

WEEK 33 • AUGUST 19, 2023

Laos: 100 Words a Day

2 Timothy 2:15—“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

Nung is a teenager who lives in Laos, a mountainous country in Southeast Asia. She wanted to learn English so she could attend an English-speaking university one day. When she learned that an Adventist English language center had opened in her town, she eagerly signed up.

Nung took her studies very seriously. She set a goal to learn 100 English vocabulary words every day. Nung didn't know any English, but she worked hard and quickly began to understand the language. She faithfully attended classes and practiced with native English speakers at every opportunity until she was able to speak fluently.

The Adventist English language center in Laos taught Nung more than English. It provided a chance to learn about Jesus. Nung and her mother were among the first to join the center's weekly Sabbath worship services. Only seven people came to the first meetings. Today, more than 100 people come every week! Nung and her mother gave up their Buddhist faith and gave their hearts to Jesus.



Speaking English has made it possible for Nung to attend an Adventist university in Thailand where she is studying education and psychology.

In some parts of Laos, it has been difficult to reach people with the knowledge of Jesus. The English language center is an excellent way to reach young and old alike with the gospel while teaching them an important skill.

The English language center is not the first effort to plant a congregation of Adventists in the region where Nung and her mother live. Years ago, a missionary family entered a city in Laos to introduce the Lao people there to Jesus. After four years the family was forced to evacuate the region due to war, leaving behind a handful of new believers who were still quite young in their faith. Today, only one Adventist remains in the city of Luang Namtha, a city that is a strategic location as Laos' northern gateway to China. The Church is working to reestablish an Adventist presence in this region of Laos.

The Lao Adventist Mission plans to build a bilingual primary school here that will reach families with children who wish to study in a Christian international environment. Our faith-driven Promise offerings help make hundreds of projects such as this new school a reality and an important outreach for Jesus in northern Laos and around the world.