

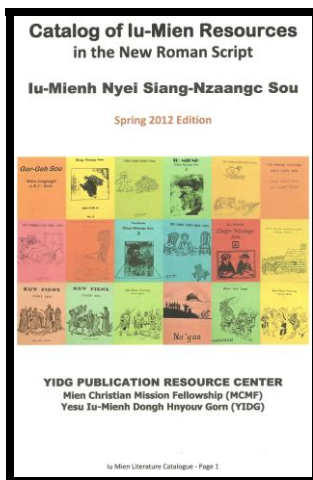
## Mien & Family News --- from C. W. Callaway, January 2013

Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,  
I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. Phil.3:13b-14

### A NEW YEAR

I've now experienced 92 new years in my life. I've seen all I want of pain, sin, and death. So I'm not longing for even 10 years more on this planet. More and more I long to "depart and be with the Lord" and to be with loved ones who have gone on to heaven. But if He sees fit to keep me around for awhile I will continue to rejoice and be glad in Him.

### A NEW CATALOG



You can find this catalog at:  
<http://www.yidg.org/>  
Click "Mien Resources...-New!"

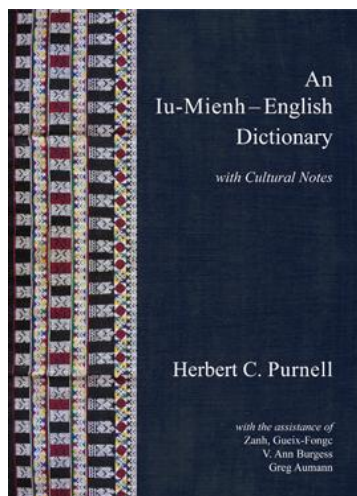
### A NEW MINISTRY

Mien Christian Mission Fellowship leaders for several years have gone to conduct training programs in Asia. Some attendants have come from a closely related ethnic group called the Kim Mun or Lantien. They call themselves Canh Zeiv Mienh.

Now MCMF is assisting them to translate the Bible from Mien into their language.

### A NEW DICTIONARY

Mien are rejoicing -and I with them. This long awaited book has arrived & copies are selling fast. This dictionary is a product of more than 20 years work by a team having many years of experience in linguistics and Iu Mien language and culture. Dr. Herbert C. Purnell is compiler and editor. I and Mien are already finding it invaluable. My main regret is that it was not available 62 years ago when Lois and I were making our first contacts with Mien in Thailand!



#### ***It has a beautiful hard cover***

It will be especially useful for:

- Iu Mien in North America trying to preserve their language
- Younger Iu Mien wanting to improve their language proficiency and understand how their parents and grandparents lived when in Asian highland villages.
- Language learners, Scholars

**Available from The Center for Lao Studies (San Francisco, CA) [www.laostudies.org](http://www.laostudies.org) and Silkworm Books (Chiangmai)**

### A NEW VISION

For the past 2 or 3 years the 4 member Mien Bible Recording Team in US has been struggling to learn the latest innovations in digital recording technologies and the best methods for obtaining good quality recordings. But due to full schedules of the volunteer staff and many obstacles progress has been all too slow in the recording of the whole Bible published in 2007. Now we are all excited over a new vision.



#### **The Talking Bible**

In the 1990's Audio Scriptures Intl. and a Christian technologist helped a team of Mien record the New Testament. But now our goal has been to re-do it and to add the Old Testament. Audio Scriptures now has a new name-Talking Bibles-and current president, Mark Hoekstra has helped us in many ways including leading a training program. Now a dear brother has challenged us to engage a Mien team in Thailand (where daily wages are much lower) to work full time and to complete the task much faster. PLEASE PRAY WITH US AS DETAILS ARE WORKED OUT!

## LAST YEAR 2012

### A SUMMARY

**JAN –MARCH** – Mien Radio ministry began 18<sup>th</sup> year of broadcasting! Through it thousands of Mien and Kim Mun have come to Christ, many church planters are being trained each year. 100 radios were donated in 2011. Many US Mien ministered in Asian villages & assisted in camps.

### APRIL

My only sister died in Texas. My own insomnia & respiratory problems were increasing. With Jeni, John & Nathan's help I disposed of much of the clutter in my bedroom & put in a new carpet. Am feeling better now!

### MAY

My brother Max died. Now out of 7 siblings and their spouses only my youngest brother & I and 2 sisters-in-law survive. Lelan and Cinda visited 5-days and helped with computer & other problems. I went with them to the wedding of a grandson & then on to their home & family in Texas. It was good too to see supporters there.

**JUNE** On Wed. June 13<sup>th</sup> I had laser surgery to reduce the prostate gland.

### JULY

Annual Mien youth camp was held at Mt. Hope. For youth news see: <http://www.mcya.net/>  
Numerous Mien & co-workers ministered to Mien & others in China.

### AUGUST

For Mien family camp visit: [http://www.yidg.org/national\\_ministries/family\\_camp.html](http://www.yidg.org/national_ministries/family_camp.html)

Soon after co-worker Andrew Lai returned from the July China trip his wife, Liza, was diagnosed with cancer. Many have been praying & her condition has improved.

### SEPT – NOV.

I tried to hold down the fort and prepare for the big December.

### DECEMBER *What Blessings!*

Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> met with Allan McGuirl of Galcom ministries. He challenged Bible Recording team with new vision for speedier completion!  
Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>- John & I attended launch of the new dictionary. Dr. Purnell presented the obstacles overcome & the many good features of the completed book.  
Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>- John & I attended large Mien Christmas celebration in Sacramento. Sold dictionaries. At least 35-40 US Mien ministered in Laos & Thailand. Shared in women's conference, couples' retreat, training program, Christmas programs, and in many villages.

Joyce & Nick came from Oregon for an early Christmas. Then I enjoyed another Christmas with Jeni & John & their family here.

### NEW! RADIO WEB SITE

This site is in English:  
<http://www.iuimienradio.net/>  
The older site in Mien is  
<http://www.mienradio.com/>

### PRAISE GOD

For the the improved health of my 2 daughters, 2 of my sons, 1 daughter-in-law, 1 grandson, 1 great granddaughter & myself – all of whom had difficult health problems in 2012.

For the many new listeners in Laos, Thailand, & USA to Mien broadcasts & for the faithful radio staff!

For the New Mien dictionary.

For the new vision for Mien Bible recording.

For many new souls won through those ministering in Asia in 2012!

### PLEASE PRAY

..For new young adult MCYA board  
For other youth activities ahead.  
..For Ricky Chao serving in Laos.  
For Mey Ho Saephan in Thailand.  
For Bible translation in Canh Zeiv Mien (Lantien/Kim Mun).  
For the selection & training of readers and technicians for Bible recording in Thailand & for faster progress in U.S. as well.  
For all serving abroad where violence, moral depravity, and money woes all on the increase.  
For protection against all satanic attacks.  
For a world-wide revival.  
Yes. Come Lord Jesus!



ALL FOR JESUS !

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