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## Update regarding the detention of three American Christian volunteers in Laos.

Background: On Monday, April 8, three American volunteers, Wayne, Autumn, and Joseph, with the U.S. non-profit Vision Beyond Borders were detained by police in Laos as they visited villages north of Muang Sing in the Louang Namtha province. They were sharing Gospel tracts and MP3 players when detained.

On Thursday, August 18 we were notified by our contacts and U.S. embassy authorities that Wayne, Autumn and Joseph were being released. They were taken by road to the Thai border and departed Laos into the Chiang Mai consular district in northern Thailand.

We thank all our supporters and all those who have been praying and working for their release. And we ask for continued prayer for their swift and safe return home as we celebrate this Easter season.

Vision Beyond Borders exists to serve the persecuted church in closed nations around the world. It directly supports Children's Homes for orphaned and impoverished children, Safe Houses for women against sex trafficking, provides refugee relief supplies for the Middle East, provides Bibles to impoverished and oppressed Christians, and supports pastors and mission work in closed countries.

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