



Banfe Family Newsletter October/November 2019



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

GOD IS GREAT!

You know, we talk about how God is good. But "good" is not the superlative. Of course He is "good" in that in Him resides all goodness. But to me it does not express the highest degree, doesn't express his infinite wisdom, mercy and grace. Titus 2:14 says "*Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.*" The term "Great God" is used multiple times in our KJV. Deuteronomy 10:17 says "*For the LORD your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God*". David doesn't mince words or muffle his praises when he says "*for the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods.*"

The blessings of our Great God have been pouring out on the ministry God has given us. However, the work is going beyond our ability to support as one individual missionary family. I want to present these praises and propose these opportunities to you.

1. **PRAISE OUR GREAT GOD!: The radio station is online!!!** Unbelievable, after 3 years of preparation. God is Great! He carried us through the battle and now 1000s of Burmese will be blessed. Please go to www.mtbradio.org and listen to the station or download the app. Click on the American flag to see the English version. But generating new content, translation work, recording work, is quite expensive. And then we have the \$200/month technical costs (server etc.). It is growing beyond our ability to support (Praise the Lord!). ***We ask you to consider a one time gift or joining in for monthly support.*** We pray that 1000s of Burmese souls will be saved and saints encouraged with the radio ministry.
2. **PRAISE OUR GREAT GOD!: The 5,000 Bibles have arrived!!!** And amazingly, they swept through customs. God blinded their eyes also to the 20 huge boxes of clothing, Bible study material, as well as children's toys. In fact, I was just able to breeze two duffle bags of refugee clothing made by Sewing for Souls through customs on my flight. God is great! Over 1,000 have already been distributed and they are hungry for more. *A link to a compelling video of this ministry is on the email accompanying this newsletter.* Please take a look at it. It will encourage you! However, we not only need Bibles but to distribute these Bibles. And the cost of transport is not inconsequential. To keep up with demand, next week we must ship 3,000 Bibles to Mae Sot, Thailand on the Burmese border and then 1,500 from there to Yangon. The shipping to Mae Sot alone will be over \$400. ***We ask you consider joining in on the Bible ministry with a one time gift to get the Word of God to those who can't afford to have the Word of God, with a one time gift.***
3. **PRAISE OUR GREAT GOD!: We need to do a new printing of the Adoniram Judson witnessing tract.** In Burma we have requests for over 4,000 already and we have none. This tract, from the legendary Judson, was responsible for his first convert in Burma. Commentators say it is a powerful tract. His Bible was not completed until decades later. What we did was updated the tract and paired it, for the first time I know of, with verses from his Judson Burmese Bible. We have just redesigned it, done in booklet form on art paper at a very reasonable cost, but high quality. The Burmese pastors and others are clamoring for it. Also a Baptist evangelical group arrives in November and has asked us to supply witnessing tools for their tour in Burma. Lord willing we plan to print 30,000 of them now. But this is a tall order for us as one ministry with only one missionary support base. We need around \$3,000 for this project. ***We ask you to consider joining the Lord to print these powerful tracts and see many come to Christ in Burma!***
4. **PRAISE OUR GREAT GOD!: Pastor Moses is getting straight A's in his MMin!** It is so hard to find nationals with right doctrine and a consuming love for God to pour your heart into on the mission field. But the best way to reach nationals is with a national. I have met just such a special individual who I have had the pleasure to mentor. As you know I was a dean at the Crown College and have met many students. But Pastor Moses stands out as a leader, willing to be mocked as he contends for the faith, a true Baptist at heart, and one of the hardest Christian workers I know. He has five children, one with special needs. And he has adopted two from a drug-addicted parent. He is a Chin Burmese with English as a second language, getting straight A's in his MMin online from an independent Baptist seminary in the US. He is and will be an influence in Burma at a time when "certain men crept in unawares...ungodly men" (Jude 4) are gaining influence. He is a partner and friend to MTB, one of our radio preachers, translator, and Bible distributor, while pastoring a thriving Burmese church. He's working for his tuition and books, but cannot pay for it all. He has five courses left. Each course is \$400. Books are a total of around \$300 in total. ***We ask you to consider supporting Pastor Moses with tuition or books so he can finish his degree and be a voice and contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints in a very dark place.***



We have so much more going on. We are planning an evangelical Christmas celebration here at the Burmese border near Dan Singkhon pass. We are looking to rent our first New Hope Children's foundation site to minister to the Burmese children and adults with English through the Bible. The Lord is blessing. He is so GREAT. We love you and thank you all for your prayers and support. God is using you.

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