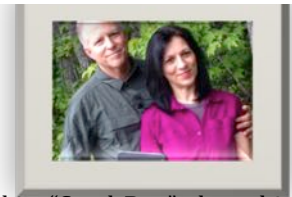




Banfe Family Newsletter

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

PLANNING FOR RE-ENTRY

Our plan is, God willing, to apply for re-entry and buy plane tickets in a month. Thailand has initiated its “Sand-Box” plan which will allow us to re-enter with no quarantine if we have had our Covid vaccination. We have to stay under observation for one week and then are free to go to our rental property in Prachuap Khiri Khan in Southern Thailand on the border with Burma where our truck and all our belongings are. We are eager to return as we will have 10,000 Bibles arriving within a couple of weeks of when we land. Please pray for us as the international situation changes weekly.

BIBLES AND BIBLE TRANSLATION

We have already printed 10,000 Bibles which are boxed and ready to be shipped from the US to Port Bangkok from BEAMS Bibles in Mississippi, already fully funded and ready to go. But, praise God, we also have another shipment from a donor which we are printing in Japan. It will probably arrive sooner to our storage site in Mae Sot Thailand. But in preparation for this Japanese printing we have embarked on a major project, to produce the most accurate copy of the original Old Judson Bible as possible. Most of the copies made over the last 200 years have many errors, and do not agree completely with the Judson text. Many unskilled Christians in Burma have tried to type editions of the Judson original but created copies with missing text and typing errors. Even the copy which BEAMS produces, which is probably the best around, has at least one error in Mark 10:50, where one small diacritical mark was missing and it says “and he, putting on his garment” rather than “and he, casting away”. So we have 8 trained Burmese Christians, with one lead pastor, with the BEAMS Bible text and the original Judson text combing through the entire available text to make certain it agrees with what Judson wrote in his original translation. We believe this will be the cleanest Bible in Burmese anywhere in the world and a great legacy to leave the Burmese people. We are so excited. We plan to print these in our next printing of 10,000 in Japan. It should take about 2 months to complete. Praise the Lord!

ESL/BIBLE SCHOOL

The shooting of the videos for the English conversation drills by a professional Christian film-maker for our intermediate course will be finished in the next couple of weeks. Then we just have to add translation captions to the films and finish up building a few exercises and exams. Then we are ready to go!!! We have many new students already for our Summer Beginning course and many who have graduated waiting to do the intermediate course which will take these Buddhist, Muslim and cultural Christians young students on a Biblical journey through the Gospel of John. A large number of them are college students, the next makers and shakers in Burma. Pray for them to be saved and go on to be godly influences in this godless country.

BAPTIZING THE FRUIT: WE NEED WATER

We have an entire young Burmese ex-Buddhist (praise God) family that has turned to Christ during our Christmas outreach and is faithfully attending church & being disciplined. They are eager to get baptized, but with the Covid restrictions, and no baptistery at the church, we have to be creative. We have found a large plastic pool used for fish ponds to use for these and future baptisms. It will cost around \$100 and will likely be the site of many full immersion baptisms of new converts for Jesus.

Obed



Nay



Joshua



Saw



Van



MYANMAR LIFELINE!

Above are the Burmese Pastors/Christian workers of Myanmar Lifeline who are on the front lines, many times putting their lives at risk to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ our Saviour to the Burmese refugees and those impoverished and displaced as a result of the wicked and cruel rule of the military junta in Burma. Some are in Burma and some on the border in Thailand as 1000s of Burmese flee for their lives. Your support for Myanmar Lifeline is providing them with the tools necessary to bring the Gospel to these hurting people, to bring light to darkness, hope in hopelessness. All of these men are Baptists with diplomas and degrees in Bible studies. For example, Obed is 27 and has an MDiv. We thank the Lord for their service and your financial help. Please do not post their pictures on any social media as this could put their lives and ministries at risk.

MTB BURMESE RADIO

Our radio station has seen an increase and change in listeners. We created a QR code card for the station and included it with every Bible we distribute and we have seen some substantial fruit. First of all a noticeable increase in listeners in Burma and Thailand, which is wonderful. In the last two months we had 169 unique listeners in 35 countries listening for 5749 minutes. And 9 of those listeners listened for over 4 hours! Also, I just loaded 10 new Burmese radio sermons to Sermon Audio and in less than 1 hour there were close to 200 downloads. Praise the Lord. Slowly but surely we are growing our reach and listeners. ***We are so thankful to partner with you in the work of God and for your love and support. We love and pray for you all.***

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