



## Returning Home to Build Faith and Hope

After graduating from LTC, Pastor Uthai gave his life fully to serving God. He spent years ministering through organizations, children's homes, and foundations. In time, God led him to help pastor the church his parents had planted for Lahu people moving down from the mountains in search of work and a better life.

The early years were not easy. When the church and village were first established, there was strong opposition from the surrounding community. But through perseverance, that resistance faded. Today, the church stands as a place of stability and hope among Lahu families.

As people came to faith, another need became clear—many had no place to live. Uthai and the church began asking God to provide land where believers could build homes and encourage one another. God answered by providing 1.5 acres of land. Families settled there, and a church and a dorm for underprivileged and orphaned children were built.

This community has brought both spiritual and practical transformation. Families now have access to schools, healthcare, and work opportunities, while also growing closer to God. Uthai has seen that when people live in a Christ-centered environment, their faith becomes rooted and lasting. Many who came searching for stability have found not only a home, but a new life in Christ.

Today, the need continues to grow. More families are asking to come. Once again, the church is praying, trusting God to provide more space so that others may experience the same transformation.

Uthai's ministry extends far beyond preaching. He teaches, mentors, and advocates for his people, helping families navigate government systems and care for their children. Looking back, he reflects on *how God reshaped his calling*. He once thought he would serve among the Thai, but over time, his vision changed. He saw the deep need among his own people in the mountains—people who needed someone to teach, guide, and disciple them.

So he returned, not for comfort, but for calling.

*Isaiah 43:1 — "I have called you by name, you are mine."*

