Will You Be in Heaven Should You Die Today?

This past month our family hosted a training to instruct the Hmong pastors and evangelists on how to teach what they had learned. In addition to the training, we also took them to visit and do outreach at two different Hmong villages in Thailand. Here is a link to a short video of our outreach efforts at the Hmong villages: https://vimeo.com/365423460. It was a blessing to have them share their faith in Christ with the villagers.

A member at one of our mission churches recently died, and we also went to help with the funeral services. Because the funeral was three-days long with two sermons per day, the family invited some non-Lutheran Pastors to preach at the funeral services. What we heard from their preaching provided no assurance that the deceased person is in heaven. The preachers kept saying, "If Mr. Chang really believed in Jesus Christ, then he will be in heaven." On the morning of the last day of the funeral, it was Fung's turn to preach. In his sermon, Fung said, "Mr. Chang was baptized into Christ when the Holy Spirit brought him to faith years ago. During Mr. Chang's period of illness, we went and prayed for him often. He never once got angry with God or denounced Jesus as his Lord and Savior. It was not the extent of Mr. Chang's faith that saved him, but it was the extent of God's love that saved Mr. Chang. It was not "if" Mr. Chang really believed in Christ, but it was that Christ really died for Mr. Chang's sins. Mr. Chang was baptized and he was a child of God. Nothing can separate Mr. Chang from the love of God. Therefore, Mr. Chang's spirit is now in heaven with the Lord, even though his body will be placed in the ground to go back to be dust again." We pray that this Gospel message

gave comfort and assurance to Mr. Chang's family members that their father is in heaven with the Lord.

Many Hmong Christians and pastors in Southeast Asia are not even sure if they were to die today, whether or not they would be in heaven. This is why our Lutheran doctrine and confessions are needed in Southeast Asia. Furthermore, it is why our family is needed to be here to share our powerful and pure doctrine and confessions to the people. Please continue to keep our family in your prayers as we continue to be in need of your prayers and financial support.



Prayer Requests:

- 1. For continuing financial support for our family to continue to serve the Lord in Southeast Asia.
- 2. For our outreach plan of sending two evangelists to Long Cheng, Laos.
- 3. For our outreach plan of sending one local evangelist to be stationed in Hanoi, Vietnam.
- 4. For our visa documents to come soon.

