

Mien & Family News --- from C. W. Callaway, January 2012

"...so they returned to their own country by a different way." Mt. 2:12b CEV

I do hope each of you has had a blessed Christmas and that this new year will bring you new joys and victories in your walk with the Lord. Long ago God directed wise men "by a different way." May He also direct you in the path He would have you to follow in 2012.

HAVE A HAPPY GOD-CENTERED NEW YEAR

2011 in review

FEBRUARY: From this month on son David was in hospital probably more than out. Often he was rushed unconscious to ER. At times he was in a coma for 20 hours plus. Sometimes doctors thought he might live for only a few hours. We were much in prayer.

Daughter Joyce & Nick lost their home to bankruptcy. They kept their rental home next door and were able to repair it satisfactorily and to move there just before foreclosure. Praise God for that.

Mien Leadership retreat was held in Oregon.

MARCH: David, due to his illness, retired at age 58 from his biomedical tech job at Minneapolis Veterans Hospital. Many friends attended his retirement party there. I'm glad he could attend.

Andrew Lai and I flew to Seattle to lead the ordination service for Malachi Verharst, youth pastor for Mien church there.

Several US mien served on mission & at conferences in Asia especially in Feb.-April.

APRIL: Fellow missionary June Byers died in OR.



Me with my 5 kids in 2010. Standing: Lelan & Mark
Seated: Jeni, David, me, Joyce

MAY: Son Lelan visited for 5 days. He helped me set up a new computer & gave me a good tutorial. Nine graduates of Mien Theological Institute received diplomas for first program courses.

JUNE: Through months of planning and work Mien produced a very good evangelistic video in Mien and copies are being distributed in Asia. You can view it at www.mcya.net & click on picture.

JULY: At the annual Mien youth camp more than 66 campers made decisions for Christ. 18 were baptized at the camp. In the pre-camp training for counselors I presented a power point summary of Mien secular & church history.

AUGUST: After months of uncertainty with David's condition steadily worse he received a liver transplant! Praise God! And thanks to all who prayed.

308 attended Mien family camp. 9 came from Canada, 1 from Thailand. Dr. Youdsinh Chao was the main preacher on "Healthy Marriage & family communication." Four were baptized there. Youth had their own separate sessions.

Daughter Jeni in hospital @ painful gallstones. Thank you, Lord, for healing her!



I am slightly left of center; Andrew & Liza Lai are at left edge; others are my children and some of my grandchildren & great grandchildren.

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SEPTEMBER: I visited David in the Minneapolis hospital. He has improved steadily since his transplant surgery.

I enjoyed a visit from 6 Mien friends from France who were in U.S. to see relatives.

A grasshopper/locust plague ruined crops for many Mien in Vietnam. Pray for Mien there.

OCTOBER: Joyce had cataract surgery on both eyes. She is rejoicing in good vision again.

NOVEMBER: Second US Mien couples retreat in 2011 was held. Also there was Leaders' school.

Niece Becky & husband Pastor Walt Peters from Maryland visited me enroute to his mother's 90th birthday celebration.

Son Mark in Arizona has worked much the last year or more on a "green construction" project which has involved some teaching at a local college and in his leading workshops.

Dr. Herbert Purnell completed final revision on Mien to English dictionary. This had taken 24 years of work (along with many other projects). Hopefully those now working on set-up then printing will not take too many months to publish it.

DECEMBER: I am blessed to have Jeni & John and their children living in Vallejo so I do have family for Thanksgiving & Christmas. Also Joyce & Nick came down mid-December with lots of good food & gifts to help us celebrate then.

Many years ago we worked with fellow missionaries in the establishment and overseeing of dormitories in Chiangkham, Thailand. Later Jeni & John, for most of their 15 years in Thailand, led in the dorm ministry. The name was changed to Chiangkham Youth Development Center. On Dec. 29th the first annual gathering of former students was held.

This year many dear Mien brothers and sisters have left this life for the life eternal.

PRAISE GOD

For David's liver transplant.
Jeni's recovery
New dictionary progressing.
Many new listeners in Laos, Thailand, & USA to Mien radio!
For the faithful radio staff!

PLEASE PRAY

..For new young adult MCYA board
For other youth activities ahead.
..For Ricky Chao serving in Laos.
Bible translation in Lanten/Kim Mun
a language related to Mien.
For David's continued improvement.

PLEASE PRAY (cont.)

That hindrances may be overcome and faster progress thus made on the recording of the Mien Bible.
For the printing & publishing of the new Mien/English dictionary.
For effective use of the New Life DVD's distributed in Asia.
For Cing Dorngh Dangc graduating from seminary with high hopes for women's ministry and translation of a Bible commentary.

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