

OVERCOMING HARDSHIP AND ASPIRING TO SERVE GOD

Meet one of our Vietnam Mobile Bible College graduates

My English name is George, and I am from the Hmong tribe. I was born and raised in a poor family in a remote mountain village in Northern Vietnam—one of the poorest villages in the country. My family's life depended on the forest and mountains. Every day we cleared land for farming and hunted in the woods to find food. From a young age my health was weak, and due to constant deprivation I was thin and small.

When I was about 12 years old, some friends in the village invited me to attend a Christian youth camp. It was there that I opened my heart to accept Christ. That was the first ray of hope that lit up my life in those difficult days. However, my family's poverty forced me to drop out of school after finishing ninth grade. It seemed my future would be limited to the mountains and forests.

At 15, I decided to move south in search of better opportunities. I was taken in by the family of a southern pastor who provided not only material care but also loving guidance and spiritual nurturing. My life gradually changed. I was no longer plagued by daily worries about food and clothing but instead was filled with hope and joy. As I adapted to southern culture, my Vietnamese language skills improved significantly. I diligently studied the Bible on my own, waking up early every morning to pray and read God's Word.

Encouraged by the pastor, in September of 2020 I officially enrolled in OTAN's Mobile Bible College. Studying the Bible in Vietnamese and English was a huge challenge, but with determination and love for God, by His grace I overcame all obstacles and graduated in February 2023.

After five years away from home, I still have a deep desire to become a pastor. *Please pray for me, so that I may continue to walk steadfastly in the path God has set for my life, becoming a source of inspiration and blessing to many others.*



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The pastors and church workers we partner with are grateful for your prayers and financial support. God is using your investment to further the gospel and strengthen the body of Christ around the world. If you have questions or want to know more about our outreach in Vietnam, we'd love to connect with you.



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WE'RE SO GRATEFUL FOR GOD'S MANY PROVISIONS

An update from Jim and Sue

Greetings Friends,

We are honored to have so many ministry partners! Your interest in and faithfulness to this ministry serve as a great motivation for us. "But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19)

We often mention God's financial provision but sometimes fail to mention other ways God provides. For the past two weeks, I have been working hard to set up a July Zoom call/training for the Mobile Bible College. After calling my teachers, several were not able to commit. In times like these we are tempted to worry and not trust God. But God always proves Himself to be faithful!

Sue suggested two pastor friends of mine that I recently talked to on the phone. Both of these pastors were willing to help me teach in the Mobile Bible College. It just so happens that the same two pastors will be helping me train when we go to Vietnam in September. Also, God has provided another teacher to help Sue teach in the ladies' ministry.

In September, we will be graduating our second group of pastors in the Mobile Bible College. Some of these pastors will be ordained into gospel ministry after the graduation. Please pray for us as we make plans to graduate and ordain some of our pastors. Hopefully by the end of the year we will begin training our third group of pastors in the Vietnam Mobile Bible College!

Aside from attending trainings, our pastors work hard and are very faithful to the ministry. Please continue to pray for our pastors and their families. There are many challenges in their ministries. Please pray for God's wisdom and grace to serve. Wishing you God's best!

~Jim and Sue Bitner



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