

What Did You Wish For This New Year of 2020?

During the month of December we were busy with service projects, moving, and celebrating Jesus' birthday. We had three individuals that came to serve with us by teaching English at one of our Hmong villages near Chiang Mai. Two volunteers were from Michigan and the other person was from Minnesota. They used Christmas songs to teach English in the classroom at the public school. It was a joy to see and hear the students sing many of the children's Christmas songs on the last day of classes before our volunteers ended their services. *Click here for a short video*: https://vimeo.com/383494432

At our children center we had a gathering with the parents and staff for a big Christmas celebration. Individually, the children had to do performances with their parents and say words of appreciation to them. One of the girls named Maerim, who is nine years old, said this to her parents,

Maerim

whom weren't there, "I miss my mom and my dad. For this new year, I wish that my parents would believe in Jesus as I do." Maerim's father is in jail and her mother remarried. Her stepfather doesn't want her. Therefore, she was left with her mother's sister. As much as her aunt loved her, Maerim did not have much food to eat and clothes to wear. When our family learned of her situation, we asked her aunt to place her at our children center. Our family paid for her expenses to stay at the Center and attend school. Sometimes her mother would help out with her snacks at school. Hearing

Maerim said her wish was for her parents to believe in Jesus was a joyful noise to our ears and hearts. We join her in wishing that the Holy Spirit will work faith in the hearts of her parents and bring them to faith in Christ according to His own time. Also, our wishes are for you and your family to be strengthened in faith and filled with love toward others in this new year of 2020. May you continue to partner with us to impact people like Maerim and her parents for eternity. Your missionaries: Fung, Kalia, and Mercy.

Baptism Celebration!

Working through our Hmong pastors in Laos and Vietnam, in December we had **36 baptisms**. Please join us as we rejoice with the angels in heaven in their joy for the grace and mercy that the Lord has granted to these repented sinners. "In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents" (Luke 15:10).

Prayer Requests:

- 1. Financial support for our family to continue to serve the Lord in Southeast Asia.
- 2. Our outreach plans of sending two evangelists to Long Cheng, Laos, and one local evangelist to be stationed in Hanoi, Vietnam.
- 4. For our new house in Chiang Mai. We are relocating back to the city for a cheaper rent.
- 5. For the health of our Hmong Pastors and their families.
- 6. For new outreach opportunities and safe travels.

