Summer's Happenings and Expanding the Work

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This has been quite a busy summer, hence the lack of update emails. Some of the happenings have been quite time-consuming, and, not all are completely resolved as you will see. God has a plan, and we are excitedly watching for what He will do.
During the first part of the summer, on weekends, the All-Asia Studio staff were busy visiting villages for on-site video shoots. This is a new goal for the All-Asia Studio, and is pretty exciting in many ways. Going to the villages has many advantages. For one thing, the pastors are already going to be there to speak to their churches, so we don’t have to arrange anything extra other than showing up to shoot footage. Plus, the church members are already there too, which allows us to record lots of their testimonies about how they came to know Jesus Christ or what He is doing in their lives!

We have gone to two Hmong villages. The first had a large, concrete church building, which was full of people. And the Sabbath School had lots of kids. The other village, more remote than the first, was a small wooden church building, with a dirt floor. We also went to an Akha village, which had a small, concrete building.

Each weekend, we got up early, drove over the bumpy, windy roads in the mountains. Reaching the village, our hosts graciously gave us breakfast, with traditional foods from their cultures. Then we went on to the church, and the All-Asia Studio team would set up the cameras to record the church service.

At the time of the church service, the pastor would announce that anyone who would like to share their testimonies could come after lunch. Then we had lunch that church members prepared and enjoyed with us, and then the people came for testimony time. It was wonderful seeing the people’s eagerness to share what Jesus has done for them, and we
look forward to a great impact when the videos of these testimonies are ready for them to distribute!

Speaking of distributing, we also took DVD's and CD's that have already been developed to these churches. You might think in a remote village the people would not have the ability to play these DVD's and CD's, but many of these villagers have CD or DVD players, and we have even seen satellite dishes on their simple wooden buildings.

In some of the churches, the church members took samples to distribute later, but for one village, after testimony time, they organized a walk around the village, handing out the materials right away! It was such a blessing to see the smiles of the villagers as they received the materials.

The next step after recording the videos is editing the videos. The DVD's we have already edited and completed are 15 sermons in Hmong, 4 sermon series & 3 health series in Thai, and 2 sermons in Karen.

Other tasks are also getting accomplished...you know, the "little" things that count so much. Some of those "small" but important items are the new logo (in video animation form too), intro/out-take music, working guidelines/policies, and soon-to-be-finished credit rolls (in 5 languages). The All-Asia website is getting updated as well, and will be a tool for people to access the sermons and other materials that have been already created. For example, the plan is that soon two Thai language devotional books will be on the website for Thai readers to access. If you have a moment, you are invited to take a look at the new website: www.allasiastudio.com.

**Expanding the Work**
When the studio was built in 2008, Jesus For Asia (JFA) had a vision for it to be a center for broadcasting the gospel in Thailand as well as the 10/40 window. And now that vision has taken an unexpected and exciting turn!

JFA and EOF (Education Opportunity Foundation) worked together to develop the first studio—building the facility and establishing a team. Now we are in the process of developing a second studio in Thailand!

The original studio building is now going to be known as "Hope For Thailand", which is EOF's new name for the studio. They are working on getting together their personnel/team right now. Their building is ready for production, complete with two sets, lighting and soundproofing. The team and additional editing equipment will be their main needs.

One main advantage of the development of these two studios in Thailand, is that the "Hope For Thailand Studio" would be free to broadcast directly, since they are run and operated by Thai citizens. With over 70 languages in Thailand, there is a vast need for multiple studios, all with the goal of creating videos to share the gospel, so this is an answer to prayer.

Meanwhile, the "All Asia Studio" team is continuing with production, while we wait on completion of our second studio building. One of the exciting things happening is the search for property on which to build a new studio. We have no idea where God will place the next one, and many options are open. Please pray for us to make the right choice of property, and that funding will come in for it. We are estimating that we would need around $400,000 for equipment, construction and property (we are looking at properties under $150,000).

Even before building, the All Asia Studio will have additional needs, and three Professional High
Definition Video cameras would be at the top of that list. The team has not yet officially researched which cameras would be best, so my guess is that fundraising for each camera would be anywhere from $1,500 to $5,000. Jon Wood recently was able to purchase a couple low-end cameras, so the team can continue filming. This will enable continued production of field work, while the new building work is being completed. But this does not decrease the need for cameras. All the All Asia Studio's cameras are amateur-type cameras, and they do not have professional controls needed for studio production. Also needed is dedicated personnel who share our vision.

As the "All Asia Studio" team continues with production, it has become increasingly evident that there is a large need for Christian programs. As we sense the urgency of the times we live in, we realize that there are a vast amount of programs which need to be broadcast. Christ is coming quickly, and there is much to do, to prepare a people for that glorious day.

Thank-you so much for your continued prayers and support in our ministry. And thank-you to all who have been regular financial supporters. As volunteers, we are still needing more donors to volunteer to support our daily needs (such as food, rent, and electric bills) and/or mission needs (such as computer hard-drives to store the Gospel videos being produced). Our budget is $1,600/month, but we are not yet receiving that in donations. On average we receive around $750/month. If you would like to donate to us, you can visit our Bair Family Missions website.

We invite you to support EOF in developing the "Hope For Thailand" studio, as well as JFA in the developing of their brand new "All Asia Studio" building. If you would like to support the EOF's Hope For Thailand Studio, please visit the EOF website for their contact info here. If you want to donate to the building fund, help us buy professional cameras, or contribute to the financial support of others in our team, you can visit the new All Asia Studio website and click on the donate tab near the top. If you are not in the position to give financially, please feel free to send us a note that you are praying for us! We appreciate it! God bless you all!
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