

"Then Jesus came to them and said, *"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."* Matthew 28:18-20



From the Pastor's Desk

Dr. Christopher Thao

I just returned from my uncle's funeral in PA. Early this morning, my wife got a phone call from a beloved friend in CA with the sad news that their father has just passed away. What a bitter-sweet Christmas we have. Is there a compatible lesson to draw on for comfort?

Our Chinese heritage teaches us to balance the *Ying* and *Yang* (the bad and good) in life. Our Hmong heritage teaches us that *Yeeb Ceeb* (the world of the dead) and *Yaj Ceeb* (the world of the living) are intertwined, therefore, there is a common market for the dead and the living called *Yeeb Yaj Kiab*. Our spirits tread on it when we

go to sleep and they meet with the spirits of the dead. That's why we have such spooky dreams from time to time. When we confront the marketplace during the day, we are shaken by fear to the point of losing our soul! Hence, we need the help of the shaman who goes between the two worlds to bring us peace.

Without revelation from God about this world, Chinese and Hmong have fantastic and imaginative explanations of the quandaries of human experiences. They lead us to simply live with the pain or to submit ourselves to further bondage.

In Matthew 5:4, our Lord Jesus revealed divine truth to us. He said, *"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."* "Blessings are mixed with pain" is a message that I once spoke of to our church members. As we absorb the pain, we are blessed. In other words, pain is often the medium or path in which blessings

flow.

Consider parental discipline. It is very hard when we are disciplined. When I was young, discipline took place under the pain of a stick. There was no pleasure in it at all! When they discipline us, they had in mind the time that they will no longer be with us and how we would live.

The time surely comes when they depart. We mourn for them because we miss the good times and bad times when we were together. Yet, we finally are blessed with their reproofs. If we truly learned from our parents, those painful experiences have now turned into blessings. We have become greater and better than they were. We are what they molded us to be. In their absence, we have confidence to live on.

So is the blessing of Christmas. He came to die so we might live. Go figure its mystery!

Regular Schedule

Hmong Service Sunday
9:00 AM

English Service Sunday
11:30 PM

Youth 4 PM every Sunday

Mid wk Svc - Wed 6:30 PM

AW - 1st week Sunday 1PM

Board meeting - 1st wk Sunday
2 PM

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Spotlight on Pray Warriors

Our mothers, fathers, grandmothers, grandfathers, great grandpa and great grandpa gather once a week away from babysitting and other chores to study the word of God, fellowship, comfort and encourage one another to continue pressing on toward the finish line. Most importantly, they come together to pray for their children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, church leaders, pastors, and missionaries around the world. They also visit

Nursing homes and pray for the elderly moms and dads who are in the care of the Professionals.

Jesus said that if two or more gather in my name, I am there with them.



Among the Pray Warriors are Mrs. Chong Nha Chang, an inspiration and admirable woman in her late 60's who has faith that can move a mountain,

Ms. Yia Yang Kue, Ms. Paj Bliia Yang, Mr. & Mrs. Kia Pao Kue, Mr. & Mrs. Neng Thong Yang, Ms. Xai Dang Vang, Ms. WaXing Her, Ms. Mor Vang, and Ms. Bliia Neng Vang.

Nothing can stop these Pray Warriors from praying. Because of their prayer ministry, God blesses the church continuously. We are so thankful to have such a wonderful group of people who are zeal for the Lord. God's work is never a "retirement." We will retire when God call us to go home and be with Him for eternity.

Happy Anniversary

Congratulations!!!

to the following couples who celebrate their Anniversary this month, January 2010. May God continue to bless them and their journey together as husband and wife for many more years to come.

"Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man and brought her to the man. The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be call 'woman' for she was taken out of man." Gen 2:22-23



Mr. & Mrs. Nha Long Kue
20 Years



Mr. & Mrs. Nha Kou Hang
14 Years



Mr. & Mrs. Chonh Sue Kue
22 Years



Mr. & Mrs. Va Khoua Yang
10 Years



Mr. & Mrs. Kia Fao Kue
40 Years



Mr. & Mrs. Karl Jouakao Kue
16 Years



Mr. & Mrs. Nhia Ka Xiong
22 Years



Mr. & Mrs. Wa Neng Vang
27 Years

Recipe of the Month

Sweet Rice w/Banana in
Banana Leaf
by Mrs. Wa Kou Xiong

1 can coconut milk
2 can sugar
1 teaspoon salt
2 lb sweet rice
5 small Bananas
1 1/2 package of Banana leaf

Direction:

1. Soak the rice in water for 2 hours.
2. Drain and steam for 30 minutes or until cook. Remove and place the rice in a large bowl.
3. Boil coconut, sugar and salt together until melt.

4. Peel the banana and split into four long pieces.
5. Add sugar base to rice and mix together.
6. Scoop the rice onto the banana leaf. Add one piece banana in the middle of the rice and wrap.
7. Steam for another 20-30 minutes. Remove & serve.

2010 WHACH Ministry Leaders

"Don't Ever Quit" Dr. Nha Vang expressed in his speech to the leaders who attended the Appreciation Dinner on Saturday December 19, 2009. "God has a job for each one of us even before he created us. Eph 2:10. We are important to Him. He placed us on earth to be his stewardship. For that reason we must be faithful to the duty he placed under our leadership."

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 Mrs. Yang Kou Her
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 Ms. Shim Nuj Kue

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Mrs. Txer Houa Yang-Lead
 Mrs. Christopher Thao-Advisor
 Mrs. Chang Kue-Sec./Treas.
 Mrs. Nha kou Hang-Mission
 Mrs. ShongChinh Kue-Discipleship
 Mrs. Va Meng Yang-Outreach
 Mrs. Yangkou Her-Fellowship
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 Mrs. Nha Long Kue-Usher
 Mrs. Chue Blong Her-Usher
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 Mrs. Winner Yang-Praise & Worship

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Evaluation committee:

Mr. Nha Ger Kue

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 Mrs. Chang Kue

Usher:

Mr. Tong Chor Vang
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Nursery:

Mrs. Nha Long Kue - Coordinator (Hmong section)
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 Mr. Txer Houa Yang-Sound System Coordinator Assist.
 Band Leader-TBD
 Choir Leader-TBD
 Mrs. Thaiv Vue-Decorator

Care Ministry:

TBD

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10

"...We constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith." 2 Thes. 1:11

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Statement of Faith: "There is one God, who is infinitely perfect, existing eternally in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ is the true God and the true man. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the

virgin Mary. He died upon the cross, the Just for the unjust, as a substitutionary sacrifice, and all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood. He arose from the dead according to the Scriptures. He is now at the right hand of the Majesty on high as our

great High Priest. He will come again to establish His Kingdom of righteousness and peace."

(Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 1:36-38; 1 Peter 3:18; Hebrews 2:9; Romans 5:9; Acts 2:23-24; Hebrews 8:1; Matthew 26:64)



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