



Lao American Mission Partnership (LAMP) THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH U.S.A. (PCUSA)

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LAMP CURRICULUM VITAE

What is LAMP (Lao American Mission Partnership)?

LAMP is a Christian non profit organization chapter of the Presbyterian Church USA located at the office of the Lao consultant at First Presbyterian Church of Cornelia, Georgia at 469 N. Main Street, Cornelia, GA 30531. This office is mainly focusing on providing services to the Lao refugees and immigrants for their resettlement in the United States.

How was LAMP established?

Early in the 80's the Southeast Asian refugees started coming to the US to resettle. Churches within the Presbyterian Church USA sponsored Lao refugees and helped them to resettle. However, the sponsor churches ran into difficulty on helping Lao refugees for their new lives due to language barrier, custom and culture differences and education level. The need to have someone speaks Lao and English was high. The Rev. Dr. James Oudom became the first Laotian ordained minister in the PCUSA and through his leadership LAMP was established in 1993 to enable churches and organizations within the PCUSA to help refugees for their resettlement program.

What does LAMP do in the US?

LAMP was established for the purpose of helping churches and organizations to assist Lao refugees and immigrants for their resettlement in the US. LAMP services are as follows:

- * **Immigrants and refugee needs:** legal service, jobs search and training, filling forms, doctors and hospital translation and transportation, and other basic needs for new comers.
- * **Churches & Organizations:** Provides workshop and training on how to work with new immigrants. Provide leadership training at Austin Theological Seminary to upgrade leadership skill to the Lao church leaders within PCUSA. These trained leaders will offer help for Lao new immigrants on their resettlement in the US.

How is LAMP involved with Lao Projects?

- * **1992** LAMP received requested funding for elementary school project of Ban Nakoong, Xaythani district, through the Ministry of Education and the Committee for Planning and Cooperation (CPC) for \$20,000.00 and the clinic for \$5,000.00. In 1995 the project was funded. The same year, LAMP offered \$1,000.00 to ParkNgeun Clinic to get electricity to its building. Since then, LAMP started considering funding requests either directly or from NGOs in Laos which are approved by Lao government. LAMP always supports the peaceful reconstruction of Laos.
- * **2004** LAMP supported projects of an organization named SEAFM (Southeast Asian Friendship Ministry) for school and medical project. LAMP helped fund water well, restrooms, and school supplies to Non SaAth middle school, Xaythani.
- * **2005** LAMP got direct request from Sethathirath hospital on HIV project and started a partnership project with the hospital during the visit on November 11 to 18th, 2005. This visit included the donation of medical supplies worth \$117,650.00 and the discussion for future cooperation between LAMP and Sethathirath.
- * **2006** LAMP offered support to this hospital cost \$142,582.00 on surgical equipment and HIV & Aids medicines.
- * **2007** LAMP already offered Uniform of 343 units for this hospital and plan for more involvement with HIV & Aids clinic.

LAMP Mission Statement:

1. To share the love of Christ to others with deeds and action by ministering to the felt needs of the Lao people.
2. To promote peace, unity, understanding, and seeking benefits to the Lao people.
3. To upgrade the living standard of Lao people to be good and productive citizens of the country of resident.
4. To upgrade skill and quality in serving Christ by serving others by providing resources for leadership and jobs training for Lao leaders.
5. To provide consultation, partnership, and facilitation to organizations that has good will for Lao people.
6. To fund any non violent projects with government approval that will bring benefits to Laos within its capability and the availability of monetary funding. **This is to speak specifically for LAMP involvement with Laos PDR.**
7. LAMP will not participate in any political issues but purely focus on the needs of people physically and spiritually.

Where does LAMP funding come from?

LAMP gets support from First Presbyterian Church of Cornelia, Georgia, Dana Beck Francher Foundation in Florida, the Presbyterian Church USA, and individual persons who have goodwill for Lao people in US and in Laos.

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