

## Concept Paper for Grant Application for Greenhaven Lutheran Church

A little over one year ago, Greenhaven Lutheran agreed to allow CNH District missionary Pastor Kou Seying to use its sanctuary and education wing to begin a ministry for the HMong peoples that live in Sacramento. We really didn't know where this would lead our congregation or theirs, but the Lord seemed to be leading us to be involved.

As it turns out, the people of Greenhaven Lutheran Church were very excited and pleased to have these HMong brothers and sisters in their midst. The people of Greenhaven have assisted with music, Sunday School, and many other areas of this ministry.

At the end of a year, there are about 60 potential members being served by the HMong ministry. Pastor Seying has been traveling to Sacramento every Sunday evening to conduct worship services and catechize the local Hmong congregation.

On July 30, 2006, there will be a baptismal service held at Greenhaven for these people. Somewhere between 30 and 40 HMong people will be baptized into the Christian faith and taken into the membership of Greenhaven that day.

Unfortunately, the time is coming when Pastor Seying will not be able to continue to come to Sacramento every week. Our congregation needs to find and call a pastor or vicar to serve this group. The problem is that this growth came so suddenly that we have not had time to plan for it, and the congregation simply cannot afford to fund this ministry and this new servant completely.

Our grant request is quite simple. We are asking that the Mission council assist to grow into the funding of this new ministry in our midst. We are asking that you consider funding 75% (\$45,000) of the total cost of a HMong minister in 2007, 50% (\$30,000) in 2008, and 25% (\$15,000) in 2009. This would allow our congregation to grow into the additional demands on our budget more gradually, while also allowing the HMong portion of our congregation to continue to grow and eventually be able to support a reasonable share of this ministry through their stewardship.

Thank you for considering our request. We will look forward to hearing your decision in the coming months. May God continue to richly bless this work that you do in and for his Kingdom.