

THE LAHU VILLAGE MAE PUN LUANG WHERE THE LLW LEARNING CENTER IS BEING BUILT

¹For Therefore, since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every hindrance and the sin that so easily ensnares us. Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us, ² keeping our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. For the joy that lay before him, he endured the cross, despising the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
³ For consider him who endured such hostility from sinners against himself, so that you won't grow weary and give up. ... ³⁵ So don't throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. ³⁶ For you need endurance, so that after you have done God's will, you may receive what was promised. Hebrews 12:1-3; 10:35-36

Dear family & friends -

Greetings once again from the jungles (sort of) of Thailand. Hot season is upon us now and we look forward to the clouds and the rain to cool things down again. We continue to press on with the race the Lord has put before us, always in need of His strength to give us the endurance we need to move forward. The promised joys that He has in store for us fill us with daily hope and give us power to carry on. Your prayers on our behalf help us to keep our eyes on Jesus who provides for our every need.

We are grateful to the Lord for seeing us through the beginning of another year filled with surprises, challenges, and opportunities to see the Lord at work. Carol and the kids are back in school in-person and enjoying the interaction with other students and friends. Rob is busy with food deliveries to refugees along the Myanmar border, revising the training materials for the BLT program, and making plans for our home assignment this summer – yes it's that time again to return to our home country and visit with as many of you as we can, sharing what great things the Lord has done in us and through us to advance His kingdom in Thailand.

This summer visit is extra special as my friend and co-worker Joshua Chan will join us in Arizona and travel through Colorado with us. This will be Joshua's first visit to the USA and I promised him a day of trout fishing in the Rockys! I have been working alongside Joshua for the past year and a half providing some administrative support and being Joshua's traveling buddy for most of his outings to northern Thailand. From Denver he will fly to Houston to visit New Life Church, then on to Sterling, VA to visit with OTAN (Outreach To Asian Nationals) and the Reston Bible Church. His last stop will be to the Charlotte, NC area to visit long-time friends Stephen & Rhoda Keefer, as well as the Lahu Baptist church nearby. *Pray for a safe, refreshing, and fruitful summer for Joshua Chan and the Lahu Living Word ministry.*



Joshua & I preparing to go fishing with friends at SawBaa



Joshua & I taking the short-cut on motorcycles from MaeHawngSawn

Below is our tentative schedule of the main cities we will be near and the timeframe. We have free time in our schedule for opportunities to connect with some of you. *Please contact us if you would like to visit while we are in your area, maybe out for some coffee or sharing a meal together. We would love to see as many of you as possible.*

June 2-15
June 16-18
June 19-28
June 29-July 4
July 5-8
July 9-13
July 14-18
July 19-25
July 26-August 1



We give thanks to the Lord for your partnership with us to advance the Kingdom of God in this part of the world. We continue to partner with the leaders of many churches in northern Thailand to encourage them to proclaim the whole gospel **so that** the grace and peace of Christ would overflow to their people and Jesus would be praised all the more. The Lord has sustained us these last 4 years, and we trust Him for the years ahead, that we would bear much fruit and bring Him much praise.

Until all nations sing His praise,

Rob & Carol Rugloski James & Hannah Serving with Lahu Living Word

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*** For those of you who would like to join our ministry team and help us financially, *please* visit our website <u>HERE</u>. Click the DONATE button and complete the information. *Thank you for your interest in the Lord's work in Thailand.****

Scan the QR Code to visit our webpage:



Below we have listed our previous prayer requests in regular type and the answers/updates following in italic type. After these updates we have listed our current prayer requests.

PLEASE JOIN US IN GIVING THANKS FOR

- PRAY for Rob as he seeks to complete the Gospel of the Kingdom booklet series to assist the churches in clearly communicating the whole message of the gospel. Also for the Lahu Living Word (LLW) teaching team to complete the training seminars that have been postponed due to Covid19 restrictions.
 - We continue to make progress on the GOTK booklet series, using Book 1 in several study groups and working on the remaining booklets. Ajarn Joshua will meet with a group of the BLT Alumni in Chiang Rai in April to introduce the GOTK booklets as a simple evangelism tool in their villages. In May LLW has scheduled the L3C graduation in Mae Ai for 60 students – praise the Lord!
- PRAY for Carol, James and Hannah as they start in-person school in January. After spending 90% of the first semester online, everyone is ready to be back on campus, but there will be many government Covid requirements to meet as well as limitations on sports, social events, etc. Some students will still be working online off and on for various reasons, and Carol will need to adapt her teaching methods to accommodate them.
 - Carol, James and Hannah will continue in-person school for the rest of the year. Some students will still be working online off and on for various reasons, and Carol will need to adapt her teaching methods to accommodate them.
- PRAY that John would be confident of God's guidance as he seeks the Lord for direction in the months ahead, with many opportunities. He currently is serving as a church intern in New Braunfels, TX and working full-time as a mobile truck/equipment repairman and loving it!
 - John is making big plans for the future and is looking to the Lord to guide his steps. He will be completing his one-year internship at Life Church New Braunfels in May and is seeking the Lord to guide his steps in the months ahead. He has located a place to live in the woods west of San Marcos, Texas.
- PRAY for our other adult children in the US (Josh, Daniel, Liz and her family, Kris, & Anna) that God's grace would continue to be a growing reality in their lives, and His peace would rule in their hearts in every situation this next year.
 - We are grateful for the ongoing communications we have with our older children and encouraged by the Lord's work in each of their lives.
- PRAY that God's grace and peace would guard our hearts in Christ as we daily cast our cares on Jesus because He cares for us.
 - The Lord continues to give us a fresh glimpse of the realities that await us in the future in Christ and that our faith would continue to connect us to the proof God gives today of what is unseen, but nevertheless real in the Kingdom of God.

PLEASE DRAW NEAR TO THE THRONE OF GRACE ON OUR BEHALF FOR

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*** If the Lord has blessed you this year with extra resources, please pray and ask the Lord if He would have you invest in one of these projects to encourage these faithful servants in Thailand.

- *** LLW Children's Resources Translation Project Click TRANSLATION PROJECT
- *** LLW Evangelist Homestay Project Click EVANGELIST HOMESTAY PROJECT
- *** LLW Pig Farm Project Click PASTOR FARM PROJECT
- *** LLW Truck Replacement Project Click TRUCK PROJECT
- *** LLW Clean Water System Project Click <u>CLEAN WATER PROJECT</u>
- *** LLW Marriage & Family Seminars Click MARRIAGE & FAMILY SEMINAR

>>> Please enjoy some recent pics of our life and ministry in Thailand on the next few pages. <<<



We were invited to the Christmas celebration at the village of Mai Sang Naam - a major production for this little village.



Bamboo is used for cooking and eating in 100+ different ways



Fresh fish is prepared for the feast



They prepared the fatted pig for the open fire roasting - much fun!



Many games are played during the day with the children - and adults!



Big stage is built for the event and used for presentations, singing and skits from 7 pm - 11pm +



The fire masters go to work cooking everything on the open fire



During our Christmas break, we took a motorbike ride up north to Chiang Dao mountains, one of our favorite destinations. The Lord blessed us with a perfect day for riding and hiking.



Hannah enjoying many gifts and special treats



Opening gifts on Christmas morning - in the cool 60's!



On Christmas day we were able to do a video call with the whole gang - on 2 different continents, 4 different states and 12 different time zones!! Great to see everyone and chat some.



Ajarn Goi and Rob stopped by a waterfall after delivering food and cooking supplies to a nearby village. This waterfall has become Rob's favorite in all of Thailand - spectacular!!



Hannah by the tree with the bunny she bought for her good friend.



Hannah was able to pet sit Latte Nov 2021 - Feb 2022 - much fun.



Rob was able to preach at Ajarn Goi's church the day after Christmas, celebrating with Goi's family after the service.



For Hannah's 13th birthday party she invited "the gang" over for a feast and games



For lunch we had a special meal at Burger Kingwith crowns and all



Jaraan telling one of his stories at lunchtime during literacy training.



Joshua and Samollay began the Lahu literacy training that had been delayed for over one year due to Covid19. Rob led Bible studies.



At literacy training, we all went fishing one afternoon, Lahu style with hoe and buckets!



We received a bonus gift box from Kris in January and we celebrated part of Christmas again.



We heard from Pastor Simon and Supoj about refugees coming from Myanmar. We raised over \$2,000 in 2 days and delivered food



Pastor Simon also provides a home for 15 refugee children so they can go to school



Pastor Simon and his wife buying about 1 ton of rice to deliver to refugee camps



Ajarn Joshua, Supoj and Rob on our way back from Mae Hong Son and the refugee camps



Young boys in the refugee camps delivering food to different families



Joshua and Supoj were able to visit the camps and share from the Bible encouragement and hope. As a foreigner, Rob was not allowed in the camp.