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SQUARE TWO

BUILDING A TEAM



In late October Aimee traveled to Chiang Mai, Thailand to participate in a training seminar on a method of community engagement called [Community Health Evangelism](#) (CHE). Aimee's first experience with the method was some [10 years ago](#). In her current role as Mercy Manager for Asia, Aimee is working to build a team of people trained for mercy work. To that end, Aimee invited two fellow missionaries (pictured with Aimee in the car), [Chenhsi Hanson](#) (serving in South Korea) and [Gena Nelson](#) (serving in Indonesia) to join her in the training. They are already working or looking to work in areas of community development in their countries of service. CHE provides them a methodological framework to engage local communities to assess their own needs and find ways to address those needs with local capacity and resources, in partnership with local churches or in fields where new churches are being planted. Aimee, Gena, and Chenhsi attended daily sessions on the philosophical foundations of the CHE model, but also practical steps for implementation and discussion of specific cases. Ultimately, CHE trains them to be facilitators of conversations with local people towards community transformation. This approach gives dignity and control to local community residents as the key agents of change, rather than the all-too-common model of outsiders who plan, decide, and pay. By working from the inside out rather than the outside in, the CHE model aims at sustainability for long-term change. With more LCMS personnel trained, Aimee aims to build LCMS Asia's capacity for Christ-centered AND quality mercy work (the two are sometimes sadly mutually exclusive).

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GENA NELSON DOING A ROLE PLAY



WE NEED YOUR PRAYERS!
PRAISE: for the opportunity for J.P. to attend a international school leadership conference (as a part of his membership on the Board of [Concordia Hanoi](#)); for [Saray and Sreyleak's wedding](#) (two [youth group](#) members); for a [recent article](#) on Cambodia in The Reporter; for [continued Catechism training](#); for [Isabella's Confirmation](#)
PRAY: for upcoming seminars; for preparations for a visiting team in February; for the Cambodia Lutheran Church and its leaders; for J.P.'s dissertation writing.