



JOEL NITZ

Professor Joel Nitz began serving the Hmong believers in Vietnam in 2020. When COVID-19 travel restrictions eased, Nitz began teaching trips to Vietnam. He continues to learn the Hmong and Vietnamese languages, write and teach courses for use in rural congregations, and teach classes online to Hmong church leaders. He also serves as the Asia One Team liaison to church partners in Nepal.

Nitz previously served at Northland Lutheran High School in Merrill, Wis., and Fox Valley Lutheran High School in Appleton, Wis., for one year each. He was also a mission explorer and pastor at Messiah Lutheran Church in Olympia, Wash., from 1988-2020.

Nitz married Kathryn in 1990, and they have five adult children: Iver (Mackenzie), Ruth (Conifer), Iraina, Faith, and Talitha; and two grandchildren.