





August 2021

God blesses the Asias Children fundraising tour

The Johnson family began a two week awareness and fundraising tour on July 24th and God has been pouring out his blessing on the children of SE Asia through the generosity of His people. Orphans are housed, children are fed, and God's light is shining on the Mula River!

On Sunday, July 25th, Laine preached at Minnehaha Church of Christ in Vancouver, Washington and the following Sunday at Sonrise Christian Church in Eugene, Oregon. The theme of the sermons was Isaiah 58: "God is waiting to bless us". On Wednesday August 4, Garden Way Church hosted Asias Children for a presentation at a morning Bible study. Numerous friends, family and other long-time supporters also received personal updates of recent ministry events.

Lisu Bible Institute Thriving

Asias Children increased support for the Lisu Bible Institute in July. After restarting on July 1st with six teachers and 13 students, the

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college finished the month with seven teachers and 17 students! Ten more students are expected to join during the next semester. The Lisu Bible Institute was founded to provide Christian pastors and teachers to Lisu churches in Asia and accepts students from the Kachin, Lahu, Rawang and Lisu tribes of northern Thailand.



Bya family in Lisu dress. Asias Children purchased traditional dress for two Lisu Bible College students.



Children food bag

Double portions on the Mula River

Asias Children donors provided a double portion of food aid to orphans on the Mula River in July. It takes two days to prepare the bags, which contain a week of food including ramen, eggs, oil, salt, small cans of fish and soap.

Asias Children is the only outside organization working in this region and has provided over thirty five hundred dollars towards this effort during the last year. If you would like to help grandmothers and others feed children who cannot come to the May House of Joy, please use the contact information below.



Preparing food bags at the May House of Joy

Four more orphans coming the May House of Joy!



Orphans and helpers singing at church

On July 8th, four orphans were brought to safety at the May House of Joy. The leaders there wish to tell Asias Children donors that "The girls were very, very happy- you have done amazing things and their hearts were filled with Joy." And the continuing generosity of our donors has allowed us to invite four more children to come to the May House of Joy on September 1st! In addition to regular monthly support, we have established reserve funds so the orphans can stay at May House of Joy even through emergencies.







If you would like to support orphans at the May House of Joy, please use the contact information below, or click this link:

One thousand Bibles



Bibles at the May House of Joy

Jesse Yangmi (1940-2020) produced a study bible for his Lisu people. Village people have not been able to afford this translation until now. Asias Children recently funded the purchase of 100 Lisu Bibles and 25 song books. Orphans at the May House of Joy received the first copies on August 6th. Pastors, deacons and elders in seven villages will receive copies, with the remainder distributed to youth pastors, Sunday school teachers and Bible college students. Asias Children has a goal of funding and distributing one thousand study bibles for Lisu in Thailand and Mula. If you would like Asias Children reach its goal of funding one thousand Lisu Bibles, please use the contact information below.

Bee Helpful



Jessica's bee

One of the ways that the Johnsons raise funds for Asias Children is by selling honey from their own hives. Recently, Laine asked his niece to design and sew a small stuffed bee to be sold with the honey. There is a little joke involved with this as well. "Bya" in the Lisu language means "Bee". Bya Ahti's (John Bee's) family has been working with the Johnson family for over eighteen years to bring light to the children and families of Asia. If you would like to sew bees to help fund Asias Children projects, please use the contact information below.



Johnsons with honey

300 days of rice



Paddy

Early reports from the May House of Joy were, "They are eating so much rice!" As part of an effort to make efforts on the Mula River more resilient, Asias Children is planning to send funds to purchase a 300 day supply of rice for the May House of Joy. Ordinary rice cannot survive for a year against insects and monsoons, so the supply will be bought and stored in a form the Lisu call "paddy". If you would like to provide extra rice for orphans at the May House of Joy, please use the contact information below.

Want to Help?

Web:

By God's grace, the work of Asias Children is entering an exciting season of open doors. Come see what God is doing! To speak to someone about becoming involved in this ministry, contact us right now:

Call or text: 541-880-4043

Email: <u>info@asiaschildren.org</u>
Snail Mail: Asias Children c/o Johnsons

1609 Picard Rd Dorris, CA 96023 asiaschildren.org If you are being called to financially support the works you have just read about, you may make your checks payable to Asias Children. Mail to the address given.

All designated gifts go 100% to ministry.

P.S. We love to tell small or large groups of people about this exciting open door in SE Asia! We cannot fit everything into the newsletter, and we would love to show you a more in-depth presentation of the work- no obligation. Please contact us if this is something you could do to help the children in Asia. Prepare to be blessed!