

NONG HET LAO-HMONG-AMERICAN LIBRARY LEARNING CENTER

"There's no place like home....the Hmong Americans return"

In 1960 CIA Agent Bill Lair, on a mountain top in a far-flung corner of the world, forged an agreement with Hmong Leader, General Vang Pao, and out of that small meeting the "Secret War" in Laos was born. The Hmong fighters, many of them boys as young as 10, fought valiantly to save the lives of countless Americans in such places as Long Chan, the Plain of Jars and Sepon. With the end of the war came what is now known as the great Hmong Diaspora, as they refuged to Thailand, finally finding homes in America, Canada and France.



Charles T. Lor, ca. 1962
10 years old serving his Lao homeland



Charles T. Lor, 2010
Investing in Nong Het



50 Years later in October 2010 the Library of Laos Project forged an agreement with Hmong leaders in Nong Het, and out of this small meeting the Lao-Hmong-American Library/Learning Center Project was born. It will be opening the future to the children of Nong Het.

Vue Yang and a special honor roll of 15 Hmong Families has invested in the homeland they were forced to leave by the fortunes of war so many years ago.



Vue Yang
Hmong American Chairman
Nong Het Library Learning Center

In life, we should always be able to go home to our heritage. Now, the Lao, Hmong and Americans they served will be doing exactly that as this historic monument to the human spirit is built and dedicated on the Hmong New Year, November 27th 2011.

