

Christian Mission to the Orient

Leadership in Community

A Vision to Develop Church and Community
Leaders for South East Asia



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Greetings!



Did you ever need a do-over? Next Step Scholarship recipient, Nu certainly did.

Just four years ago, he was a very discouraged young man. His dream to study the Bible and serve God appeared to be nothing more than a fantasy.

At that time, he had flunked out of a Bible College in central Thailand. He went home and poured out his disappointment to his minister. His minister suggested Nu try again at a different Bible college. But, Nu's family didn't have any more money to fund his second chance. The minister encouraged him to step out in faith and he would try to find the funds for him. So, Nu came and applied at LTC.

Nu's second chance

LTC accepted Nu on the condition he start over and keep his grades up. Nu reluctantly agreed on the condition we understand that he just might fail...again. A deal was made and Nu moved into the dorm.

Unfortunately, the minister was unable to find the needed funds and Nu finished his first semester on the verge of being dismissed ... this time due to insufficient funds. But, by that time we had grown to love Nu and saw his potential for the Kingdom. By God's grace, there was a Next Step Scholarship still available. We awarded it to him and he continued to study, grow and amaze everyone.



Nu entertaining village kids

Nu credits his success to LTC's emphasis on practical experience. At LTC every student is assigned a ministry team and is required to participate in 12 outreach events each year. Nu says that the opportunity for so much practical experience enabled him to integrate classroom learning at a deeper, more meaningful level. He saw how God was equipping him to be a leader for the Church. His grades improved as well as his confidence and commitment to serving God.

In September, Nu finished his academic courses and began his 4 month internship. He is working with a new church plant in a suburb of Chiang Mai. As a way to build relationships in his new community, Nu is using his skills as a barber.

Nu sends his gratitude to all who contribute to the scholarship fund. He says he hopes to one day be

able to help another student attend LTC. He says, "My time at LTC changed the course of my life. It gave me the second chance I needed to see God's power to take a mediocre kid and use him for a greater purpose. I promise all who helped me that I will serve God continually."

4 LTC Students In Need of a Scholarship

Currently there are 4 students who are in need of a Next Step Scholarship for this school year.

Like Nu we have grown to love them and see their potential for the Lord's work. Please consider sponsoring one of these students.

From Left to Right:

Tai: a sophomore from the Lahu tribe.

Noi: a senior from the Karen tribe

Tan: a junior from the Lahu tribe

Surachai: a sophomore from the Lahu tribe

The cost for a full year tuition and housing is \$500 [Contact Carmen Filbeck](#) about how to help sponsor a student. Or [click here](#) to send a contribution through PayPal.



Upcoming Events

ICOM November 18--21 Cincinnati, Ohio

CMO will be at the ICOM, Booth #883. Please stop by for a visit to hear more about the ministry.

Community of Blessing Short Term Mission Team January 1--11, 2019

The next COB Mission team is set to go. This year we will be partnering with LTC professor Mr. Bandit and his team working with the Lahu Chalae and Karen people groups.

The remaining slots for 2019 are already filled! Openings for December 30, 2019---January 10, 2019 and June 4-13, 2019 are now available. Contact [Carmen](#) and register your spot!



FORGE Teams 2019

CMO invites teams to come and help us do some much needed maintenance projects for Lanna Theological Center. There are three dates to choose from: March 10--17 March 22-April 1 July 1-13

[Click here to read more](#) about this new Short term Ministry Opportunity. Or Contact [David Filbeck](#) for more information.

Staff News

Carmen Filbeck just completed the HI-Plains School of Mission where she shared the ministry of CMO with 16 churches in western Oklahoma, Texas, and Kansas. Carmen is currently living in Joplin to help care for her parents. She continues to serve as the Director of LTC; making bi-annual trips to Thailand for Staff Meetings. She is available to speak to your church or group. You can contact her at carmenfilbeck@gmail.com or at 417-292-8449

David and Sharon Filbeck just arrived back in the USA. They have a full schedule of speaking engagements on behalf of CMO. They will be returning to Thailand in mid-February. You can contact them at dsfilbeck@gmail.com.

The Faculty and Staff of LTC just began the second semester of teaching. LTC plans to hold graduation and home-coming in March, 2019. Since we do this every other year, it is a big event. They are already starting to make plans. In addition, the faculty will be going with the LTC student ministry teams to multiple dormitories and orphanages in the next couple of months. Please pray for these weekends that God will use the LTC team to bring encouragement and blessing to hundreds of young people

We are grateful for your continued partnership with us.
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In Christ,

The CMO Team

