



2021 Ministry Update

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Dear friends and supporters of Asian Mission for Christ,

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We wanted to send out a brief update regarding the ministries of AMC. We apologize that it's been so long since we sent one out! Those of us that volunteer to serve with AMC have been busy this year, as many people are! Jeremiah & Alison moved in July and continue to stay busy working, being parents to their now almost 2-year-old, and serving locally. Ben & Tiffany welcomed their first child, Zion Lucas Weller, in August! Ben is also pursuing a Master's degree in Nursing. Although we haven't communicated as much as we would have liked to this year, we hope supporters always know they can reach out to us at any time via email or phone for ministry questions, or to hear an update.

Overall, work for Christ's kingdom continues! As you will read, LBI has been in session this year and Ahpu is continuing to work on Bible translation. Arisara, Wipa and Chonrada from the Children's Home have continued their school studies online, as many schools in Thailand remain closed due to covid-19.

Thank you for your ongoing support. As we shared via email or phone recently, our address has changed! We believe we were able to contact all of our supporters, but as a reminder or in case we missed you, please send all correspondence to: 2784 Cooper Ridge Rd. Columbus, OH 43231. We can continue to be reached by email at asianmissionforchrist@gmail.com or by phone at 419-606-8494. We look forward to continuing to partner with you to advance Christ's kingdom!

In Christ,

Alison Nguapha

On behalf of the AMC Leadership Team

Thanks to you all for your faithful support and prayers for us and LBI. This school year, we began with 17 students, but presently, we have only 15 students; 12 boys and 3 girls. I am teaching one course in this semester, because of the lack of teachers. But now we have five teachers. If I have to teach, I will teach one course per semester, because I have to work on Bible translation until it is complete. All the students and teachers are doing well. We do not allow students to go out from the campus, due to covid 19. LBI students like to play soccer every day outside.

Because of the lack of rain, we did not grow the whole rice field. We only grow rice half of the rice field, and the other half we grow corn. The rice is good, but the corn seems not good. We plan to sell the corn and buy rice for the students.

The second floor of the boys dorm was almost burned, due to something with the electricity wiring system going wrong. All the wires, all the lights, and all the plugs went wrong. We had to spend \$700 to fix it. Five electricians came and spent 2 whole days to fix it. We also fixed the lights in the kitchen and the girls dorm.

At the beginning of the school year, we had to fix the toilets in the boys dorm, the girls dorm and the office building. We still need to fix the roof of the kitchen and the office building because they are leaking. Please, keep us in your prayers. This semester will end at the end of October, and the second semester will begin in the second week of November.

The Bible translation project is going well. I am done with the Old Testament, because of the Lord's help. I am now working on the New Testament and am in the book of Matthew. I hope to finish it by June, 2022. It takes a lot of time and effort and I work on it every day. Thufusa and others are helping me in proof reading. Please, keep us in your regular prayer. We are able to serve the Lord because of your financial and prayer support.

All my family members are doing fine. The Lord has protected us from all the danger and sickness, because of your prayers. We keep you in our prayers. May the Lord be with you all, and bless you all.

In His Service,

Ahpu Nguapha and family

I am sending my greetings to everyone who had been giving and supporting for our Children's Ministry in Doisaket. I am very grateful for your willingness and participation. I am proud of all of you that you all have been making amazing things happen and providing much blessings among orphans. In this semester, we are facing many difficult things about working with our Children's Ministry in Thailand and I have had to postpone our Ministry for awhile until the covid 19 situation is better. Most of students do not dare to go study at school and they are studying online. The grandparents and families of Chonrada, Wipa & Arisara did not send the girls back to school because of how bad the covid situation is in the city. The grandparents requested that the kids stay at their own home, in the village away from the city, and they wanted to have the girls study online from home. I had the opportunity to discuss this with Ahpu, and he also agreed this would be safer for the children. So, I wanted to let everyone know about our Ministry situation and how it has changed until the covid 19 situation is better again. The schools in Thailand hope to open again in June 2022. Although the children are no longer staying at our home, we still try to visit them in the village often. Everyone is staying healthy and is well. We are hopeful that their grandparents will allow them to come back to our home again once covid is better.

My wife and I are still working as mango farmers. However, this year covid affected our economy and I had a loss of money selling mangoes. I still serve at LBI and in local villages. Recently, a family in the village accepted Christ as their Savior and Lord. The family burned their photos and idols of other gods.

Thank you again for your prayers during this challenging time.

Yours sincerely,

John ("Ahti") & Warin Sanunkul

General Financial Update & Needs

LBI monthly operational expenses are currently funded for the next school year (2021-2022). This is possible with the help of another US based organization helping to fund some of the school expenses. We hope that this partnership continues as we collectively try to get LBI fully funded at ~\$3,500/month over the next couple of years as LBI grows to full capacity.

Recently, AMC sent funds to fix restrooms (\$400) and purchase equipment to make it possible for English to be taught online (\$2,000). This will allow U.S. based volunteers to teach English to LBI students remotely. We believe that having a strong English program is one of the most effective ways to develop biblical knowledge, as it would allow students to read books written in English, as literature in the Lisu language is sparse. We also believe that this is one of the ways to help provide marketable skillsets for students to help support themselves wherever they may serve. We have one person who has committed and volunteered to help teach English virtually, and are actively looking for additional volunteers to help with this program. If this speaks to your heart please reach out to us.

Other immediate LBI needs that have been brought up recently include:

- Kitchen & office roof repairs and labor \$500
- New dining room and class room tables \$300
- 12 Ceiling fans and labor \$600
- Projector for Chapel \$700
- Keyboard for Chapel \$1,000

Other medium-term needs (within the next 1-3 years):

- Printing and distribution of 20,000 Bibles - \$3 per Bible for a total of \$60,000 (about \$10,000 of funding from a local donor has been committed to this project)
- Studio for recording online classes & programs...a lasting way for Lisu preachers and teachers to share the Gospel near and far! - \$15,000 to \$30,000

Ahti & Warin, our Children's Home parents, have repeatedly shared over the years that they desire to care for more children in need, if financial support allows. About \$100/month is the cost of providing basic care for each child. AMC supports 3 children and would like to be able to support at least 2 more by the end of 2022!

Please prayerfully consider if you or your church can help fill any of these financial needs! Your current support is greatly appreciated.



To left: 2021 LBI students, staff and teachers
Below: students & staff enjoying a meal together



Electrician working on lighting updates



Chonrada, Arisara & Wipa riding on a motorcycle to school, earlier this year



Ahti working on his mango farm



Ahti leading a time of worship amongst friends