

**“This world is not my home
I'm just a passing through
My treasures are laid up
somewhere beyond the blue
The angels beckon me from
heaven's open door
And I can't feel at home in
this world anymore”**

How we did love to belt out that old favorite song when I was a young student preacher at Cache, Oklahoma Christian Church in the early 1940's! Now that I am in my twilight years I'm reflecting often on those of my close friends and family who have now gone through that “open door” ahead of me.

Mel Byers (below) was one of those friends. He was also a valuable partner in mission for a short time in China and then from 1952 to 1969 in Thailand. His passing last month has reminded me again of the brevity of our life here which even at its longest is but “a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.”
James 4:14b NIV



8/19/1924 – 11/16/2016

Of the 12 missionaries of our fellowship who arrived in Thailand in the 1950's only 4 or 5 of us are still living.

And of the 6 missionaries who worked mainly among the Mien and who arrived in that decade only Helen Cox and I are still living. Most of those who have died were younger than me.

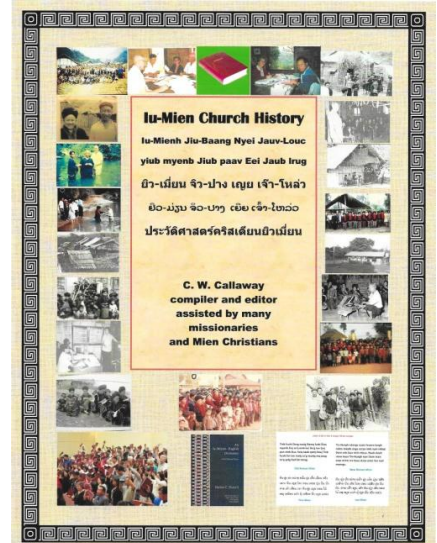
I often envy those who have been promoted to heaven ahead of me. I don't know why I'm still having to hang around here. Maybe the Lord has something more He wants to teach me - and I always was a slow learner. But since I am still here at 96 I feel more and more the pressure to buy up the time and use it for my Lord.

I wonder if the Lord has given me these extra years to see the finish of the 3 main projects I'm now giving urgent priority to. The front covers of each are in the right column.

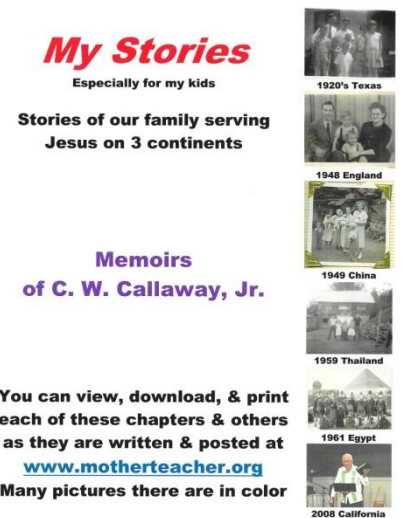
The first portion of the “lu-Mien Church History” is soon to be posted on YIDG / MCMF web site
<http://www.yidg.org/>

“My Stories” through chapter 6 is posted on my own site “ www.mothersite.org”

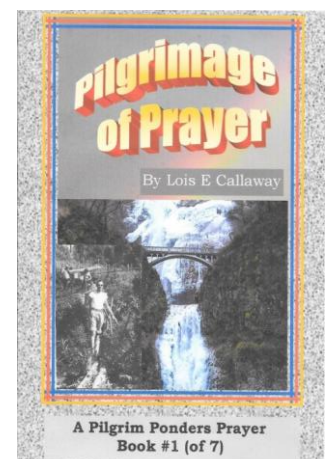
I am also helping my kids to finish editing studies on prayer which Lois wrote long ago. All 7 booklets will also be on www.mothersite.org



**“lu-Mien Church History”
Front cover**



Front cover of My Memoirs



Book 1 of 7 on Prayer



My daughter Joyce Nicholson visited me on 10/26/16 enroute to International Students Conf. - one of her main fields of service



On Nov. 20th Joyce's son Enoch with his wife Elizabeth & 7-month daughter Savannah paid a visit to her great grandfather Callaway



Savannah finally got courageous and let me hold her – and she even gave me a pretty smile! She's my 17th great grandchild.

MIEN PRAYER SITE



Have you joined for a brief daily prayer item? Go to www.PrayForTheMien.com

Latest News

Jesus said, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Mien Christians are doing that in a real sense. Their closest neighbors in Laos, Vietnam, and China at times have been the Kim Mun (also called Mun, Lantien, San Chi, or Canh Zeiv Mienh). They are the closest relatives in language and culture to the Mien and many understand Mien.

Several Kim Mun have attended and graduated from the church planters' training in Vietnam and are actively serving & translating Scriptures from Mien into their own language. The Mien have happily given up their 2 time slots each Saturday for radio broadcasts in Mun

Sept. 5th was the 20th year since Lois died. I and my kids lovingly remember her and the rich legacy she left us all.

I had a nice visit from Nai Dorn & family from Bangkok. They and many other Mien and Missionaries are helping work on the Mien Christian History book.

If those of you receiving my letters by PO don't mind to send your e-mail addresses it will save time and funds for me



With my love and prayers, CW



And may your Christmas be a blessed time for you and an honor to our Savior

MIEN AUDIO NEW TESTAMENT
<http://www.talkingbibles.net/files/0055/NT/NT.html>

COMING EVENTS 2017

Jan. - Mien Young Adult Retreat "Alive" <http://mcyva.org/alive2016/>

Sept. Women's retreat in Calif. at Woodleaf.

PRAISE GOD

For continued progress among Mien in U.S. & abroad.

For my relatively good health & that of my kids.

PLEASE PRAY

For the continuing distribution of the "Mission Chips" and the "God & Man" book & CD.

For all involved in the Bible recording project

For guidance in continued challenges for radio ministry.

For Bible translation in Canh Zeiv (Kim Mun / Lantien).

For CYDC in Chiangkham

For all serving abroad where violence, moral depravity, and money woes are all increasing.

For a world-wide revival – so vitally needed in our lost culture!
For protection against all satanic attacks.

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