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Prayer Letter





Eager for More!

Study to Show Yourself Approved:

Our school year begins in May and we are already quickly approaching the end of the first term. We praise God for a term of great growth on many fronts. Our younger children have been working hard on their reading and writing of the Thai language. Thai is not their mother tongue and always puts them at a disadvantage. Our teens are working on self-discipline, hearing the voice of God about their futures and their studies. Our Bible programs our bursting at the seams with eager students who are hungering for the truth and the richness that reside in the Word of God. We currently have 214 students in six different Akha Bible Seminary programs. What a privilege and an honor to have a part in shaping so many young and old lives and minds with the power of education and the Word of God.





Wedding Celebration

Our eldest son was married in Colorado in May after he and his wife graduated from Colorado Christian University. The House of Joy family wanted to be a part of a celebration as well and we decided to have a Thailand celebration too. So, in July we celebrated Zion and Leanna's marriage one more time, but this time Akha Style. It was not only a celebration of their commitment to one another but a celebration of Akha culture and community. We had about 1,300 guests and I will let the pictures tell the rest of the story.





Somkit, Sanchat & Prasirt

House of Joy

This year we have three of our home-grown children who have graduated come back and serve on staff as a way of giving back and expressing their deep appreciation. It is such a joy to watch them love on the children and strengthen each of their own giftings. Each of these handsome young men arrived at House of Joy around 12 years ago feeling rejected, scared and very insecure. Today, they are joyfully serving the Lord and helping shape the lives of so many. I am one proud mother.





Bible Translation Project:

We will be printing the New Testament, Proverbs and Psalms in Jan. 2018. Our dedicated team continues to do all the final checks and work on the Old Testament. Aje finished the initial translation of Numbers just this week. Nearly the whole team will be together for two weeks in October to work on the OT. It is always a blessing to have workers from neighboring countries in for fellowship and prayer.

A dear friend to the ministry and partner in the Akha Bible translation passed away this month. Celebrate his life with us in this video which shares his last words to our translation team.

We are saddened to have lost him on this side of Eternity, but we will see him on the other. One of the wonderful things about missions is the amazing people God weaves into our hearts and lives. "Grandpa Ross" will always be a rare stone in our treasure box of memories.





Outreach Media:

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