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# Akha Alert!

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## Salem Alliance Church Supports the Akha Ethnocide in Thailand

The Akha mountain people live in SE Asia. 70,000 live in Thailand.

Lori Crouch of Salem and Paul Vernon of Denver work with the mission "Akha Outreach" in Chiangrai, Thailand. Akha Outreach has a policy of requiring the Akha to completely abandon their culture and identity as "evil and dark". Akha Outreach also supports the removal of Akha children to boarding schools for coercive conversion and institutionalization. Akha Outreach is run by an Akha man named Ajay who is married to an American woman named Nancy. **Ajay was trained by Paul W. Lewis, the American Baptist missionary who sterilized hundreds of Akha women.**

The Akha Heritage Foundation opposes the removal of Akha children from their families.

### A Dirty Little Secret

On Lori Crouch's website Lori and Paul portray the Akha as poor, even backward. But what they don't tell the public is that Ajay, the Director of Akha Outreach, bought the land out from under the Akha village Lori Crouch works in, and won't give it to the villagers. The land was bought with donor church money. Lori Crouch and Paul Vernon are hoping you don't know that. Few missions oppose or even talk about the abuse of Akha Human Rights. Land rights are crucial for the Akha. <http://www.loriandpaul.hopedenver.com>

### Salem Alliance Needs a Bath

Salem Alliance church is listed on Lori Crouch's website as a supporter of their work in Akha villages. Salem Alliance is Lori Crouch's church.

We notified Salem Alliance several times of our concern and asked them for a response. They never replied. We stated quite clearly that we felt that Salem Alliance was supporting the ethnocide of the Akha people in Thailand by supporting Lori Crouch and Paul Vernon and their dubious work with the Akha. We told them that the Akha traditional items in the village such as the gates and swing had been villainized and torn down, even burned. We got no reply. We contacted **Susan White** [swhite@salemalliance.org](mailto:swhite@salemalliance.org), Director of World Missions and **John Stumbo** [jstumbo@salemalliance.org](mailto:jstumbo@salemalliance.org), Senior Pastor. We asked Salem Alliance NOT to support the ethnocide of the Akha that Lori Crouch and Paul Vernon are involved in. We posted our concerns on [www.akha.org](http://www.akha.org). We got no reply from Salem Alliance Church.

### What You Can Do

Contact Salem Alliance Church by phone or email and ask them to stop supporting Lori Crouch and Paul Vernon's ethnocidal work among the Akha people of Thailand. Tel: 503-581-2129 <http://salemalliance.org/home/index.php>

### The Akha Heritage Foundation

The Akha Heritage Foundation is a non profit 501-c(3) humanitarian organization set up in 1991 to assist the Akha people of SE Asia and educate the public about their needs.

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