

## Joy of Harvest Ministries Updates



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Dear friends of the Lord ministry,

Happy New Year!

I thank my heavenly Father and Lord Jesus Christ for you and your partnership in His ministry among the Hmong people. With His help, you have made every year a success. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Here are some of our successes. First, the Hmong men of Redeemer and St. Paul Lutheran Churches retreat. On November 9-13, the Hmong men had their very first retreat at Shaver Lake. The theme was “Growing in Faith”. Out of this retreat, three individuals showed an interest to further their Christian education. One of these men is now enrolled at Concordia Portland through the Mission Training Center (MTC). If all goes well, he plans to further his studies at Concordia Seminary through the EIIT program this coming year.



Nov 9-13, 2018  
First Hmong Men’s Retreat  
Shaver Lake, CA.

Second, with the help of the Lord, our Hmong language school outreach ministry continues to be a success. On December 16, Redeemer Hmong language school students participated in the Christmas service. This was, perhaps, their first Church Christmas service that they get to participate and hear how the Birth of Christ came to be. Their parents, siblings, and cousins were there as well. One of the most stunning moments was that these Hmong students, with the help of the Holy Spirit, were able to sing “Silent Night” in two other languages beside Hmong and English, German and Spanish.

Third, the Hmong New Year Outreach in Merced and Fresno turned out great. Our theme for our booths was “Hmong ne Hmoob Nej Nyob Li Cas Lawm?” Nej Puas Ntshaw Txojkev: Hlub, Kajsiab, Cia Siab. Translates, “Hmong O’ Hmong, how have you been? Do you desire for Love, Peace, and Hope?” The theme is printed on a 6’X10’ bright yellow mesh banner as shown above.



Tao and Tia Lee evangelized to Hmong man.

It caught thousands of Hmong people’s eyes. Not just that. It attracts many bees too. Sue almost stung by one of them. Many stopped by and asked what we are out there for. Others, we had to get out of our booths to catch them. We did everything that we can to bring Jesus to them and share who he is for we are not ashamed of the Gospel.

The number of attendees for these two events were over 30,000 Hmong. They all came from different part of the United States as far as Rhode Island, and from other countries like Laos and Wittenberg, Germany. During these events, we gave out over 500 of the Divine Drama Plans, 1000 plus business/post cards, hundreds of the Hmong translation of the “A Children Garden Book” and Arch Books, more than 1,000 plus of the English and Hmong translations of the Luther Small Catechism, 100 plus Daily Bread Prayer pocket books, and over 300 toys and small stuffed animals with the logos “Jesus Loves You” and “Walking with Jesus” messages.



A mother and her daughter from Wittenberg, Germany.

This is the best. We also have signup sheet for Hmong language school for any parents who have an interest. Thanks be to God, we have around 76 parents signed up for it. If they stay true to their words, we will be having over one hundred students register for our next term. This is a great problem and we praise the Lord.



Dec. 26, 2018-Jan 1, 2019  
Hmong New Year Celebration-  
Fresno Fairgrounds

We had a great time. It was so great that caused Pastor Eisberg blood pressure to elevate on his first time attended the event. That’s how great these events were. That’s not all. We received very good feedback from all the people who visited our booths. Thank you for your partnership and great support to make this a wonderful outreach events. All glories go to Christ Jesus. Amen.

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