

# ZEEKISMS



## OVERCOMING CHALLENGES!

Our Project 316 ministry team deals with many obstacles both physical and spiritual. On a recent trip to Southeast Asia, I (Mike) witnessed this first hand. I travelled to new villages and distributed more Project 316 audio players for the Hmong believers who deeply appreciate them.

High in the mountains of Southeast Asia, there are Hmong villages hidden in the jungle. Villages regularly experience drought during the dry season and massive flooding and landslides during the monsoon season. Some villages may have a small reservoir but most don't. During the dry season, drinking water is hard to find, and they go without bathing or properly washing dishes. But in the rainy season, whole villages can be cut off when landslides take out

the only road in or out. Hmong villages are restricted by the government and are not allowed to relocate closer to reliable sources of water like rivers. They are given a certain allotment of land and can't move. While I was traveling, I saw a boulder the size of a car falling from the mountain on to the road in front of us and crack in two pieces. Some men tried to push the smaller boulder off the road, but it was too heavy. The driver was just able to squeeze past it. Landslides also caused hours-long detours. It was quite an adventure!

One local church started in an extremely poor village just two years ago as a result of a few audio players. They don't have any money to purchase even little plastic stools or chairs (which cost less than \$3) to sit on to study



God's Word. In this area, there are restrictions to openly preach the Gospel. So the Project

316 team members casually visited the village with no known believers two years ago and handed out audio players to those who might be interested. Praise God that during my recent visit we were able to give enough players out to each one of the families.

During our travels my translator, Boua, and I were invited to teach at a mini Bible conference for the leaders of a local church. The local police are known to persecute believers from



time to time. The believers can still meet in the church building, but the local government

prohibits Gospel outreach in the village.

Attendees came intermittently so as to not bring attention to this gathering. The road to the church building passes in front of the house of the chief of police. I had to duck down in the back seat to avoid being seen. At first everything was going smoothly, but as we rounded the corner, a tractor had broken down and blocked the road right in front of this house! Fortunately, there were a few people standing around trying to push the tractor out of the way (unaware that I was in the SUV). The SUV was able to barely pass but the side view mirror

broke off. We made it past undetected. The church building was only a half-mile away. As we came up the long unpaved driveway, we were rushed into the building and immediately the doors and windows were locked. A certain number of scouts were stationed outside in case of any trouble. If there were any issues the leaders would escort us to a

secret back room and we would be told to stay there until everything was clear. The previous guest who came to teach, had to quickly run into the jungle and hide for three days because the police chased him! (He escaped without being found.) Besides this excitement, the conference continued without problems. My translator taught on leadership, and I presented a message on the 316 Prophetic Seminar Series.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- The protection of the Project 316 Ministry Team as they distribute audio players in various Hmong villages.
- All who became new believers through hearing God's Word via the audio players.
- The ability to continue delivering audio players into southeast Asia.

*God bless and maranatha,  
Mike, Sonja, Sinjin  
and Mikaela*