

# Joy of Harvest (HMong Outreach) Ministries News

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By Pastor Doua and Sue Xiong

## Greetings to All!

Greetings to you, brothers and sisters. We hope and pray that everyone had a great Easter in the Lord. What love our Father has given us! May we always be reminded of His saving grace and eternal life in Jesus.

## Women's Ministries

During Easter break Sue took a group of eleven HMong ladies to a women's retreat. It was a great time for these women to refresh their Christian faith and for the Holy Spirit to rejuvenate their souls. It also was a time to share and grow together in faith. A moment like this is the perfect time we use to reach out to our non-Christian sisters.

Three of the women are not Christians, so Sue had the opportunity to share Jesus with them. They learned and asked many questions, which lead to a weekly Bible study class with one lady.

A young lady who is from the Sacramento area and a non-Christian is seeking out for the truth. She was very fired up and eager to know more. Right away she wanted to finish reading the book of Genesis! Instead, Sue then offered to do a one-on-one Bible study class with her. She agreed. They meet every Friday morning to have Bible study over the Internet. What a blessing to see the work of the Holy Spirit in the heart of this young person.



Devotion: We are the Princesses of our King Jesus.

*Bringing Jesus to the HMong people in the Central Valley and raising up leaders for His works of service.*

## HMong Language School in Merced

In Merced we have around 25 students attending HMong school regularly. One additional thing we do during chapel is that we have included a responsive devotion. During devotion time, we invite 2-3 students to come up front to give the responsive devotion for the rest of the students. This makes learning "God's Word" fun! It also gives our students the opportunity to go beyond their comfort zone, where they can grow in faith and confidence.

May 13<sup>th</sup> is the last day of school, and everyone is looking forward to celebrating it. Since Mother's Day is the next day, our celebration will be a special event that includes the celebration of Mother's Day. We figured that we will not have a chance to celebrate Father's Day in HMong school. Therefore, we will recognize all fathers too by celebrating Father's Day also.

This will be a perfect time to give a message to the children on the fourth commandment and to thank all parents for their love for these children, just as God's love for His children, the people. It will be a great day in the Lord for the children and their parents.



HMong Students Giving Responsive Devotion

## HMong Language School in Fresno

There are 30 children and six parents attending HMong Language School weekly in Fresno. We are very blessed and thankful for the three helpers God has given us. We just can't thank God enough for Sia, a non-Christian parent, who helps Pastor Doua teach HMong to the children; Nancy who sets out drink and snacks; and Kristy who plans our special events and activities.

We had an early Easter celebration in Fresno. After the Easter message, one brave and proud parent approached Pastor Doua to thank him. She learned for the first time of the true meaning of Easter *and* the reason for Christmas. Pastor Doua was rejoicing and praising God for what he had heard.



**Chapel Time for HMong Students in Fresno**

## **Outreach Activities**

Amazingly, we have just realized that most of the outreach activities that we do this year fall on the number *two*. There are: two HMong Language Schools, two youth volleyball nights, and two Bible study locations.

Youth volleyball night has expanded into Friday and Sunday nights, and it is scheduled to go through the end of May. Each evening, an average of twenty plus youth attend volleyball. Majority of them are young men, and they are usually a mixture of HMong, Mien, Chinese, and Vietnamese.

It is very important that we feed these people with God's Word each time they come. Therefore, a Bible message is shared through devotion and prayer time during Volleyball nights.

Several of these young people attended church with us on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> for our fifth Sunday fellowship at St. Paul. We invited them to our home after church so they did. This opened the door for us to get to know them better and to share our faith in Jesus with them.

The Bible study class for the HMong at St. Paul continues Sunday mornings. In addition, since the beginning of this year, we have been doing a

weekly Bible study course for a mother and her daughter-in-law in the comfort of their own home. Also, Sue is doing a one-on-one Bible class over the Internet with the young lady from Sacramento.



**Youth Volleyball Outreach**

## **Thank You**

Thank you always for your continue support in the work of Joy of Harvest Ministries for the HMong people here in the Central Valley. Please know that you all are a blessing to us and this ministry. May the work of the Holy Spirit through Joy of Harvest be a blessing to you, also.

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