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SOUTHEAST ASIA

LANGUAGES

Lao
Thai

MINISTRY PRIORITIES

Abolishing Global Slavery,
Economic Development,
Education

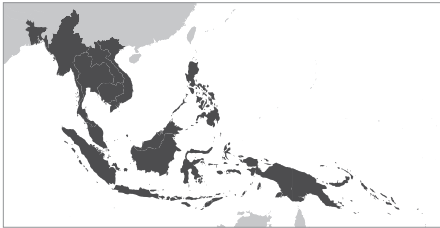
BIRTHDAYS

Lori 12/30
Matt 4/9



LOCATION

Southeast Asia



ABOUT

Lori and Matt serve in Laos and Thailand.

In Laos, they work to bring hope and restoration to children and youth who have suffered or are at risk for the worst forms abuse and exploitation, including street children, children living in slum communities who are victims of abuse

and domestic violence, and victims of child labor and sex trafficking. The Manns do this by working alongside local Lao people and training them to minister to these children in a holistic way. The ministry includes a scholarship program for children at risk of exploitation, a drop-in center for street and slum children, a home for girls, and two homes for boys who have been abused or exploited, or are at high risk of exploitation.

In Thailand, Matt works with the Thailand Karen Baptist Convention in leadership development, rural community development, income generation, and community forestry.

The Manns are not able to post journals or photos online. To receive their newsletters, please contact them directly at mlmann@securenym.net.



The first time Khumnguen's family received her medicine.



MINISTRY STORY

Khumnguen is a young girl who lives in an isolated village in northern Laos. When we first heard about Khumnguen, she was being tied and chained to a corner post in her house because she was having fits of violence, and one time she tried to cut her sister with a knife. Her father chained her up out of desperation to protect the family. Khumnguen is the fourth child we have helped who has been chained or tied.

Two HOPE staff members made the long trip to see if there was any way to help Khumnguen. While there, they were able to pray with her and her family and to gather information to give to a psychiatrist who has been helping two girls in HOPE Home who suffer with mental illness. The psychiatrist thought that if she received proper medication to control her psychotic episodes, she could be stabilized. The family is poor and in a small village that is a two-day drive from us, so we arranged for

a lay leader in a church in the town nearest to her to help get the medication to her family every month. Since Khumnguen started taking the medicine, she has had no more violent episodes and her chain has been removed!

We have seen this kind of violent outburst with two girls in HOPE Girls' Home, and in our experience there is usually a spiritual component as well. We are praying for both physical and spiritual healing.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for other girls in our program who suffer experiences similar to Khumnguen's.

We are finding young teenage girls on the streets who are addicted to drugs or have mental illness due to severe abuse. Thus, we are asking God about opening a halfway house for exploited youth who are violent or addicted to drugs. Please pray that God would give us wisdom and resources to meet these needs.

Please pray that God would empower and encourage the 12 HOPE staff members to take on the challenges of working with children who have endured more severe abuses than most of us could ever imagine.

Pray that God would sustain us as well.

SCRIPTURE

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Matthew 6:33 (NIV)