

Thailand Bible School Report

"... the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also ..."



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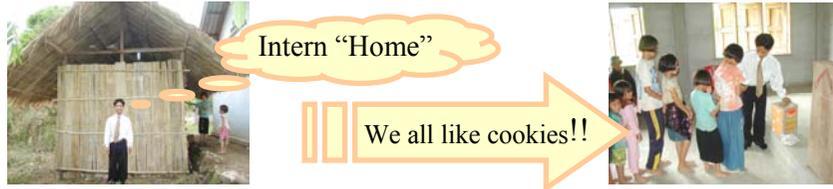
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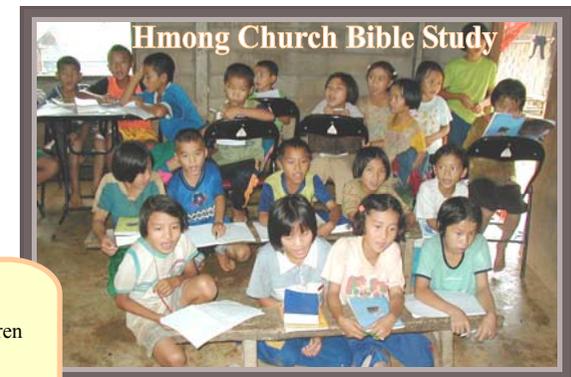
What are they doing now?

It has been asked, "What are the Thailand Bible School recent graduates doing now?" Blessedly, all but two of the twelve graduates to date are actively engaged in the ministry. This PIM letter gives a glimpse of what three of the graduates have been doing in the northern Thailand Hill Tribe areas. Following graduation, the school provides an internship experience for those that intend to devote their lives to the ministry. Partial support is provided by the school with oversight of the internship by the UPC of Thailand District Superintendent in coordination with the school. The internship opportunity has shown great benefit in helping make the transition to becoming an effective minister.

In the pictures below, these two Hill Tribe churches in Thailand near the Laos border (Mekong River area) have been without ministerial leadership for a lengthy period, and these three newly licensed ministers are being a great blessing to these spiritually hungry Hmong and Lahu peoples. They lead regular worship services, and since the future lies with the children and youth, they conduct Bible studies nearly every evening with these future adults. We are thankful for the financial and prayer support from our Partners that is making outreach into these relatively primitive areas possible.



We all like cookies!!



Ajan* Gris –
 - Graduated June 2002
 - Age 23, single
 - Fluent in Thai and Lahu
 - In 9th month of internship
 - Now responsible for Hmong - Lahu church near Laos border

Ajan Phong –
 - Graduated July 2002
 - Age 24, single
 - Fluent in Thai and Hmong
 - In 9th month of internship
 - Now responsible for Hmong church along Laos border

Ajan Phichid –
 - Graduated March 2002
 - Age 37, married, 2 children
 - Fluent in Thai
 - Interned 4 months
 - Now helping minister in various local area churches

* The word "Ajan" is a Thai title of respect for teachers and ministers.