

2020 Year-End Update

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Dear friends and supporters of Asian Mission for Christ,

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Enclosed you will find updates on the various aspects of our ministry, including a letter from Ahpu on his and the other native missionaries' work, and an update on the Children's Home. Year-end giving receipts are also included for tax filing purposes. We are all so grateful for your continued support of the important work being done through AMC!

2020 was a year of challenge for AMC, as it has been for many due to COVID-19. Large gatherings amongst our fellow Christians in Asia were similarly limited as they were in the U.S.

Despite our leadership team not being able to visit churches in person and be as "hands-on" as we have in the past couple years, we are blessed to share that God continued to provide for AMC. In early August, we were able to send out a virtual video update through email and on our website, and in September we participated in Westerville Christian Church's virtual mission fair. We cannot thank you all enough for your continued support in this challenging past year!

Our Children's Home continues to provide full support for three children. As you will read, Ahpu's focus was on Bible translation in 2020.

We want to sincerely thank you all for another year of prayer and financial support of AMC. You each play a vital role in the work being done! Please continue to pray for AMC as we venture into 2021. We are hopeful that this year will provide more opportunity to gather with church congregations and supporters. In the meantime, always know you can reach out to us via phone, letter or email! We look forward to continuing to partner with you to advance Christ's kingdom!

In Christ,

The AMC Leadership Team

Jeremiah Nguapha

(Ben & Tiffany Weller, Jeremiah & Alison Nguapha,

Jason & Jenise Potter, George & Mary Potter)

Hello,

This is the report of Ahpu, Thufusa, and native missionaries.

Some of our native missionaries were at times limited in their ability to teach and preach in their communities because of COVID. But the Bible school at Myitkyina are now having concentrated courses. It is for the final year students. They condensed two semester courses into a two-month training. They are now teaching it, and plan to finish by February 2021.

Ngwalisi is a native missionary and teaches the book of Hebrews and the subject of Hermeneutics to the Naga people at Bethany Bible Institute in Myitkyina. The Naga people are uneducated and poor but they try hard. To the right is a picture, from early in 2020, of some students Ngwalisi teaches.

Because of COVID restrictions, I have spent most of this year working on Bible translation every day. The standard Lisu Bible that many Lisu people use has many grammatical & contextual errors, some of which affect the meaning of the Bible. Because of this, as Lisu people have become more



versed in theology and realized this, they have asked for an updated and correct version to be produced. The past leader of LBI who was very educated and well versed in Theology, Hebrew & Greek, Jesse Yangmi, had hoped to complete the New Testament Bible translation project but was only able to start it before he passed away in March of 2020. Very few people are theologically trained enough in Bible to do this project. It is a project that has been ongoing since August 2019, but because of COVID restrictions and LBI having enough other teachers, I have been able to dedicate much of 2020 to translation. It is very hard, tedious and tiresome work. I am translating based on the original Hebrew and Greek, and using some English versions for comparison. I am now on the book of Jeremiah. I still have one big book, that is Ezekiel. The other books are smaller. I plan to finish both Old Testament and New Testament by the end of this year, if the Lord wills. If not in early 2022. My brother Ahpi is skilled in technology. He is helping with the formatting of this Bible outside of his everyday job. Keep us in your prayer.

LBI has 7 students. All of the teachers and students are doing fine. Thufasa continues to teach and help maintain the school grounds. This school year will end in March.

All of our family is doing well. Thank you for your continued support, may God take care of you all!

In Christ,

Ahpu Nguapha

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am sending my greetings to every one of our supporters in the precious name of our Lord Savior, Jesus Christ. We are all thankful to God for His protection during the COVID-19 pandemic, providing us our daily needs, for good health as well as the opportunity to share the Word of God in this difficult time. I am so blessed to partner with the Asian Mission for Christ leaders and all of you. We are also thankful to those who have provided generously for my ministry and my work in Thailand. We are so grateful for your generous giving and supporting every month and every year.

I want to share a testimony of what God is doing in my ministry as we serve Him faithfully. There was a woman (Ahlema Saeyang) who is 86 years old. She fell very sick so immediately we took her to Chiang Dao hospital, and she was in ICU for a week. Her situation was very bad and the doctors were saying there was nothing else they could do to heal her. Her family and the whole village were preparing for her funeral. But all the church leaders and myself prayed faithfully for her every night and finally God answered our prayers. She was healed by the power of God and the whole village praised God and worshiped Him. We were touched by the power of God and His Mercy. It was so encouraging and strengthened the whole village's spiritual life and commitment to serving God. From this situation, five people accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior. Please pray for these new Christians. My goal is to share the Word of God and light to those who dwell in the power of Satan and to save the lost souls so they may experience eternal life in Christ.

All the children have been studying very hard and are doing well in school. Arisara graduated from middle school in the spring and has now started high school. Thank you for your support and contributions towards their school tuition and providing them with the opportunity and access to a great education. We have seen many fruits from their education and see them growing in their spiritual life. We also welcomed a new girl into the home earlier this year. Her name is Wipa and she is 10 years old. So far, she is thriving and doing well along with the other children. To end the year, we had a small Christmas celebration with the kids in the village and they all were very happy. It was a great Christmas and time spent with the kids.

In August we built an addition onto our home, including two new bathrooms. It was something we have wanted for some time and needed in order to, hopefully, expand our ministry and welcome more children into our home. Please pray for our orphanage ministry in Thailand. I am ready to bring more children in next year. It is on our heart to expand this ministry through God's provision.

Last October, there was a conference at the Lisu Bible Institute to elect a new committee to lead the school. There were over three hundred elders who attended from thirty-six churches. I was elected as the chairman for the school. It was so unexpected. Many church elders have put their trust in me and given me this opportunity to work for the school. It is very precious for me and an honor to serve God for the Bible school and among the Lisu Christian community in Thailand.

Currently, the COVID-19 situation is very bad again in Thailand and the government is keeping a close eye on the situation. If it continues to worsen, they are discussing another lockdown.

We are so grateful for your generosity and support. May God bless you all richly.

Sincerely Yours,

John and Warin Sanankul







Warin & Ahti welcomed a new baby boy, Chris, in September





Native missionaries baptizing individuals as they serve in Shan State





Ahpu leading a leadership training seminar, where more than 60 Lisu church leaders attended for further biblical training

