

# STICKY RICE MINISTRY

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## SATAN'S SLAVE LIBERATED



Xeng Xiong, a young widow with 5 children, lives in Oudomxai, Northern Laos. While everyone celebrated Lao New year, 13-17 April 2016, Xeng Xiong was possessed by evil spirits. Her relatives tried to heal her through all kinds of means—medical, herbal, spiritual and so on. They took her to see whoever they were told could possibly help—medical doctors, witch doctors, Buddhist monks, shamans, and others. At the end, nobody could help her. She possessed supernatural power that many young men couldn't even control her. So, the family resorted to chaining both her leg and arms. They also put big padlocks to secure the chains.

Words came to our pastor in Oudomxai. He and his wife went there to see the widow and prayed for her. Placing the bible over her head (this is done for the sake of the audience) and praying in the name of Jesus our pastor was able to



drive out the demons that possessed her. This happened on the Sabbath day, 21 May 2016. And on 24 May 2016, the pastor went back to see the widow again. She

looked much better and was able to communicate with the pastor. She gave her

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." —Luke 4:18-19*

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**New freedom—Seng Xiong being unchained by one of her relatives**

life to Jesus and became one of Jesus' followers. But the family was still scared and would not unchain her. They did not really care for her. She was not dressed, but just had a piece of cloth to cover her private parts. She had no shower nor towel bath was given to her since the last two months.

requested for bible studies and our MP3 device to listen to gospel music, hymns, and sermons in her dialect. Our pastor has been visiting her regularly and on Sabbath, 28 May, he worshipped the Lord with her and her family.



In Laos, devil possession is very common. When devil possession happened it provided an opportunity for God to show mercy and by God's power people were liberated from the realm of Satan. Naturally, former demon possessed people would happily give their lives to Jesus.

Then the final moment came for Xeng Xiong when on Wednesday, 1 June 2016, the pastor was given the green light by the family to unchain Xeng Xiong. For Xeng it was the happiest day of her life. Not only that she was unchained but it was the day that she gained her life and dignity back as a person. From now on, she can be properly clothed and free from chains and Satan.

Here in Laos, there is one church that is almost made up entirely with former demon possessed people. Some were directly possessed and others were indirectly possessed through drugs, alcohol, and gambling. Many wives were in tears when they gave testimonies about how God saved their marriages by bringing their husbands back to them clean and free from Satan's bondage.

After being liberated and unchained Xeng Xiong and her children packed little earthly things that they possessed and went with the pastor and his wife to stay in their house. They had nowhere to go. Being chained for over two months and her relatives spent every bit of money she ever saved up to help her gain back her sanity and dignity. She is now left with nothing to live on. Happy to see her healed but her relatives would not accept her and her children once they have become Christians. It is against their traditional religion. So, they disowned her and her children too.

As for Xeng, she is now able to eat and drink and has since



# WORLD CHURCH LEADER IN LAOS



May 9-12 became a historic event for the Lao SDA Church when the General Conference President, Pastor Ted Wilson, visited this little known, landlocked, and least entered by the gospel country of Laos. Indeed, it was our most honoured experience to have a world church leader set foot in our humble country. Pastor Ted Wilson was so high up in church position but he is really a humbled and down-to-earth kind of person. During his visit to Laos, a country with only 1,300 members and with very basic infrastructure, he made us feel at ease with him. All the time he was with us I felt so comfortable with his humanly interactions. In fact, all of us felt so comfortable being with him. There was no nervousness and stiffness to be with him. We sat, talked, and ate together with the Wilsons just like long lost friends and colleagues who have been working together for a long time.



Mrs Wilson also took special interest in mingling with our ladies like one of their sisters. Our ladies were so comfortable with her too. They took many memorable photos with her.

Lao Church hopes to see the Wilsons come back to dedicate its newly built Vientiane Church and Headquarters in 2017 when Mrs Wilson can enjoy eating the Mekong River weed for dinner again and a Lao skirt will be waiting for her to wear it, too.



Being in chains for too long, even when sitting down at the pastor's house Xeng still puts her hands and feet in a chained position. Now, the future of this widow and her family is in the hand of God. They are receiving bible studies from the pastor and his wife. But who will feed them physically? Obviously, it is the pastor and his wife. But our pastor is Laos only gets little pay, barely enough to keep his own family alive. If you feel like helping the pastor ministering to this widow's family please let us know.



***"You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child." - Yahweh (Exodus 22:22)***



**Pastor's wife giving a bible study to the widow and her children**

We praise God for what He did for the widow of Oudomxai. This is an incredible miracle that God performed in order to save the life of Xeng Xiong and her children. How will they live from now on I don't know. One thing I know is that God will see through their lives and through them God will gain honor and praise in Oudomxai Province.



## DOING EVANGELISM JESUS' WAY



**Nida, 15 years of age, is suffering with a rare bone cancer. She is really too young to die.**

"Nida is sick with a bone cancer. Nothing we can do for her." said a doctor. Nida is just 15 years old, a daughter of a subsistent farmer couple from Xieng Khouang. After she got sick her parents have left their home in Xieng Khouang to care for her. They have no money. In Laos, hospital is not free. No money means no treatment. Some relatives and friends tried to raise funds through Facebook to help her. Monks, witch doctors, herbalists, traditional healers all had tried to help her. Nothing worked. When Pastor Saisavanh Phouliphan found her she really looked terrible.



Her leg was red and swollen. Her wound was open and blood and water just sipped out of the wound like a leaking tap. No more money the hospital just discharged her to her own fate—to go and die at home.

Pastor Saisavanh told her that if human doctors cannot heal her there is a God in heaven who can heal her. We know this God and if you allow us we will pray for you. Of course, it was not



easy for Nida and her family to accept such a bold offer immediately. They never heard about this God before. So, they asked for a few days to try other healers first. Finally, after a week they allowed our health ministry team to visit her at home. They applied charcoal on her wound and prepared strict vegetarian meals and mixed veggie-fruit juice for her to drink and prayed for her. As you can see, her wound looks much better than before. The swelling also subsides and the redness is





Our health ministry director is preparing food for Nida



gone. We will continue to minister to this poor little girl. She had gladly accepted a bible and a bible story book to read. When our health ministry team visits her next time they will tell her stories of God and His plan for our salvation. If He is willing the Lord will perform another miracle in Laos by healing this girl that human doctors said that is incurable.

Please join us in prayers for the healing of this poor little girl. If you would like to contribute for her meals and fruit juice please let us know. She is poor and so are we in Laos. But little that we have we give. As we are overwhelmed with the needs of so many people like Nida we do appreciate your help.

Another day, when we visited the children hospital we found a young boy we was severe burned by falling on a boiling pot. People called him the "pot boy." But, his real name is Pom.



He was in much pain and crying nonstop. Feeling sympathetic on him we asked permission from his parents to offer prayer for him. Permission granted and we prayed for the boy. The next day we came to visit. His wound was very much dried up so quickly and he was able to eat and drink. The parents were beaming with gladness and gratitude.



By this time, everybody in the room knew about how quickly the "pot boy" was healed also they asked us to pray for them too. So, we were busy praying for everyone in that room.

On our third visit, the boy sat up, partly dressed, and gave us a real beaming smile. Of course, he had a good reason to smile. He was almost healed and the doctor already told him that he could go home in a few days.

And on our fourth visit, he was ready to be discharged from the hospital. He returned home thanking God for healing him. And



his parents are grateful for our prayers and care for him during his stay at the hospital.





We looked in the next room we found this young lady. A second year law student who had her right leg amputated. She too, I was told, had a bone cancer. She is from Oudomxay Province. She is from a Tai Dam tribe. Coincidentally, she is from the same village where I was born! In Naxiengdy Village, Houn District, Oudomxay, 58 years ago, while my father was a teacher at their village I was born. I used to eat their rice mixed with their saliva (natural baby formula) chewed to me by many young nannies who were just too happy to care for their teacher's baby.

So, I felt for this young student. Were the doctors too quick to find an easy solution by cutting of her leg to prevent the cancer from spreading elsewhere in her body? Now, a young woman, a 2nd year law student, full of future just finds herself without a leg. She was devastated and her parents could not cope with it. She is their only child. What to do now? They don't know. They could not afford to get an artificial leg for her. They don't know if such a thing even exists in Laos.



Our hearts poured out to her. We went to visit her daily, praying for her, encouraging her to fight on. Friendship and bonding improved. She no longer feels rejected or lonely. Her friends might

have deserted her, but she has found plenty of new friends from our church.



Here in Laos, we are doing evangelism Jesus' way. We mingle with people; heal the sick; cloth the naked; feed the poor; cast out demons; laugh with those who are happy; cry with those who mourn; in order to win their confidence before we bid them to follow Jesus.



Thank you all of you who regularly support our work in Laos. If you would like to experience this yourself you can come to join us. A couple of teaching volunteer positions are still available. One thing I must warn you though, life is tough here in Laos, but the reward which Jesus is preparing for your is incomprehensibly great.

If you cannot get involved personally, you can support us with your funds and prayers. We sincerely thank all of you for your help in advancing God's work in Laos.