



Thank you for taking the time to read up on what has been happening with the Lahu people in South East Asia. Please enjoy this update and feel free to contact me directly at Chan@FCFThailand.org

Blessings,

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The writer of Proverbs said, "The plans of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the Lord. ... Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established." Proverbs 16:1-3 (ESV). Yes, it is true, we are to plan as best we can, however, in the end we are to submit our plans to God and ultimately follow His plan.

NEW BLT COHORT

This year marks the starting of a new group of Biblical Leadership Training (BLT) students with great vision and desire to glorify God more and more. For this new BLT cohort, we had 15 students register and we were so excited to meet them. However, when it came time to start there were only 6 students who were able to attend! More than half of them were not able to show up. They all had valid reasons why they could not come and they are planning to come for the next training. This made me think of the Proverb above and realize the Lord will direct our steps in the end.



In mid-February we started our first week of BLT training and had a guest speaker Pastor Jonathan Martin who taught on the subject of servant-leadership. We were so blessed from his teaching and learned how Jesus himself was a true servant leader, the One whom we must imitate as His followers as we seek to serve others. It's all about Christ-centered life and service.



There were 3 BLT alumni who joined with 6 new BLT students. Pastor Pawlu is one of the alumni that joined the seminar and soon realized the lessons from Pastor Jonathan apply to all our Lahu Christian friends also. Pastor Pawlu shared that it would be a great encouragement if other Lahu pastors, evangelists and leaders were able to do the seminar another time this year.



We prayerfully asked Pastor Jonathan to hold another seminar later this year so we can invite Lahu Christian leaders from China, Myanmar and Laos. Pastor Jonathan said he would love to come again in the fall!



So we are planning to have another Servant Leadership Seminar on 17-20 October 2023. We plan to have between 60-70 Lahu Christian leaders join us for the seminar. **Please pray We with us as we make plans and prepare for this great event that God will send the leaders that need to come and provide the resources necessary to accommodate everyone.**



For the second week of the BLT training, we laid the foundations for good Bible study methods, with the goal that each student would "Be diligent to present [them]self to God as one approved, a worker who doesn't need to be ashamed, correctly teaching the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15).



During the week of instruction and discussion, four of the BLT alumni led sections of the teaching. Our goal is to incorporate more of the BLT alumni to take on more of the teaching responsibilities over time.

NEW OPPORTUNITY

As the COVID restrictions have eased at the beginning of this year, many more opportunities to serve in neighboring countries have opened up. We are encouraged to hear from our partners in Myanmar and China who would like us to visit and do some more training, which we have not been able to do for the past 3 years.

We are making plans to visit Lashio and Kyaington in Myanmar sometime in May to make plans to resume our Biblical Leadership Training (BLT) program with 12-15 students at each location. We are praying the Lord will provide the \$1,500 needed to make the plane trip to Myanmar and cover expenses to visit with the church leaders, students and LLW staff in the area.

I was able to contact my friend Peter in China recently and he invited me to come and visit with the Lahu church leaders near Kunming in April 2023 to resume the Lahu Literacy seminars for the church leaders. We are praying the Lord will send the \$3,300 needed to cover the expenses for my visit to China and for Peter and his fellow pastors to attend the training seminar.

Pray for God's guidance.
Pray for health and wisdom.
Pray for staff LLW
Pray for new BLT 2023-2025
Pray for financial needs

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