

# We Help War Victims .org

WHEN FIGHTING STOPS, THE CONSEQUENCES OF WAR GO ON.

## Museum

To increase awareness of the Hmong community, WHWV opened a museum to display aspects of their everyday life and culture. To that end, they recorded some interviews with members of the Hmong community in Wausau. While transcribing 5+ hours of interviews, we learned about their childhoods, their journeys to a new life and their hopes for the future.

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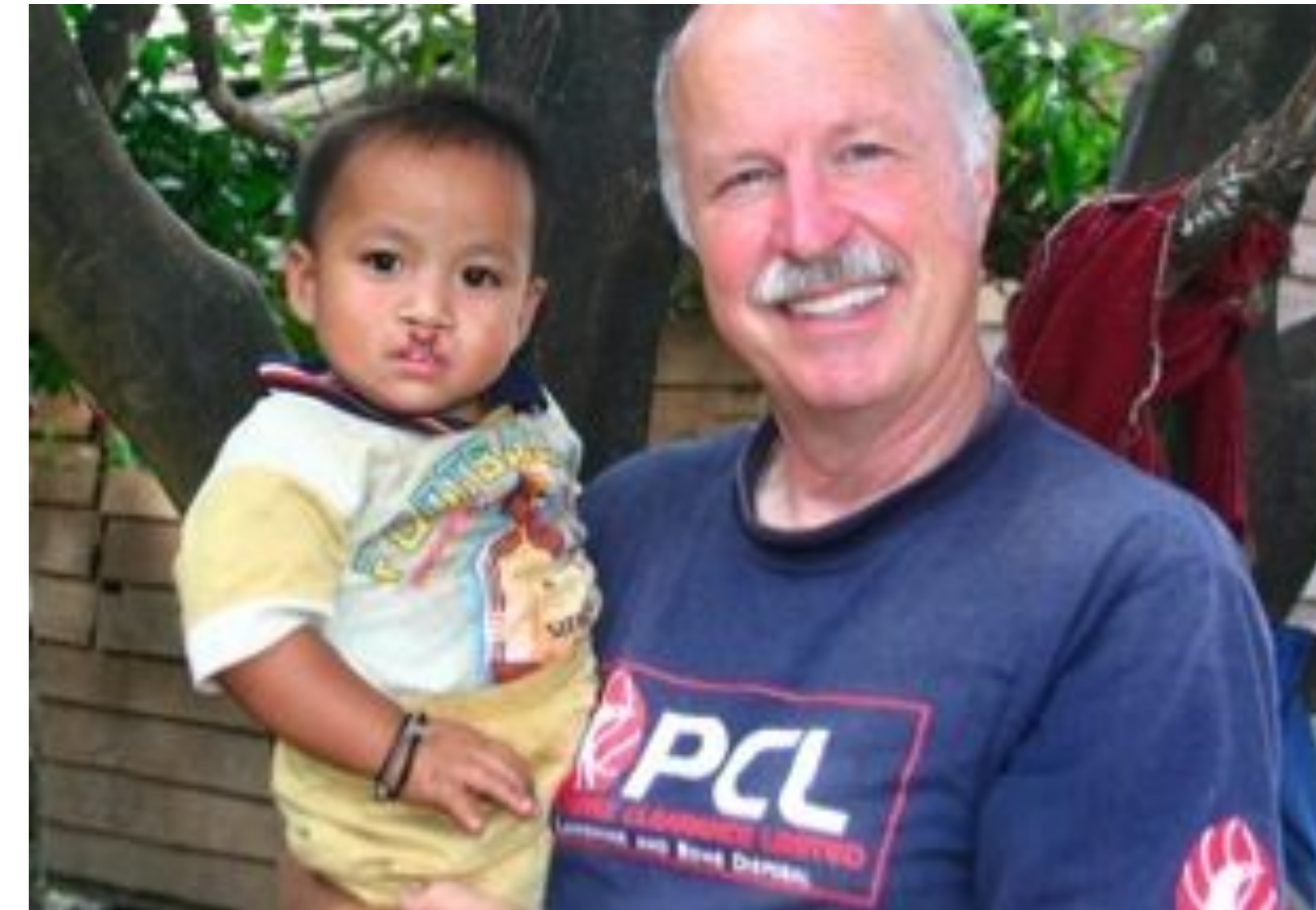
## Jim

Jim Harris, former school principal, is now changing the lives of Laotians by serving their community in the process of removing bombs that have been in place since the Vietnam War. Jim and his team bravely go out to the fields in Laos to dig up landmines to prevent more people from dying. This act of kindness and bravery is just a small snippet of Jim's genuine compassion towards helping those who are in need.

Thank you, Jim!

We Help War Victims (WHWV) is a non-profit organization devoted to helping people in both the United States and Southeast Asia who have been victimized by the IndoChina War. Post-war reconstruction and economic development have been damaged from a destruction of infrastructure and ecological degradation.

Since 2000, WHWV has aimed to reconnect refugee families in Wausau with friends and relatives left behind in Laos. WHWV has provided over 40 Lao schools with their first libraries, as well as donating medical supplies to health centers in rural areas.



Since 2006, WHWV has worked with Lao residents to remove or destroy land mines, bombs, rockets, mortars, and other unexploded ordnances. While there is still more to be done, the efforts of WHWV have improved the daily lives of many Lao residents.

## Coffee

WHWV is also supporting Laotian farmers by selling their coffee in the United States. Once the beans arrive in the states, they are roasted and supplied to restaurants in Wausau, our goal was to spread that business to Michigan. We got the chance to work on some ideas to better advertise their coffee and reach out to some coffee shops and cafes in Ann Arbor to sell Jim's coffee beans. We planned to distribute roasted beans as well as supply unroasted beans for local coffee shops in Ann Arbor.

- Brendon, Carla, Emilio -

## Outreach

The main objective of outreach was to broaden awareness of the mission and accomplishments of WHWV with the broader Ann Arbor community.

After learning about the goals and accomplishments of WHWV, we felt the desire to share them with the broader community in order to increase awareness. We researched student organizations at U of M which focus on similar topics to WHWV's focus. We then reached out to the U of M organizations and expressed how much this organization has inspired us and how they would benefit from being involved. This was done with the goal of collaborating with at least one of the student orgs to organise a speaking tour for Jim Harris.

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