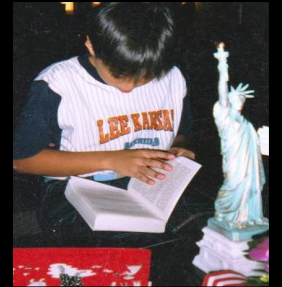




CHILDREN'S TRIBUNE



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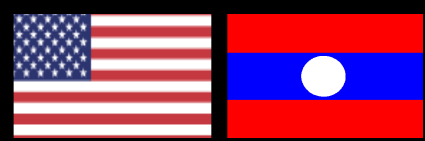
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2018 LAOS MISSION *Library of Laos signs MOU with Khmhu*



Charlie Lor and Chuck Theusch sign as Mayder Lor, Library of Laos Founder Ross Worley and Phonsavath Official look on Phonsavath, Meuang Feaung, Vientiane Province, Laos December 8, 2017



ROSS WORLEY, FOUNDER LIBRARY OF LAOS PROJECT JOINS

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Four Co-Founders made the journey to Phonsavath, Meuang Feuang, in Laos' Vientiane Province to attend the official signing of the Primary Memorandum of Understanding that officially kicked off the construction of the Khmhu Library Learning Center.

Mayder Lor and her parents, Charles and Payoura, on a double mission which included a week of her teaching in Nong Het along with Ross Worley, Founder of the Library of Laos Project back in 2002, were there. The crowd was, once again, excited and in abundance as Santa later appeared too, first time ever!

Madame Kongdeuane Nettavong, General Director Emeritus of the National Library of Laos, and her successor Madame Khanthamaly, current General Director, attended creating an added significance of the work the Library Project's Co-Founders are funding in this remote area of the Lao PDR.

KMHMU PROJECT



PHONSAVATH PROJECT

**GROUNDBREAKING HELD
DECEMBER 8, 2017**

December 8, 2017 marked the beginning of the Library of Phonsavath Project with the signing of the Primary Memorandum of Understanding. It is located in the new village of Phonsavath, which now serves as home for Khmhu peoples from some 17 surrounding Villages, forced out of their ancestral homes in the region as a result of the Nam Ngum 2 Dam Project.

The challenges faced on construction will include exact situating of the Library on the previously agreed upon lot, the Khmhu Architectural signature, the Western Greco-Roman Pillars and the amended handicapped access ramp limited to the first floor, increasing the overall inside measurements of the building. With the assurances of Madame Kongdeuane Nettavong and her oversight, direct payment will be made to the accountant for the school. Kr. Keo, Headmaster, is the primary person responsible for construction on the Lao side.

January 4, 2016 Hmong Americans sponsored a trip to Phonsavath by the National Library's Puppet Caravan Reading promotion program.

December 8, 2017, in another connection well beyond the limits of Phonsavath's District, the students of Phonsavath met Santa Claus in a "Welcome to the West" moment.. This monument to the future of the Khmhu will live for years building the hopes and dreams of the Khmhu Children of Laos.

America and Laos are working together, sponsored by Khmhu - with Lao, Hmong and American support. How about joining us at the Dedication late 2018!!!!???



2018 CALENDAR

JAN

15 Phonsavath: Payment #1 to local officials

MAR

31 Phonsavath Quality Control Inspection #1

APRIL

13 Special Forces Ball, Kansas City

20 Special Forces Ball, Chicago

MAY

31 Phonsavath Quality Control Inspection #2

JUNE

16 Chapter 37 SFA Report, Chicago

JULY

20 VFW Convention Mayaguez VFW #11575
Cambodia at Kansas City, Mo

AUG

TBD Green Berets Reunion Ross' Kansas City

SEP

15 61st Assault Helicopter Reunion, Clarinda, Iowa

22 **2018 CHILDREN'S BANQUET**

OCT-DEC

3 Mission #47: Vietnam*Laos*Cambodia

(To be scheduled: Phonsavath Library Dedication)



SANTA CLAUS VIETNAM, LAOS, CAMBODIA!

2017



Mang Lang, Vietnam, Nov 23

Ross' English School, Vung Tau, Vietnam, Dec 2

Phonsavath, Laos, Dec 8



Takeo, Cambodia Seiha Village (Killing Fields), Dec 4



Xieng Khouang, Laos, Dec 10

Nong Het, Laos, Dec 14

Saigon, Vietnam, Dec 20

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus!

XIENG KHOUANG HMONG LEGACY REMEMBERED



1997-2009-2011-2017 LAO-HMONG-AMERICAN LEGACY LIBRARY
DEDICATED TO THE FUTURE OF THE CHILDREN OF XIENG KHOUANG
 1997 First Provincial Library of Xieng Khouang by Hmong Americans
 2009 Michigan University of America Student Painting of Original
 2011 Full Rehab Lao-Hmong-Americans
 2017 New Legacy Library sponsored by Lao & HMC is Dedicated

*In Association with the National Library of Laos
 Another "Madame Kongdeuane
 Nettavong Inspired Project"*



Mrs. Charlie Lor and daughter Mayder presented this plaque to be erected in the Xieng Khouang Library Learning Center American Hmong Legacy Archive. It is a Memorial Plaque with a reach into the past that is very important to the children, past, present and future, of Xieng Khouang. This room has some other Memorabilia of the first American Hmong builders of this first Library ever in Laos' ancient Plain of Jars Region. Recounted is subsequent work by Hmong and Americans on updating and preserving the original library until they were able to carry the idea forward with a new Library through funding from the Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon, Vietnam) People's Committee. This Archival record preserves the role of Hmong Americans and Americans in the future of education in Xieng Khouang—a bright future...

NONG HET: MAYDER'S MAGIC...HIP HOP & ENGLISH!

Mayder Lor brought much more than books and pens for the kids of Nong Het—she brought ideas! The use of Hip Hop dancing in an English Language training Program was TRULY ORIGINAL in the mountain areas of Nong Het. To say it was "well received" is a gross understatement. The enthusiasm for the dancing incorporated with the English was electric...



Using the computer and internet on the left and the Library-Classroom on the right Mayder spent hours teaching creative thinking in the minds of the Hmong Students of Nong Het. From selecting their own original names for their dance groups to making innovative dance moves beyond the basics she taught, the kids were truly engaged.



2017 NONG HET SCHOLARS



TOGETHER EVERYONE ACCOMPLISHES MORE (TEAM) NONG HET SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORS 2017

Charles T. Lor	100	Nancy Schreiber	100	Xia Vue Yang	75	Jar Ia Xiong	65
Doua Yang	50	Mike Pelzel	50	Ka Yang	50	Brenda L. Susor	50
		Nao Chao Yang	50	Nao Yeng Xiong	10		

2017 NONG HET LIBRARY OF LAOS "TEAM" SCHOLARS

Mr. Raty Kue
Mr. Nu Tho
Miss Kaonava
Miss Pahuava

Miss Nengya
Mr. Lyuua
Mir. Xayyasone
Mr. Kor Ysu

Mr. zlekthana
Miss Yerya
Miss Panya
Mr. Pormuatho

Ten Hmong Americans made Twelve 50 Dollar Scholarships available to the most needy students with the best grades in Nong Het as selected by the local school leaders. These Scholarships are substantial in this poor area of Northeastern Laos and very deeply appreciated—but there is more to it than that. The Certificates Awarded are a source of pride and accomplishment for these young students—they should also be a source of pride to the sponsors that made them possible.

THE CERTIFICATES OF SCHOLARSHIP: IMPORTANT!

Remember as a student the meaningful, if small, accolades one might receive from time to time for a job well done? This is a universal truth in human nature. For these kids that received these Awards you can bet they are proudly displayed on the walls of their home regardless of the poverty surrounding them. They serve to inspire vision of a brighter future in a way that is as significant as the 50 US Dollars they received, maybe more so.

**HMONG AMERICAN SPONSORS
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2017 PRESENTED TO 2018

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School/Library *Nong Het* Village *Thamxay* Huyen *Mong Aoi Xeng Khong*

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 Pakse, Champasak, Province Lao, PDR
 with respect and appreciation for the people of Laos.
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1 December 2011
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 the support of the
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With the support of Mr. Komnyong Siviengkeng of the Lao PDR

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 (Madame Khanthamaly, General Director)
 Another "Madame Kongdeuane Nettavong
 Inspired Project"*

Madame Kongdeuane Nettavong was born in Laos in 1951. Her Grandfather was the last King of the Middle Kingdom of Laos. Her mother was killed in an Air America Plane crash on November 25, 1968 near Savannaket. Gifted, she went to school in Canada and France and returned to her native Laos, the only one of a group of 22 Laotians to do so after the fall of the Lao Republic Government December 12, 1975. She would go on to become the Director of the National Library of Laos. More than that she inspired construction of Libraries across Laos. These plaques have or will appear in every Library with which the Library of Laos has been associated since 2002.

25 June 2008
 Dedicated to the future of the children of Phon Hong Village,
 Vientiane Municipality, Lao PDR by these Americans
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LIBRARY MISSION
"UNCHAIN THE
MINDS OF ALL WHO
ENTER"



KHE SANH: 50 YEARS LATER.. 1968-2018

President Lyndon B. Johnson was faced with what appeared to him to be a decision in early 1968 much as the French faced at Dien Bien Phu 14 years earlier in 1954—no way would he allow a remote mountain battle to be lost and thus, lose the war. His resolve meant a Siege that carried on from January 21 to July 9, 1968. The US Marines with Navy and US Army support managed to avoid such a monumental defeat. The Library Project's personal contact with this historic battle is with the eyes, ears and heart of Chaplain Ray Stubbe, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

January 21 2018 marks the 50th Anniversary Commemoration of the Siege. Chaplain Stubbe has throughout his life acted on his commitment to God and to the so very many soldiers to whom he has ministered— not only throughout the Siege but throughout his life to this very day. He still inspires in Milwaukee with a special life bringing insight and compassion to Veterans over 50 years after the end of the war.

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Zwick enlisted for 'Khe Sanh'; Hanks on team
By Beth Laski
Multihyphenate Edward Zwick, up for an Oscar on Sunday for producing "Traffic," is in negotiations to direct Fox 2000's drama "Khe Sanh," being scripted by William Broyles Jr. and produced by Tom Hanks, about how a priest's faith is challenged by his experiences at that besieged outpost during the Vietnam war.
It has not yet been determined whether Hanks, also in the running for an Oscar for his starring turn in "Cast Away," is in the running for an Oscar for his starring turn in "Cast Away," including Broyles, Hanks and Elizabeth Gabler, who now heads Fox 2000 and was previously a senior development executive at Fox shepherding "Cast Away."
"Bill Broyles is a very serious writer and the things that he writes are born out of his experience and out of his heart," Zwick told The Hollywood Reporter. "He is as authentic and as committed a writer as there is. This screenplay, like "Apollo 13" and like "Cast Away" is deeply personal and deeply felt."
Zwick is quite familiar with the dramatic military story that is "Khe Sanh." He directed "Glory," "Courage Under Fire" and "The Siege."
"Khe Sanh" would mark the first pairing for Zwick and Hanks, who have long sought to work together.
Zwick is currently producing "Abandon," which marks Stephen Gaghan's directorial debut, and produced with Laura Bickford and his Bedford Falls producing partner Marshall Herskovitz the Steven Soderbergh-directed "Traffic" for USA Films, for which Gaghan wrote the script. Soderbergh and Gaghan are also nominated for Oscars for "Traffic."
Zwick and Herskovitz created and executive produce the critically acclaimed ABC television series "Once and Again." Zwick's feature directing credits also include 1994's "Legends of the Fall," "Leaving Normal" and "About Last Night." He is also developing projects with John Logan and Christopher McQuarrie for Warner Bros.

Ray Stubbe wrote a 1,500 page diary during his service at the Siege at Khe Sanh. The tome was purchased back in 2001 for a movie as detailed in The Hollywood Reporter March 22, 2001.
The movie has not been made to date but the production is reportedly "still in play" as a Vietnam War story. Ray has moved on with several books and Founded the Khe Sanh Veterans Association.

"KHE SANH" THE MOVIE
A STORY THAT NEEDS TO BE TOLD WILL BE TOLD
Thanks to the vision of a 30 year old Chaplain Ray Stubbe, USN who kept a meticulous diary throughout the Siege of Khe Sanh of some 1,500 pages, recognizing he was not only a witness to history, but a part of the history he witnessed the story of Khe Sanh Lives, never to be forgotten, "in Honoring the dead by serving the living" as Ray says, we continue the memory with the **Khe Sanh Triumph of Faith Library**.
"KHE SANH" is a work in progress and will come to the big screen one day thanks to the record he kept of bravery, courage and sacrifice by all who fought there. This project remains in the works percolating for years before final completion, standard practice in the movie industry.



As a Co-Sponsor of the Khe Sanh Library, Chaplain Stubbe has remembered the Bru mountain peoples of the region around Khe Sanh. Here is a Joe Campbell sponsored grant of 10 Scholarships in 2016 to the mountain kids of the Khe Sanh Library Project (Dedicated December 4, 2006). They are awarded to kids who are doing well from the very poorest families. They will continue to work, helped and inspired by Chaplain Ray Stubbe, US Veterans of the Siege and others.



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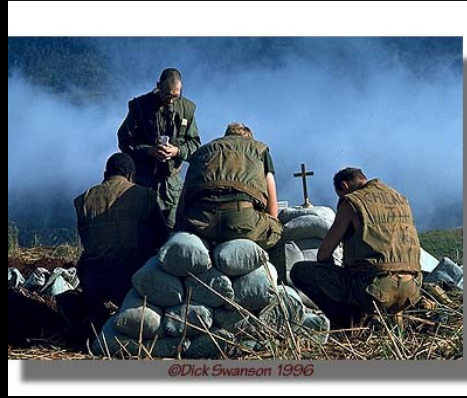
"Books making the Library Project's connections to history"

"VALLEY OF DECISION"

The Siege of Khe Sanh

John Prados & Ray W. Stubbe, Published 1991

Naval Institute Press, Annapolis, Maryland



Chaplain Ray Stubbe is an inspiration and co-sponsor of our Library at Khe Sanh, Vietnam. Founder of the original Khe Sanh Veterans Association and author of several books on the Siege that began January 21, 1968, 50 Years ago, he has a story of his own that spans a lifetime of giving to his fellow man. The book details the story of Khe Sanh for posterity.

Widely acknowledged as the definitive history of the siege of Khe Sanh when first published in hardcover in 1991, this book tells the whole incredible story of one of the most pivotal and bloody battles of the Vietnam War. Historian John Prados and Khe Sanh survivor Ray Stubbe recount the brutal seventy-seven days of combat and present the larger political context that formed the all-important backdrop to the events on the battlefield in 1968.

From the first direct hit on the fifteen-hundred tons of ammunition stockpiled in the U.S. compound, through the day and night patrols, pounding mortar fire, and shifting battle lines, the words and deeds of the men of Khe Sanh are brought to life with a skillful combination of documentation and eyewitness accounts—from both sides of the conflict. Unique among books about the war, the comprehensiveness of this study will satisfy the most demanding specialist. Its sense of drama and action and its use of on-the-scene testimony will intrigue the general reader. 576 pages. 65 photographs. 16 line drawings. Paperback. 6 x 9 inches.—
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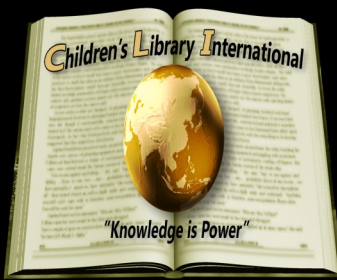
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