

Mien & Family News --- from C. W. Callaway, May 2014

“...Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can take new courage, for we can hold on to his promise with confidence. This confidence is like a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls. It leads us through the curtain of heaven into God’s inner sanctuary. Jesus has already gone in there for us...” Heb. 6:18b-20a NLT 1996

My dear family and friends,



Nick and Joyce - Christmas 2008

NICK IS WITH JESUS

I want to thank all of you who were praying over the past several months for my son-in-law Nick Nicholson. He went home to the Lord very peacefully on April 1st. Nick had severe back pain for much of 2013. No therapy plans were working. On Christmas day Joyce (my oldest daughter) drove from their home in Medford, OR up to Portland with Nick lying on a mat on the floor of the van. That night an MRI at the Veterans’ hospital revealed several tumors up his back. In the following weeks two large tumors and an infected kidney were removed and he had 15 days of radiation. We were hopeful for his recovery. But he developed internal bleeding. He was given 13 pints of blood intravenously over 4 days. But when no cure for the bleeding could be found it became necessary for him to enter hospice care on February 26th. The next day I asked him on Skype how he was. “Oh, I’m tired Daddy and want to go see Jesus.” He lingered on for just over a month eating little and steadily growing weaker until he did get to go home to Jesus. He is now free of pain and young again but he will be sadly missed by all of us who knew and loved him.



BEYOND THE VEIL

This sculpture beautifully portrays the thought expressed in the scripture from Hebrews above.

Notice how the old woman is gazing back at the life that she is leaving...then passes through the veil of death into the open arms of the Savior.

The "Come Unto Me" bronze sculpture took more than a year to make its first appearance. Unveiled in 2000, the original life-sized bronze monument stands in the grand foyer of the Spilsbury Mortuary in St. George Utah.

It has become a scenic attraction, in addition to a comfort to count-less families at a most tender time of their lives. It portrays the spiritual journey from mortality to immortality: an aged woman's body, returning to its prime, and back to the arms of our Savior.

Death is not the end. We all have an eternal destiny, as "Come Unto Me" portrays.

This scene and explanation has been a comfort to me as I reflect upon Nick's departure. I hope it will comfort and challenge you as you ask yourself, "Am I also safe in the arms of Jesus?"



NEW GIRLS' DORM

More than 40 years ago Hmong parents came to ask us and our fellow missionaries for a place for their children to stay so they could attend school in Chiang-kham. They cleaned out an old granary then 3 Hmong boys and one Mien stayed there at the beginning. That Mien boy is now Seattle Mien pastor Prasarn Saelee (Yau Fu). To begin with they provided their own food, clothing, books, and school fees. What a difference 40 years has made! Please open and watch the 13 min. video of the many Hmong and Mien students in that dorm today.

Find it here:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=gvqt9AXh7g

The video shows the several current buildings and the new 2-story girls' dorm nearing completion. It is funded by a generous donor in memory of his wife & is shown above. Students are shown in many activities. Students are still mostly Hmong and Mien –about 60 girls & 20 boys this year! Most have come to the Lord and many are in Christian service.

For more information contact my daughter, Jeni Goddard at: mailat02-accm@yahoo.com

My Stories (Memoirs)

My autobiography of my family from my birth in 1920 in Texas to our 1946 departure to England is now online at www.mohteacher.org Chapters for the years after that will be added as the Lord allows.

Chronological Bible Stories

45 of the most basic Bible Stories have been prepared in both the Lao and Mien languages along with culturally appropriate pictures. They have been recorded in Lao and are being recorded in Mien. Mien and those of other languages are being trained to tell these stories widely. Ricky Chao who recently returned to U.S. from a 2 year internship in Laos worked with a Mien brother there on translating these to Mien.

Please pray for the wide distribution of these stories. They can be greatly used of the Lord in church planting / discipleship among those who cannot read their heart language.

Mien New Year Celebrated

Mien Friendship Church in Richmond, CA had a unique program on Feb. 1st portraying many aspects and stories from the old traditional customs.

Coming Events

24th Annual Mien Youth Camp

Will be held at Mt. Hope July 15-19. You can register online. Registration form is online at: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/5kh eeqv1le5jhn/MCYA%20Camp%20Registration%20form%20014.pdf>

21st Annual Mien Family

Camp Will be held at Lassen Pines August 8-10 (Fri. to Sun.) Children's camps and many other events are being planned for the summer months by individual Mien churches.

Other News

A dear granddaughter, **Rhonda Corder**, passed very unexpectedly through the veil in January. She was only 51 years old. We who knew and loved her miss her very deeply.

Her daughter, Sarah Corder, was able to return to Virginia after her mother's memorial service and complete her Bachelor's Degree at Liberty University with Summa Cum Laude honors. We are proud of Sarah's accomplishment and believe her mother would be justly proud too.

My son, David, has been studying Biblical courses online from that same university for the past 2 or 3 years.

Roberta Byers, faithful co-worker in Thailand passed through death's veil on April 17. She and husband Don served ten years among the Khmu tribe in Thailand. They then served Oregon churches and then for fifteen years served refugees from S.E. Asia in California. In 2009 Don preceded her in death. His brother Mel & wife June also served with us in Thailand. Roberta was a woman committed to faith and family. She was encouraging, gentle, and kind and everyone who met her considered her a friend. During the past 15 years, she struggled through three bouts of cancer. But in the midst of pain and suffering, she maintained a spirit of courage, faith, and love.

Mey Ho Saephan served among Mien and Thai for one year and returned to US recently. **Nai Fin Chao** served there for 2 months plus. Many other groups and individuals have gone for shorter periods. My granddaughter-in-law **Koi Lin Saeyang Goddard** went for a month with Bay area group.

PRAISE GOD

For faithful radio staff & listeners!
For good progress in SE Asia!
For the New Mien dictionary!
For my relatively good health.

PLEASE PRAY

For all involved in the Bible recording project and to overcome problems that are slowing progress.

For new young adult MCYA board
For other youth activities ahead.
For Bible translation in Canh Zeiv (Mienh Zeiv, Lantien/Kim Mun).

For CYDC & other Chiangkham work
For Panya & Tawangpa Hmong dorm.

For my own health & that of my kids-
Son David may need by-pass surgery?

For all serving abroad where violence, moral depravity, and money woes are all increasing.
For protection against all satanic attacks.

For a world-wide revival – so vitally needed in our lost culture!

Join Mien prayer Initiative



at: www.PrayForTheMien.com

All for Jesus,

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