for the many camps, retreats, training programs in U.S. and abroad that Mien Christians may be well trained and a strong leadership developed and maintained.
4. Pray for spiritual fervor, new life and zeal among those who are lukewarm.
5. Pray for my own health physically & spiritually as well as for my children & their families.

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Contributions for Mien Radio should be payable to MCMF or Mien Christian Mission Fellowship. Memo “Radio” Mail to P.O. Box 5467, Richmond, CA 94805
Contributions for Bible Recording project same as for radio just above except for memo write “For Mien Bible Recording”