

Many things have happened since our last prayer letter concerning the Hmong refugees. As those of you who receive our e-mail updates already know, a church has been started in Huay Nam Khao village in North Central Thailand.

In our last Newsletter, Bro. Jeff Lange, a few other men, and I had made a trip up-country looking for the refugee camp that we had read about in the local newspaper. We were able to find the camp and we started making regular trips taking Bibles, songbooks, tracts, and other printed materials, many of which we printed here in Thailand. A handful of Hmong men asked about learning the Bible, so Bro. Lange started teaching some of the men who spoke Thai. The refugees are in danger of being moved back to Laos any day and due to the urgency, Jeff and Theresa basically moved up to the village. They have spent the majority of their time there over the past months, with us making trips in and out, and dealing with things that could only be done from Bangkok.

Two Hmong pastors from the USA came for two weeks to interpret and preach and also an American missionary who focuses his attention on Laos is laboring alongside the Langes at present. *(Name withheld due to the communist government in Laos)*

After just a few months of intense Bible teaching, and evangelism including



Christmas Service, Nam Khao Baptist Church

film and literature, a church was established under the authority of Bro. Lange's home church, Fargo Baptist Church, Fargo, North Dakota. At present there have been just over 150 people baptized and are now members! All this has happened since the last letter we sent in September.

We were privileged to spend Christmas Day in the camp with the new church. This is their first Christmas celebration and they had a big day planned. Around 800 people showed up to hear the Gospel preached to them in their language. The refugee population is around 6,000.



More of the crowd, Nam Khao Baptist Church

Another focus for the Hmong refugees has been the newly formed relief organization **RLI** (*Relief Logistics International*). This was started by Metropolitan Baptist Church and God has greatly used this to help with the temporal needs of the Hmong people. Others started giving and to date, over **104 TONS** of rice as well as other food items have been purchased for the Hmong refugees! Of course, beyond the compassion for the physical needs of these people was how this might help get the Gospel to these people.

The question is, "Does this approach work?" It certainly did in this case! Taking care of humanitarian needs has shown them that we care about their plight and has contributed greatly in paving the way for ministry. The refugees express gratitude and it has endeared us to them. This has not produced "rice Christians." Everyone in the



Susie Domangue cutting
Hmong John/Romans

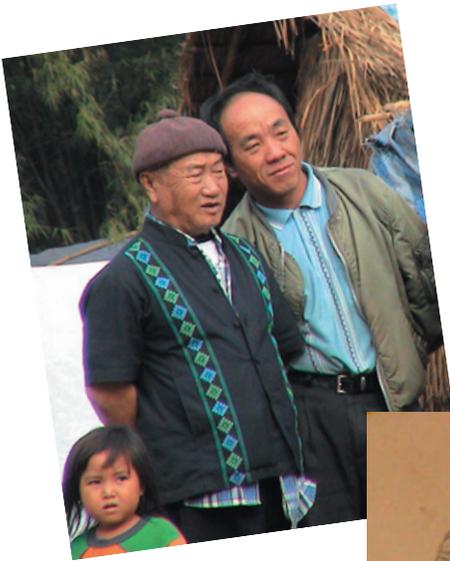
refugee camp gets food that is shipped in. The members of the newly formed church have not been singled out for special treatment. The results speak for themselves.

By the time you read this, another container full of literature will be on the ground here in Thailand. Nearly 40,000# of Thai, Cambodian and other language materials have been provided by printing ministries in the USA. A church in Australia provided the funds for a paper cutter for us to use here in Bangkok and a church in Singapore bought a portable gasoline-powered generator to use in evangelism with the Hmong. God is faithful to provide what is needed and He uses His people to do it!

If you are not already receiving our e-mail updates and wish to keep up with more of what happens, please send me an e-mail at the following address and I will add you to the list. This method of communicating is great for missions as you get up to date information and prayer requests. It surely helps us.

Thank you for your faithfulness to the Gaudet family this past year. We are indebted to each one of you. We are keenly aware of the sacrifice of many as you give so we can go.

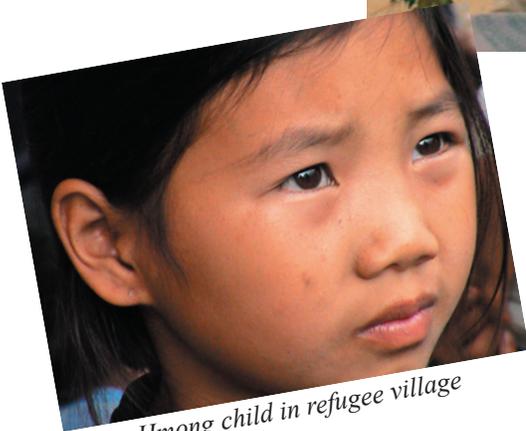
For Souls Still Waiting,
Tom and Krinny Gaudet



Ladies working in the Printshop



Christmas Service



Hmong child in refugee village



*Dinner in one of the homes
Huay Nam Khao Village*



*Art and Doris Davison,
co-workers from Metropolitan
Baptist Church*



*Christmas photo with co-workers.
(The ones in the red caps!!)*

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