



Banfe Family Newsletter

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

Praise, Praise, Praise

God is sooooo good. He is so good, in spite of our weaknesses and failures. It is a privilege bestowed upon us by the grace of God that we are able to work in His vineyard. Here is an update of the three pillars of our ministry: School, Publications and Radio.

Personal

I am working diligently on my Burmese language with a Burmese pastor and making great progress. Sherrie is doing great with her Thai language lessons and has been such a blessing in stores and around town translating key words for me. I have gotten the hang of driving here but the motor scooters and trucks make things challenging at times. Small pickups are loaded up to 17 feet high with goods in the bed, so overloaded the frame almost touches the ground and they teeter precariously side-to-side. And motor scooters are used like a passenger van. I have seen a family of 5 on one scooter. It is insane!

School/Teaching

We are setting up a branch of our ministry at Dan Singkhon Pass in the South of Thailand, a current Thai/Burmese border crossing. It is in the process of becoming a full fledged, permanent, full service border crossing very soon. And when it does, it will become a mecca for thousands of Burmese people, mainly Buddhists and cross border trade. We believe it is a divine



appointment to work to set up a ministry teaching Bible (through English classes) there. We have been visiting and witnessing to scores of Burmese at the Dan Singkhon border market on the Thai side and are very encouraged at the opportunities (**see left**).. Our hope is to finish the New Hope Children's foundation we have formed, which should be complete by August, grant us teaching visas through the

foundation, decide on the curriculum, rent a building near the pass, put the NHCf signs on our truck and start classes. So exciting! I know this is looking way forward, but as William Carey said: **"Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God"**. Also, I currently have had the privilege to mentor two Burmese pastors and teach them, dealing with critical issues of doctrine. The problem is that poor doctrine has seeped into the Burmese church with prosperity preaching, evangelical charismatics, and Pentecostalism. The Lord has really been making an impact on their lives and ministries through our sessions.

Publications



Halleluiah! First, the new Burmese Gospel booklet we have been working on for months had its first printing. It was translated by a Burmese DMin grad in the US who did a phenomenal job. A Chin Pastor in Mae Sot, Thailand, rechecked it. It is 10 pages, and has 40 color photos with Scripture references in full color using art paper. It has the Gospel from Genesis to the return of Christ and judgment. It also includes lessons on the Christian life after salvation. Thousands have been printed and are being

delivered to pastors all over Burma and Thailand (**see left**). Halleluiah! Second, we have heard from Beams about our Bibles for Burma project, to bring 5,000 full Burmese Judson Bibles into Burma. They held their "Bibles for Burma" Bible day in February to raise the money to cover the \$40,000 cost for the Bibles. They tell me the funds are already being deposited into their account from churches and they expect a May/June potential shipping date!

Radio MTB

We now have a new radio preacher who has agreed to join us to record for our radio station! His first assignment is to teach and record a 25 session series on the Deity of Christ. I spent hours preparing him for the lessons. We have a professional microphone and IPAD to begin recording. 14 new sermons by Dr. Andy Bloom are just about completed. And we are contacting a wonderful large Burmese youth choir to record godly hymns for the station. Cody Stinson is now working to finish the development of the platform for the station that should be ready to go on air in about 2 months!

Please pray for the following needs:

1. Printing costs for 10,000 new Gospel Booklets (\$1,300)
2. New set of tires for our truck (around \$600)
3. Monthly support for the radio station (\$200/month)

Please continue to pray for us to have faith and wisdom. We love you all and thank you for your prayers and faithful support.

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