

Mien & Family News --- from C. W. Callaway, July 2011



which face do you wear?



Let's hope the orange box.

This was the theme for the 23rd annual Mien Youth Camp. My co-worker, Andrew Lai, wrote the summary on July 17th and left that same day with a team to China.

Greetings to all my Mien brothers, sisters and co-workers,

We have just completed the 2011 MCYA youth camp at Mt. Hope (July 10-16). Three days prior to the camp we had intensive counselor training with the high light being a presentation of Mien history by our beloved C.W. Callaway. Pastor Perry and his wife Audrey gave an effective hands-on presentation of evangelism. Pao Ho Saephan helped in recruiting the counselors and organizing the training. Many thanks to Albert Ko who came all the way from LA to lead the training. Josh and Sen took the lead in the H.U.G.S. program. Perry, Malachi, Vicky and Clara worked as a team to lead the Young Adults program. Thanks to Ricky's church for hosting the counselor training.

30 staff members including close to 20 counselors arrived at Mt. Hope a day ahead of all the campers. Since Albert was not able to be in the camp Sen Chao

became the head of all the male counselors and Cherrie Chen led the female counselors. Jai was camp director. Sou Fin (who came with his family) served as MC. Mey Ho was registrar. Ricky led recreation. May Seng was camp nurse. Aball and Sou Fin led the security team and also served as Men's Deans. Muang Chiang and Lai Chiem worked as Women's Deans. Upon arrival at Mt. Hope the worship team consisting of King, Yowty, Thim, Salina, Nikki, Daniel, and Joseph, immediately set up their musical instruments and they were ready to go. Many thanks go to Chan from Merced for putting the sound system together. With all this the camp was taking shape.

The evening before camp Andrew Lai gave a challenging devotion and gave many encouraging words. Afterwards, the counselors had an emotional and soul searching session with each one taking turns to remove his or her own mask in preparation since the camp theme was "FACE-OFF". It was truly a very self revealing time that solidified the bond of love and made us a unified team before the arrival of all the campers the next day.

As the opening day arrived the Lord blessed us with a total of 213 people in the camp. Mey Ho and her helpers worked very hard to complete the housing assignments.

Our main speaker Pastor Dennis Druckhammer of Rio Linda Nazarene Church opened the first night by speaking on the

subject of Transparency. 17 youth came forward, many weeping, to pledge to God that they would take off their masks and come before God just as they are – REAL.



Great Counselor Team



Face-Off Skit



Happy Counselors

The Dawn Patrol, this year was led by Karen and Fahm with Andrew giving straight-to-the-point morning devotions. Each morning, Pastor Vince Antonucci (who came from Las Vegas with his whole family) challenged the senior high campers in the theme of "Face-Off". He also spoke about the two kinds of LOVE

and showed the campers how to find their real identity – “Made in the image of God”. Michael Chao spoke to the junior high campers showing the boys and girls the process of growing up and how to become mature and be Godly men and women.

Every evening, the counselors presented their skit on the theme of “Face-Off.” Vicky, a counselor for many years, gave her testimony with much tears. Our faithful prayer warrior, Muang Chiang reminded the campers of the hard life of being a refugee and told of many sacrifices the parents and grandparents of the campers made in order for them to have the comfortable life that they are now enjoying. Saan Cing, fresh from Thailand, presented a slide show of the history and importance of mission work in Thailand. One evening high light was the Burmese campers from Seattle presented a song “Jesus loves me and I love Him too”. Each night, Pastor Dennis continued to build on the theme of God calling us to be real and holy.

On Thursday night, one of the counselors, Kathy, gave a very touching testimony. The Holy Spirit moved in a mighty way, directing Pastor Dennis to discard his planned sermon and instead to speak on “We are worthy of being loved by God” because God chose us before the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:4-8). God not only loves us, He lavishes love on us. Over 50 campers poured out their hearts to God in tears and came forward to commit their lives to Jesus Christ.

All in all, more than 66 campers made 133 decisions and promises to Jesus Christ. 18 campers were baptized in the camp on Friday. Among them was a Burmese girl by the name of Dung It. An emotional moment at the baptisms was when a mother helped to baptize her son. In 1994 she was baptized in the camp by Andrew and now she in

turn baptized her own son. In the teary moment, we can all hear the Words of Jesus: Well done my faithful servants in MCYA...Well done!

We had a great camp...Thank you all, especially many of you who worked very hard behind the scene. May God richly bless you!

Andrew

PRAISE GOD

For another great camp!
 For increased Mien staff at camp!
 For many new converts in Asia!
 For news of many new listeners in Laos & Thailand to Mien radio!
 For the faithful radio staff!
 That Joe & Fai (Taen Waa) Wood have been able to return to Thailand to teach in school for mission kids!

PLEASE PRAY

For all who made decisions at camp & for follow up of them.
 For other youth activities ahead.
 For speakers, staff, campers at Mien Family Camp Aug. 12-14.
 That hindrances may be overcome and faster progress thus made on the recording of the Mien Bible.
 For Dr. Herbert Purnell as he labors to complete the new Mien/English dictionary.
 For Cing Dorngh Dangc as she completes her seminary MA with high hopes for women’s ministry and translation of a commentary.
 For effective use of the New Life DVD’s distributed in Asia.
 For healing for my youngest son, David. He is seriously ill in Minnesota with a badly diseased liver.

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Baptism by main speakers



Post baptism prayer



Fun on the water slide



We love our faithful prayer-warrior - in center



An Evening service