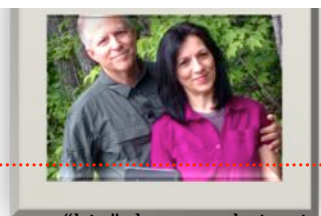




Banfe Family Newsletter

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"Yea, so have I strived to preach the Gospel, not where Christ was named," (Romans 15:20)

Greetings to all our beloved supporters and prayer warriors: THE BATTLE RAGES

We as Christians casually talk about putting on the armor of God. Many youth conferences use it as a "hip" theme to bring in the youth. We always nod our heads with a concerted "yes" when the Pastor tells us to put the whole armor of God ***"that ye may be able.... to stand"***. But do you really, I mean really, understand how raging, fierce and brutal the battle is here in this world, to the destruction of eternal souls, the devastation of families, even pastor's families, the heartless brutality of the enemy, who wants us to live in hopelessness and despair? On the mission field, in the heat of the battle front, where you can hear and see the ordnance pounding this world and the saints, the unsaved sinking into hopeless idolatry, where Satan puts his bulls-eye on the Saints of God, the sense of spiritual warfare is intense, and drops us to our knees, you either turn to God or become a casualty of the war. Christ tells us that you can do nothing, nothing without Him. In this letter I want to share some sober reminders of this battle as well as some of the amazing victories that God has wrought currently in this ministry.

Radio MTB

I cannot tell you how excited we are that we are getting ready to go live, with God's Word beamed to cell phones across Myanmar, reaching 1000s of souls for Christ: Godly preaching, Bible lessons, lessons on doctrine, godly music, Bible reading, programming attacking the false doctrines entering Burma. But there is a cost. Our station developer at BRN shared with me that he has never in all his projects through the years witnessed more palpable enemy attacks than with MTB radio. He said that when he tells his wife he will be working on MTB Radio, he doesn't name it but just says "the project". I get goose-bumps all over my body when I talk about it. There have been a plethora of illnesses and roadblocks and letdowns. I am blessed. But at times it has been intense. But it is coming to D-Day. Although we still have need support for new content, we have received gifts enough to start up and enough for at least a year of operation. God is so good. He will use this to fire a powerful volley into the enemies' camp. It gives me great encouragement to read Revelation 20:7-10. During this passage, after the 1000 years, Satan is loosed out of "his" prison. He goes about to deceive and gathers the nations to battle against the redeemed. They then surround the camp of the saints and the beloved city....then ***"fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them"*** and the devil was ***"cast into the lake of fire"***. Praise God, Amen and Amen.

Earnestly Contend for the Faith

Here Jude writes of how he was diligent to write of ***"our common salvation"*** and exhorts the brethren to ***"earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints"***. I call your attention to the word "once". Not twice, not anew, not modified, modernized or humanized, but once delivered. In Burma there has been a pantheon of saints to whom I could never hold a candle, but am indebted to daily in my ministry. There is the towering Adoniram Judson. 5,000 Judson Bibles with God's Word, preciously translated by Judson over 30 years for the Burmese, will be arriving in port in Bangkok for our distribution within Myanmar. Now we have to deal with customs, commandeered by the enemy to stop the healing balm of God's word from getting to the people. In the shipment are 1000s of pieces of clothing for the poor. I just got word that red flags have already been raised. But ***we will continue to earnestly contend***. Please pray, ***earnestly*** for the shipment to not be confiscated or charged with unreasonable duties as they enter this pagan kingdom full of fornication and idolatry where Satan reigns. But we have sure hope. But we need to "put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ" so we will make no provision for the flesh.

"For There are Certain Men Crept in Unawares" (Jude 4)

And the battle rages. Now in Burma, many of the inroads that the Christian faith has made through the faithful efforts of those martyrs who have gone before, are under attack. Now the cults are sweeping the land. Men and women, who claim the name of Christ, ***"ungodly men"*** are creeping in and finding itching ears among the uneducated and poor and even among the Christians, even Baptist pastors. In 2017 I went to teach the "Deity of Christ in Burma" at a pastor conference in Mandalay. We were told that none of those coming would attend because Kenneth Copeland's group was there teaching the prosperity Gospel. Gospel? A false doctrine directly from the bowels of hell. It is sweeping Asia like fire, as is Pentecostalism and contemporary charismatics. All appeal to the flesh. But ***"we are troubled on every side, yet not distressed....cast down but not destroyed....Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus"***. I want you to know we are bombarding the gates of hell in Burma with 1000s of books on doctrine, and will be firing multiple volleys of Bible courses on the radio. We are training faithful men and young people to teach others also. We have Burmese pastor, in partnership with us, whom we are mentoring through his Masters degree at a US Baptist Bible college online. You can already hear the wisdom growing and he has already entered the fray in his country against false doctrine to contend for the faith, those precious doctrines of our wonderful Baptist faith. Remember, you can't win a war by dulling the weapon of the enemy but by sharpening your own.

Thank you for reading. I just wanted to be candid with you and impress upon you the urgency and imperative of your participation in this war ***"against the rulers of darkness"***. We are in a battle for our faith and the lives of people for whom Christ died. We are thankful to partner with you in the battle and for your provision, our faithful brothers and sisters in Christ.

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