

Update: Payap MA Program



Highlights:

- Alumni are engaged in active Bible translation ministries.
- The MA program is meeting its goals.
- Current students plan on joining language projects in the region.
- The program is seeking scholarships for more Southeast Asian students.



Progress:

- Seven new MA students began this year.
- 16 current MA students are planning to work on language projects in the region.
- Wycliffe Thai Foundation scholarship recipient, Opel, continues to excel in his second semester of studies.
- President of Payap University is so pleased with the MA in linguistics program that he has singled it out for special recognition.



Current Goals for 2018

These include:

- Enrol at least 20 students in certificate program.
- Intake at least eight new MA students and see at least 15 students aim to serve in a language project in the region.
- Have staff publish at least seven research papers or publications.
- Provide scholarships for more students.



Stories of impact:

Yo makes a difference

A few months ago, a Thai graduate named Yo completed a translation for the “K” language. This past November, 2,500 copies of the translated “K” Scriptures arrived in Thailand. And so far, 500 copies have already been creatively transported across borders into sensitive countries. Three dedication ceremonies have taken place in different locations celebrating these achievements.

Yo used the skills she acquired in her studies at Payap University and, as a result, 120,000 people in a restricted country will soon have access to the Word of God in their mother tongue.

Payap Alumni from 2016 apply their skills

Recently, Amber and Upai Jasa completed the Lahu Si New Testament, while three other graduates completed and dedicated the Bisu New Testament. Greg, another graduate, is working on an Oral Storying project for Bui speakers. Your support of Payap University is equipping dedicated workers like them.



Pray for the people:

- God, we praise you for the students who are enrolled. Thank you for calling them, and for their commitment to your mission. Give them perseverance in their studies and wisdom in their future plans. Bless Opel, a scholarship student who has requested prayer as he struggles to keep up with learning in English, his second language. Grant him understanding of the material, the rest he needs, and your guidance as he decides upon a people group to work with.
- We pray for a staff member’s wife who has cancer. We pray for his family as they move back to Europe for medical care, and we pray for the school as the replacement staff settles in.
- Thank you, Lord, for blessing Payap’s linguistics department with skilled and faithful staff. Thank you for the progress made through publications and teaching. Please be with the staff working in remote locations. Keep them safe and guide them. Also, we pray for the new head of the linguistics department. Give him wisdom and strength.



Your generosity is training dedicated workers to bring the Good News to people in their own language. Thank you.



Quick Facts:

Purpose: Train students in linguistics and language research. A strong track for Bible translation is offered.

Potential population impact: Millions in at least five nations.

Number of languages served: Up to 200

Geographic area: Southeast Asia

Focus ministry: Master of Arts program in linguistics, providing training in language survey, Bible translation, literacy/language development, capacity-building, research and academic service to society.

Remaining Ministry Year need (to August 2018): \$3,500

