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# A VISION COMING TO LIFE

## THE LAO VISION SCHOOL

**T**he Lao Vision School opened earlier this year. Its name reveals its beginnings and its future. The school was a dream, a vision, of David and Sarah Lee serving in Southeast Asia. After many years of praying, planning, and trusting God, they finally were able to open the doors of the school. Opening the school was not easy, and it took some creativity. When the Lees first envisioned the school they began looking for a building. However, after much searching, it seemed God was not opening the way for them to buy a building for the school. Still, they felt the urgency to start the school. In May, the

Lee's opened up their own home as a place where Lao children could come and study English.

Now, every weekday nearly 100 children between the ages of 7 and 15 come to the Lao Vision School to learn English. There are three classes separated by the level of difficulty. Each class is 1 ½ hours long, five days a week. Teachers are English majors from the National University of Laos. At least one teacher is a Christian. She also teaches the free Saturday classes held for the students. These free Saturday classes are used to introduce and share the Gospel to the young students.

The Luamit congregation prayed fervently for children to attend the

school. God abundantly answered their request. The space that the school has now is too small for all of the students who want to study English. The school also must pay their teachers a salary. They need to build more tables and buy more chairs for the small cramped classrooms.

The Lees' Vision is to teach English to these Lao children so that they may have new opportunities, hear the Gospel, and receive the vision that God has for their lives.

Proverbs 29:18 says, "Without a vision the people perish." The Lees believe that this verse holds true for Southeast Asia, the nation of Laos, and the people that dwell there, especially the children. That is why they started

the Lao Vision School.

The school will not perish because of lack of faith or works from the Luamit congregation, but it does need help to continue to flourish. The Lao Vision School needs support from the Body in order to bear the fruit that God planted in the vision He gave to David and Sarah.

The monthly needs for the Vision School (serving over 500 students) are great! But Cumberland Presbyterian Women have never been afraid of great needs. In fact, it was the women of the church who funded the first missionaries to Japan!!! The 2008 offering to the Children's Home was over \$15,000. Let's double that amount this year!!! ■■■

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