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Dear Pastor and Church:

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Greetings from the mission field of the Buddhist kingdom of Thailand!

This report will focus on our ethnic Akha tribal ministry. We started this mission work 7 years ago in the neighboring province of Chiang Rai, a three-hour drive from Chiang. The member status is twenty-two saved and baptized, mostly high-school students. They were smuggled into Thailand from Myanmar when they were just toddlers. Others were singles who got married in Thailand and some were adults who gave birth to children here. Most of them are family related. About 70 percent don't have legal status and it will take many years for them to be legalized. The adults' means of livelihood is working in the coffee and vegetable farms for a seasonal wage: planting and harvest time. Some secretly (illegally) work in food shops and stores as helpers. I pay the monthly rent for the house church and subsidize our Akha pastor's monthly subsistence.



Their Sunday Tithes and Offerings are used for the church utilities and food after services (a cultural tribal practice). To date they have only around 20 thousand baht (US\$ 575) in savings with their desire to have a church property and a small building which they can never afford. So, it is then my goal to buy them a small property and build a church building with a capacity for 50 people. In our retirement status, that is our project. It will cost about US\$20K. Please PRAY about this dire need that I want to raise during our missionary furlough to all of you our supporting churches from April to September 2025.

In the recent turn of events with regard the government's crackdown of illegals, the church is gathering in an isolated place quite similar to an underground church in China. The new Akha pastor is 60 years old but can still do the work.

Thank you for your continuing trust in us down through the years in holding the rope of prayers and support. We are fully indebted to you our mission partners as we look unto Jesus!

Just for the time being and God bless us all!

Jason and Pricila SUMATRA

SUMATRA FINANCIAL REPORT
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Balance from account in October 2024	US \$642.48
U.S. Support	2,022.00
Asian Support	170.00
Total Funds for use	US \$2,834.48

Expenses: (Ave. Exchange Rate US \$1.00 = 34.00 Baht)

Duplex Apartment Rent	US \$500.00
Utilities (electric, water, ISP & simcard mobile - net)	250.00
Home Supplies with hosting visitors	950.00
Travel to Bangkok AASC (hotels/food/misc).....	340.00
Akha Mae Suai Tribal ministry	250.00
Thai Vehicle November payment/gas.....	690.00
Wise Remittance Fees.....	25.73
Total Expenses	US \$3,005.73