

One of our important ministries we would like you to know about is the *Abundant Hope Center*, near Chiang Mai, Thailand.

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Lawpa (back right) and wife Bairak (front right) and their three children.



Abundant Hope Center students on their way to school

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The tribal peoples of Thailand live in remote mountain villages without any basic infrastructure. Because of Thailand's complex layers of citizenship, the ethnic minority groups do not receive equal rights. The children come from extreme poverty, and many are without official status even though they were born in Thailand. In the mountains they have no hope, no future, and no knowledge of Jesus Christ. The *Abundant Hope Center* exists to change that direction!

Seeing a desperate need among his Akha people, Lawpa Mayer put his efforts and energy into starting the *Abundant Hope Center*, which assists underserved tribal children in receiving an education and also develops the future leaders and supporters of its parent ministry, Frontier Laborers for Christ (FLC). The *Abundant Hope Center*, located in Doi Saket, Chiang Mai Province, Thailand, provides 25 Akha children with housing and access to a Thai public school. The leaders at *Abundant Hope Center* also help their high school graduates advance in educational and vocational opportunities, aiding in the continuation and expansion of ministry to tribal peoples of the Golden Triangle.

FLC owns the 23 acres of the *Abundant Hope Center*. In 2005, Lawpa, a full-time Akha evangelist, and his family moved to the agricultural land as property managers. Friends from numerous Akha villages asked if Lawpa would take other children to the land, so they too could attend school. Lawpa constructed bamboo houses for 25 children and brought some other adults to assist in caring for them. Every day he drives the children five kilometers to and from school. The children are gaining a quality public education, and Lawpa and his assistants nurture the children daily with Bible study and prayer. So far, six have graduated from high school, and two have continued on to vocational school. A quality Girls' Dormitory was built in 2012. The new Boys' Dormitory, designed by Ministry Architecture, is now under construction.

A team from Valor Christian High School in Highlands Ranch, CO raised money for construction and their travel and then the students volunteered their muscles to assist in the construction. Len Rosenberg is continuing to give frequent construction advice and send sketches to assist.



The Valor team and Abundant Hope Center students work together in the early stages of the boys' dormitory construction.

To learn more or contribute to the Abundant Hope Center

The *Abundant Hope Center* is the hope and future of Frontier Laborers for Christ. Our hearts desire God's grace upon the souls of all those served by the *Abundant Hope Center*! If you can help them to complete the dormitory construction and have the resources they need for the general daily care and support of the children, please consider this ministry.

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