AFTER SCHOOL ENGLISH
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"Then the Lord said to him, "what is that in your hand?" "A Staff," he replied." - Exodus 4:2

We are still in our first month and keeping up with our language study. Because we can't speak yet we always communicate through very broken sentence pattern that they really hardly understand. The best tool is sign language.

But our children cannot wait until we can speak to them well. They go to the center speak to us in sign language too. At the end of the day, it is very funny to think how we get to understand them and they get to understand us also.

We have more than 10 children visiting our center everyday. On our first week we let them watch our Gospel Mien Movie set in our village. Daily again and again they watch the Mien Movie with the message of conversion from spirit worship to the worship of the true God. Moment by moment we pray that God will illumine their young minds to the truth of the God we serve.

On the second week we introduced them the mien gospel song videos and they still love it. Then on the third week the film about Jesus Christ dubbed in Mien language. By the fourth week came our church members telling us that parents would be much happier if we teach their kids English than just letting them watch TV.

We explained in the simplest way we can that because of our language barrier it is very hard for us to instruct them on activities. The truth that even we are on the third week we can't speak a single instruction to the children yet. We can speak words or phrases but not an instruction on what to do.

Nevertheless we followed their advice so we came up with the INFORMAL AFTER SCHOOL ENGLISH PROGRAM AT THE CENTER with our 10-15 kids.

3:00-4:00= kids' arrival = Children's Songs time

4:00-5:00= Alphabets and reading/ ukelele and recorder for older kids

5:00- 6:00 = Vitamin C time and Ball games

By the time we will be able to speak the language we will make it into a formal After School English Program to the children. We will ask the assistance of the village leader and parents to explain the importance of this program to the children.

English is what we have in our hands right now. The best way to serve the kids is through this program.

Please help us pray for our language acquisition to reach our village deeper and deeper each day.