

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Your gift will assist us as we share the message of grace with even more Hmong people in Vietnam and the surrounding countries. Join us as we watch the Holy Spirit change earthly lives and open the door to eternal life for our Hmong brothers and sisters on the other side of the world.

God's grace has opened doors to an unprecedented mission opportunity in communist Vietnam.

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HMONG OUTREACH IN VIETNAM



"This training has changed me a lot as a pastor as well. Before the training I just preached the Law—I treated people with contempt. If I saw a member committing sin, I hated them. If they had addictions, I hated them. Now, as I look back, I see that I was a Pharisee at that time. Now, I hate that time of my life. But since I received the training from Pastor Lor and Professor Bare and the other pastors, I have learned to show compassion to the sinner. I have learned to show Christ to the sinner."

PASTOR VANG
SHAN ZHOU FU CHURCH



"I had dreamed for training for a long time. My own ability is limited—I am not an educated person. Many members would come and ask me to share the Word of God with them, but I didn't know how to do it. Since receiving training, I have grown in my confidence in what I believe and in sharing God's word. This has been a big change for me and for the congregations under my leadership. We've stopped searching for theological answers and materials from other churches. We know we have the truth now—and we know where to find it!"

PASTOR LAU
IMMANUEL 1997 CHURCH



"I don't have anything to send to my WELS brothers and sisters in the US to even begin to show our gratitude or appreciation. All we can send is our 'empty' words of Thank You. We trust that the training will continue to equip leaders so that the Gospel will spread to many more throughout Vietnam. Pray for us. Pray for our religious freedom in this country, especially for the Hmong in the rural areas. Pray that the many minority people will have the opportunity to hear the Gospel and believe it."

PASTOR TSAVXWM HAM
CHAIRMAN OF THE HFC

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THE OPPORTUNITY

Due to their lack of training, pastors in the Hmong Fellowship Church held to a variety of interpretations of God's Word. Congregations and their pastors once fought over which man-made rules were God-pleasing and could earn people passage into heaven. Now, the freedom that comes from the gospel has changed the way they do ministry. The message of free grace received from Jesus Christ has replaced their old law-based preaching: Grace has brought peace to the Hmong Fellowship Church, and church leadership has stabilized as a result. The communist government in Vietnam has noticed this positive change.

The Vietnamese government has invited WELS to build a theological training facility in the capital city of Hanoi.

This is an unprecedented opportunity for our synod. WELS is currently the only Protestant church with official government permission to work with the Hmong in Vietnam. The Lord is opening a door to reach the more than two million Hmong people who live in Vietnam and the surrounding countries. However, this door can close at any time. Our WELS World Missions team is working quickly to ensure WELS is taking full advantage of the time the Lord has provided. We need your help to make the most of this amazing opportunity.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

As the Hmong Fellowship Church (HFC) looks to the future of their church body, they realize the importance of equipping their pastors and church leaders with the truth of the gospel. Before WELS began providing training, a few pastors that served in leadership roles within the HFC had received six weeks of theological education. Many of the other leaders and all rural pastors had only received one or two days of training.

WELS is working with the HFC and the Vietnamese government to build and operate a theological training facility in Hanoi. Your gift would support the following pieces of our ministry effort in Vietnam:

Land purchase (\$500,000) and building construction (\$500,000)

The Vietnamese government is allowing WELS to purchase land in the capital city of Hanoi. This central location is ideal, as Hmong leaders travel from both the north and south to receive training. The new campus would include a worship space, dormitories and kitchen facilities that can accommodate 60 students at a time, ministry offices for leaders of the HFC, and four other classrooms where training could be conducted.

Initial two years of operational costs: \$1,000,000

These operational costs include \$50,000 in one-time expenses needed to furnish the facility. Ongoing operational costs will include salaries for three resident WELS missionaries, five leaders of the HFC who will be based in Hanoi, two translators, and six local administrative and facility support people. Other large ongoing expenses will be living and travel costs for the hundreds of rural church leaders who will rotate through the training center on an annual basis, and the travel expenses incurred when the five top HFC leaders conduct regional seminars in the nine districts throughout Vietnam.

TRAINING INVITATION

Zang Lou finds Rev. Bounkeo Lor's online sermon and invites him to train 60 leaders of the Hmong Fellowship Church (HFC) in Hanoi, Vietnam. **The HFC has 55,000 church members.**

FIRST TRIP TO VIETNAM

Lor makes the first of his training trips to Hanoi.

LETTER TO WELS

The HFC leaders draft a letter to WELS leadership asking for additional training.

SUPPORT BEGINS

WELS Missions begins full financial support of the Hmong outreach effort in Vietnam.

PSI VISITS VIETNAM

The Pastoral Studies Institute (PSI) visits Vietnam for the first time to aid in Lor's training efforts. **The HFC grows to 70,000 members.**

DIVINE CALL

Lor is called to be full-time Hmong Asia ministry coordinator.

INVITATION TO BUILD

The Vietnamese government invites WELS to build a theological training facility in Hanoi.

WELS VISITS VIETNAM

WELS Missions representatives visit Vietnam for the first time to meet with HFC leadership and assess what is needed for the training facility. **The HFC reports that their church body has grown to more than 100,000 members.**

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