



Banfe Family Newsletter May/June 2019



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

Greetings to all our supporters and prayer warriors: THE JOURNEY

So on April 28th we got into a taxi with a Thai gentleman named Captain and his 10-year old daughter for the 5 hour trip to Bangkok. The age and miles of his car did not inspire confidence; almost 20 years old with over 400,000 miles. But he gave us a good price. We made it to the airport, waited 5 hours to catch the flight for the 30-hour air journey back to the US. We have a very full plate of things to accomplish in a short time in the US. First we are selling our house and car and applying for a two-year visa extension. We also plan to visit our radio station creator Cody Stinson in S. Carolina to finalize plans for going on-line this July! On July 3 in Georgia we have the awesome responsibility of filling our shipping container with 5,000 Burmese Bibles. To fill the rest of the container, we are gathering around a half a truck container worth of used clothes, 120 Crown hymnals, and ABEKA Bible curricula that will cross the ocean to Bangkok. We will be in country for their arrival. What a blessed journey the Lord has us on. So much happening it would be overwhelming...were it not for the excitement of watching the Lord unfold His plan. We yearn to get back to the work in July **"while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work"** (John 9:4)

Publications

Our publications director in Yangon and our Burmese Pastor/assistant in Mae Sot are ramping up for the considerable task and privilege of distributing 5,000 Burmese Judson Bibles to new converts and Christians in churches and in small villages across Burma. Transportation in Burma into the small villages can be challenging. So we will likely use informal means like motorcycles or having them meet us at a central location. The network is increasing so fast that we are almost out of all publications. We just printed 15,000 of the Gospel booklets with 40 pictures and Bible verses, from Genesis to Revelation, including living the Christian life and in one month 5,000 are almost gone. In one day, the church of the Pastor assisting us in Mae Sot Thailand handed out 300 of them to Burmese Theravada Buddhists! We are praying about printing 100,000 of them. Burmese Pastors and missionaries are intently using them for evangelical work. The Word is streaming into Burma and to the Burmese people. The only constraint is the cost of printing, which we do in Burma for a cut rate and with very nice quality.

School/Church

As you know, we already support one seminary/church/school in Kalay Myo Burma and one special needs school in Mae Sot. We are now setting the relational foundation for our teaching/school/church planting in Prachuap, witnessing, passing out tracts, being a blessing. The people now know us by name and greet us and they are waiting for the opening of the school and chapel there. But before we can officially dive into things, we are waiting for our Thai foundation to be approved. We risk deportation or worse if we move too quickly. *Please pray for this critical need.*

Radio Mission to Burma: New successes!

1. We have begun work on our new radio course and text booklet for Burmese people, The Trinity: Resolved, is being written by an MDiv grad for whom and in whom I have the utmost respect and confidence. So excited!
2. Pastor William Lo (DMin, USA) is editing the Burmese translation of my book The Deity of Christ: Resolved in preparation for a major reprinting to distribute to be used for the radio course for churches, seminaries and believers.

These two doctrines are essential. They are being attacked by **"certain men"**, and women, who **"crept in unaware"** perverting the Gospel in Burma. This is a battleground where we are battling the JWs, Mormons, Buddhists, and some who claim the name "Baptist". We need to take up arms and **"earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."** Please pray for us and for Burma. Without proper doctrine church planting is at best useless, and at worst dangerous to the Way.

This radio station will make the Gospel, preaching, Bible lessons, Godly music, Bible courses available to churches, seminaries and millions of Burmese, rich or poor in Burma, in cities or in villages with access to wireless or Internet. Or if they go to a nearby town they can download programming. This is a poor, repressive country, in which believers are under persecution, some in fear of their lives. It is radical Buddhist country full of idol worship with paganism woven into their culture.

Please pray for the following critical need: (Radio Mission to Burma)

Allow me be frank. Now is a window for reaching the lost in Burma. The only reason we do not go on air tomorrow is support. We need \$200/month for servers and automation. Cody Stinson at Bible Radio Network is donating all the startup costs and will do the program management at no charge. And we are doing the on-ground work developing content, recording etc. \$200 monthly from one source or four faithful supporters of \$50 a month will put us online. And you will be able to adopt a Christian radio station to one of the least reached countries of the world beaming the Word of God daily, souls saved, Christian encouraged & strengthened. *You can adopt Radio Mission to Burma by going to the "Donations" instructions below to Macedonia World Baptist Missions.* You can support by check or by online giving. If you wish, you can set up a recurring payment with their online giving platform. Please specify "Radio MTB" on any correspondence. (Exodus 35:21, 2 Corinthians 8:1-4)

Thank you for your love and prayers and support. We need each other in this battle and need to persevere each day. Lord Bless.

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