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# OPEN SPACE REPORT TEMPLATE

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## Leader(s)-(include contact information):

As the recorder of this Open Space discussion, please include in your notes:

### ◆ Key Points of the presentation and discussion-

(Please use additional sheets if needed)

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Seminary-Education in states for Partnership training for S.E. Asia  
Training @ Payap University - Chiang Mai  
Juni - Burma native - studying in Chiang Mai -  
Christian 2nd class citizen in Burma. 6% Burmese Christians  
Domestic Refugees in Burma  
His tribe is 80,000 99% Christian No Graduate Degree  
Educated Pastors - Life Transforming love <sup>power</sup> of Jesus Christ

### ◆ Recommendations, Documents and/or Resources arising from the discussion-

(Please attach any handouts if possible)

### ◆ any Follow Up and/or "Next Steps"-

- Support ministers in Burma, Thailand & Viet Nam
- Expository Trip in Feb 2012. Thailand & Viet Nam

### ◆ any Invitation to Take Action or Join in Follow Up Activities. (If you would like

to use a computer, please email your completed report to [bcarr@losranchos.org](mailto:bcarr@losranchos.org))



## **McGivary College of Divinity Payap University Chiang Mai, Thailand**

1889 - McGivary College of Divinity started by Daniel McGivary, a Presbyterian Missionary

1934 - Presbyterian Church in Thailand name changed to Church of Christ in Thailand.

1974 - Payap University started. McGivary 1 of 11 academic colleges and is accredited by The Association for Theological Education in Southeast Asia (ATESEA).

2004 - International Master of Divinity program started

**Presbytery of Los Ranchos  
Southeast Asia Partnership**

## **NEEDS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA**

### **VIETNAM**

When Saigon fell to Communist North on April 30, 1975, all Christian schools were closed and many if not most pastors and Christian leaders were jailed. This left a 30 year void of new Christian leaders being educated in Vietnam. Only underground house churches continued to exist. When churches again began to be legalized, the leadership was aging with few younger leaders available.

### **CAMBODIA**

When Pol Pot came to power, pastors, as educated leaders in society, were not simply jailed, they were taken to the killing fields and executed along with other educated people, leaving Christian churches with little or no educated leadership.

### **MYANMAR/BURMA**

After decades of military rule, Myanmar enjoys some religious freedom, including a Presbyterian church, and some hopes of improved civil freedom, but is still plagued by civil war and lack of higher education for Christian leaders.

### **THAILAND**

Christians in Thailand enjoy great religious freedom, but face an overwhelming need to minister in a society known for pornography, prostitution, human trafficking, and AIDS. Educated Thai leadership appears to be the best solution.

## **How you and your church can be involved?**

Pray - for the school or for a particular “pen pal” student

Join Southeast Asia Partnership of Los Ranchos Presbytery

Help sponsor a student for one semester - \$1,500 - \$2,000\*

Help sponsor a student for “Summer Field Education” \$500 - \$700\*

Buy a computer for a very needy new student \$750\*

Join Southeast Asia Partnership (Presbytery of Los Ranchos) Visioning trip to Vietnam and Thailand February 2012

Invite Southeast Asia Partnership to offer a program at your church.

For more information or to become a part of Southeast Partnership contact:

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Checks should be made payable to:

**Presbytery of Los Ranchos  
SEA Scholarship Fund**

\* Contributions of any size are welcome toward these items.

## THE ULTIMATE SOLUTION

The Royal Kingdom of Thailand is so much more than an exotic land of Royalty, Elephants, and Buddhist Temples. It is a land of many tribes living in very poor villages with limited opportunity for education. In its cities some tourists come for the specific purpose of sexual encounters with young people. These young people are vulnerable because they are often not citizens of any nation which makes them unemployable, uneducated and impoverished. Sex becomes their method of survival. AIDS becomes the plight of them and their children. Most of these same things can be said of the surrounding nations of Southeast Asia.

Many groups from Western nations carry out ministries, seeking to combat the evils and meet the needs, but these are usually uncoordinated and meet only the immediate needs at best. Ultimately the long-term solution to meet these challenges is the education of native Christian leaders who understand the languages and cultures of their own people.

To equip native leaders to meet these challenges, the International Master of Divinity program of McGilvary College of Divinity seeks to educate leaders from Southeast Asian nations. The program has students and graduates from: Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Burma, Nepal, Japan, and Korea.

## ONE SUCCESS STORY

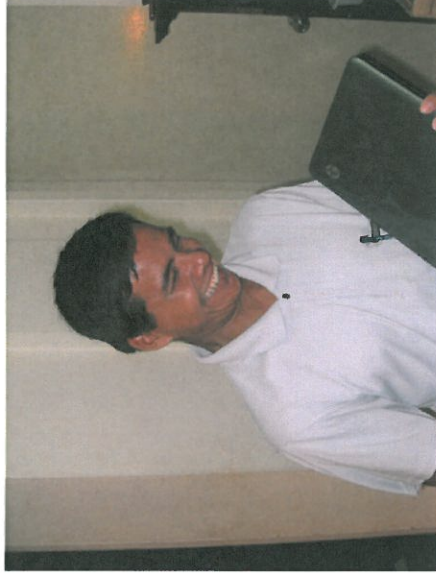
One Vietnamese couple, who graduated with M. Div. Degrees (names withheld for security reasons) has started a new underground church in the area of Danang, Vietnam which is being annexed into the city with plans already in place for a very large new government university. The wife carries out an educational ministry for children in the poor neighborhood while also telling them the good news of Jesus.



## ONE HEART WARMING STORY

One young Presbyterian pastor student came from a very poor Chin village in Northern Burma where water is drawn from a well with a bucket and rope. The village generator is run four hours per night and each family allowed one 2' florescent bulb. Simple meals of rice and a few home grown vegetable are eaten twice a day with a bit of meat once each month or two.

Loma was one of five students who received a gift from a Presbyterian church in Texas which exceeded his fondest dreams, a computer to use in his studies. In typical Asian fashion they never hesitate to ask personal questions, he wanted to know how much it cost so that he could share the exciting news with his wife.



(11/3/2011)

# Southeast Asia Vision Trip to Thailand and Vietnam

*Couples – Singles – College Age*

## **PASTOR LEADER: The Rev. Ron Oglesbee**

Former Pastor, Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church  
Guest Lecturer, International Master of Divinity Program  
Payap University, Thailand

**February 6-20, 2012**

**COST: approx \$3,000-\$3,500 per person (Dbl. Occup.)**

**DEPOSIT: \$500 by December 1, 2011**

**FULL PAYMENT DUE: January 1, 2012**

FOR INFORMATION . . .

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## **PROGRAM INFORMATION**

Discover what God is doing to train and equip leaders for Christian service in Southeast Asia. Visit projects and churches to get a first-hand exposure to the joys, challenges, and promise of ministry in this region. Investigate how individuals and churches in the U.S.A. can partner with churches and projects in Southeast Asia. **There will be 3-4 required training sessions for this trip.**

## **TRIP ITINERARY**

- February 6** Fly LAX to Hanoi. Arrive February 8
- February 8** Rest from long flight, short local tour, optional trip to Ha Long Bay
- February 9** Tour of Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh Museum and ministry being carried out by new leaders
- February 10-12** Fly Hanoi to Danang and see new church planting by new leaders  
Worship in first protestant church established in Vietnam 100 years ago, learn about ministry of new leadership there.
- February 13** Fly Danang to Saigon (Possible dinner with new leaders), Saigon to Bangkok and Bangkok to Chiang Mai. (This is an all day trip)
- February 14** Tour Doi Suthep Buddhist Temple on a high mountain overlooking Chiang Mai and take elephant ride in the forest, visit new house church established by new leader.
- February 15-16** Tour campus of Payap University, worship with McGilvary seminary community In weekly chapel, sit in on classes, Shopping trip to Umbrella/Fan Factory and Thai Silk Village. Spaghetti dinner with ministry leaders (AIDS, Trafficking, University, etc.)
- February 17-19** Visit ministries: Hmong orphanage, AIDS orphanage, street children projects, human trafficking ministries, etc.
- February 20** Fly Chiang Mai, Thailand to LAX.

**GROUP SIZE LIMITED TO 10 PEOPLE**

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