

Mission Training School

March 2023



We had a precious time together with Pastor Richard and Hannah. Due to the political situation in Myanmar we brought them to meet with us in Thailand.

A few months ago we had the privilege to spend time with Pastor Richard Khum and his wife, Hannah. They lead Missions for Myanmar which includes Agape Children's Home, housing fifty-two children. It was a precious time together and we learned much more of their stories and heart for not only orphaned children, but also the unreached people in the northern mountain region of Myanmar.

Richard was born in Chin State, Myanmar and accepted Jesus as Savior at twenty years of age. After attending seminary in India and pastoring a church he felt God calling him to start Missions for Myanmar, specifically to reach remote areas with the gospel message. In 2003 a church in New Zealand provided funding that allowed him to build a mission school, an orphanage, and some extra land. One night the military came to Richard's house with thirty armed men and arrested him and put him in prison for a few

months. They also destroyed the mission school building. In 2010 the church in New Zealand informed him they would no longer be able to provide support for these ministries. The next few years were very difficult for them as they still had the responsibility of caring for 60 children. The mission school was closed for several years during these challenging times. A few years later, they sold the extra land and used the money to clear all the debt they had accumulated.

There is a miraculous story of provision that is longer than we can share here, but another sponsor from Japan funded construction of a second orphanage. Sadly, they also lost all funding for this home after war broke out in the region. Once again Richard and Hannah found themselves responsible for caring for a large number of children with no funding. It was at that time in 2020, Global Outreach started providing funds for the children.



The 2023 Mission Training School is being held in a borrowed facility that will not be available after May of this year. Pastor Richard is teaching the class of 37 students who are eager to learn about Jesus.

Even though they are now running two children's homes with nearly 100 children, Richard has never given up on his passion to reach the lost through the efforts of the mission school program. You may recall that last year Global Outreach funded three

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months of training with 40 students in attendance. These are primarily young people from remote villages that come and stay at Agape and learn about Jesus. At the end of the three month training they return home and share what they have learned in their home villages. All of the 2022 students accepted Jesus and six of them are now full time missionaries in their village. The 2023 mission school is now underway with 37 new students.

We learned that they do not have adequate facilities to host these mission schools. In 2022 we provided funding to purchase land adjoining the Agape Children's Home we support. We are now in the process of funding construction of what will be the new mission school facility. In addition to the three month training schools, this facility will be used throughout the entire year to reach many

young people with the gospel message. Much of this focus will be on those who are struggling with addictions. This year we are planning to fund a dormitory for women, a dining room and kitchen as well as toilets, shower rooms for men and women, and the infrastructure, such as water and electricity for the entire campus. They plan to begin using the new facility in June. At this point we have sent \$12,000 but we are in need of another \$8,000 for this year's construction. We plan to complete the other buildings next year at a cost of an additional \$25,000.

We invite you to prayerfully consider a donation to help us fund this new mission outreach endeavor to reach the unreached with the gospel message.

The Fruit of Mission Training School



This young man, Ai Kha, attended the 2022 Mission School from the village of Kungsuh where we provided the village families with goats to raise. He accepted Jesus as Savior and another team member has been discipling him since then. Pastor Richard says he has now matured in his faith to the point that he has been sent as a missionary to his native Palaung tribal group. Pastor Richard shares:

"His native people are so happy to have him as a missionary. He is the first man we see preaching the Gospel out of the Palaung tribal group. His

people fully trust him and have accepted his teachings. They fully spend their time preaching Christ.



Ai Kha baptizes new believer.

All the villagers are very interested in Jesus Christ and one of the women decided to live only for Christ and she was given water baptism on February 13 by Ai Kha. Please remember then in prayer that the whole village will become disciples of Jesus Christ."

Ai Kha is one example of the way your investment in the mission school will continue to bear fruit. We cannot go, but we can help train and send others to their local villages with the good news!

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