

Thu Lai Mu - Karen Pastor

Thu Lai Mu was born in the village of Mae Su Ku, situated on the Thai/Burma (now Myanmar) border on the banks of the Salween River. Civil war and ethnic persecution of the Karen people group by the Myanmar government forced his family to move from place to place, and eventually flee to a refugee camp in Thailand. While in the camp, Thu Lai finished high school and went on to graduate from Bible school.

In 2010, Thu Lai Mu moved to the United States and settled in Jacksonville, where he became an active part of the Karen ministry at Southside Baptist Church. Serving first as a Sunday School helper, he was soon elected a leader of the Karen fellowship, and in June of 2012, he joined the Southside staff as Minister to the Karen People. With the official launch of the Southside Karen Baptist Mission the following month, Thu Lai Mu became the first pastor of that congregation, and God continues to use Thu Lai for His glory and to bless the Karen Mission under his leadership. Thu Lai Mu is married to Moo Wah Paw, and they have one son, John Christian Mu.