

# **Informal Northern Thai Group Bulletin**

**6 March, 2016**

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**1.1. PRESENT :** Peter Davy, Ken Dyer, Khen Haight, Steve Haight, Terence Harkin, Ann Sasithon Kamrit, Liebig Manfred, Luis Marcon, John Melton, Monika Meyer, Walter Meyer, Patrick Morel, Aaron Prutzman, Aileen Roantree, Allison Sanders, Julien Strens, Gary Suwannarat, Lisa Tobin, Sophie Whiting. A total of 19 signed.

**1.2. “History of the Thailand HIV/AIDS Epidemic: Highlights of the Country’s Key Contributions to Global Prevention” A talk by Bruce G. Weniger**

*Due to some technicalities, the summary of the talk is to be found on the attached document:*

INTG-20160209-401st-Weniger-History-HIV-AIDS-Thailand  
OR on the INTG Website.

## 2. NEXT MEETING (402<sup>ND</sup>)

Tuesday, 8 March, 2016, 7:30 pm, at the Alliance Française, Chiang Mai :

“History of the Lahu and Wa Baptist Missions”

A Talk by David Lawitts

**The Talk:** The Wa and Lahu ethnic minorities along the China-Burma border held an ancient tradition that a White Man holding a White Book would one day arrive to the mountains to bring knowledge of the one true God – so when American Baptist missionaries first entered British Burma in the early 1900s, this tradition perfectly prepared the Wa and Lahu for mass conversion. Building off of last year’s talk on Harold Young, this presentation will be a detailed look at his father, William Marcus Young, a pioneer missionary in Shan State, Burma, and Yunnan, China, and the man who first planted the roots in Southeast Asia from which the Young family legacy would grow.

**The Speaker:** David Lawitts is an American who has lived on and off in Chiang Mai since 2002 studying ethnic minorities in the mountainous borderlands of Southeast Asia, and their relationship between these groups and their respective “host” governments. He is a close friend of the Young family of baptist missionaries and has amassed an unprecedented body of research on their legacy and impact in Thailand, Laos and Burma. During undergraduate (B.A., East Asian Studies, University of Madison in Wisconsin) and graduate research (M.A., Sustainable Development, Chiang Mai University), he has studied ethnic minorities in the Mekong region and the relationship between hill tribes and their respective “host” governments.

## 3. APRIL MEETING (403<sup>RD</sup>)

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“Bureaucratizing the Good Samaritan”

A Talk by Tony Waters

**The Talk:** Tony Waters will be speaking about his book *Bureaucratizing the Good Samaritan* which is about the nature of international relief operations. His experience with relief operations began here in Thailand where he worked for NGOs in the early 1980s, and later continued in Tanzania. His talk will use examples from his work in Thailand and Tanzania to illustrate principles of how the international refugee relief regime grew and developed after World War II.

**The Speaker:** Tony Waters is on the faculty of the Peace Studies Department at Payap University. Previously he has taught in California, Germany and Tanzania. His books include *Weber’s Rationalism and Modern Society* (2015), and *When Killing is a Crime* (2007), and others. He was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Phrae province in 1980-1982, and worked in refugee camps in Thailand in 1982-1983, and in Tanzania in 1984-1987 and 1994-1996.

#### 4. List of FUTURE INTG MEETINGS

The following addresses bounce back or do not work and will be phased out from the INTG mailing list after this mailing.

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**To be scheduled:**

Amy D'Apice : “Looking at Southeast Asia: a Renaissance in Travel Sketching”.

Constance Mudore : “Sex Trafficking in Nepal: the Connection between Public Health and Human Rights”.

Pradit Takerngrangsarit : “Challenges to the Church of Christ (Thailand) in a Changing Society”.

Christian Bollier : “Save Elephants, Symbol of Thailand, to Save Humanity”.

Mukdawan Sakboon & Prasit Leepreecha : “Citizenship among ethnic peoples in Northern Thailand”.

## **6. INTG CONTACTS : Convenor - Secretary - Website**

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- 2) Secretary : Louis Gabaude : e-mail : <gabaudel@yahoo.com>. Mobile : 087 188 50 99.**
- 3) INTG Website : Clarence Shettlesworth: <http://www.intgcm.thehostserver.com>**

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