

SULADS FOREIGN ENGLISH TEACHERS

Namtipsavan Bilingual International School



A BEAUTIFUL NEW START

Written by Anjanette Cuevas

Where do we begin to start sharing about God's goodness? Many things have happened since we first arrived in Laos as foreign English teachers. During the first few days, a mix of emotions overwhelmed us as we wondered about the outcome of our chosen careers in this foreign land. However, we can all say that it was a beautiful decision to come here and be part of the school, helping to nourish and guide the students for their future.

As beautiful as it is, we began our work by assisting with the preparation for the school graduation, as we arrived near the end of the school year. Everyone was busy, except for us new teachers, we extend our hands to help. All the hard work paid off when graduation day came, and the program was a success.

It was a warm welcome for us to see the students and parents and to work alongside all the school staff.



CALLED TO BE A TEACHER

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If you are called to be a teacher, you are called to be a learner also. If you take upon yourself the sacred responsibility of teaching others, you take upon yourself the duty of becoming master of every subject you seek to teach. Be not content with dull thoughts, an indolent mind, or a loose memory. It is a noble thing to teach; it is a blessed thing to learn. True knowledge is a precious possession, and the more the teacher has of it, the better will be his work.

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***But as it is written,
"Eye has not seen, nor ear
heard, nor has it entered into
the heart of man the things
which God has prepared for
those who love Him."
1 Corinthians 2:9***

Each of us has a personal sentiment about our responsibility as English teachers. More than anything, we feel blessed to be here, sharing the gift we have in teaching with our students. We are also excited to learn and grow, knowing that we are called not only to teach but also to be lifelong students ourselves. We deeply appreciate our uniqueness, recognizing that each of us has an important role to play in the school and in the future lives of our dear students.

While we may be short on resources, we've realized that if we depend on the one who has infinite resources, everything will fall into place. Though we may share weaknesses, by working together, we can be each other's strength.



OUTREACH INVOLVEMENT

Written by Joshua Cuevas



It was foretold that the Gospel shall be preached to all the world. To be part of this prophetic movement is a blessing.

My fellow missionaries and I, despite the dangers, accepted the opportunity to serve and be assigned to Xiangkhouang, Laos. Xiangkhouang is known as the most heavily bombed place on Earth. Moreover, although citizens in Laos are free to believe in religion, preaching or witnessing is considered a crime.

On weekdays, we minister as English teachers, and during the Sabbath, we serve the needs of the church through the talents and gifts God has entrusted to us.

Serving the church in this foreign country is both challenging and joyful because of the differences in language and culture, but God is with us. He promised that He will never leave us nor forsake us (Matt. 28:18-20). It is a joy to experience God's providence with the church in Xiangkhouang.

I hope that the church in this place will continue to grow, not only in numbers but most importantly in individual growth in Jesus Christ.

***But grow in grace, and
in the knowledge of
our Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ.***

2 Peter 3:18 (KJV)





HOUSE VISITATION

Written by Joshua Cuevas

God's love is not limited by diversity. The Bible says, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

One Sunday, we decided to visit church members. We were blessed to first visit the home and share a meal with the first Seventh-day Adventist member in Xiangkhouang. We learned that many of his friends and family have also become members of the church.

During the visitation, I was reminded that sharing the Gospel is not limited to preaching and teaching but also involves caring for the sick and praying for others.

I'm grateful that church members opened the doors of their homes. With Christ, my fellow missionaries and I shared health tips, offered prayers, and messages from the Bible.

