

Banfe Family Newsletter July/August 2021

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



RE-ENTRY PLANS

As of now both of us have received the required Covid vaccines for re-entry into Thailand. However the country is undergoing a severe Covid crisis and we will have to wait until the government permits re-entry.

PUBLICATIONS MINISTRY IN BURMA:

1. We have 10,000 Bibles stored in Gulfport Mississippi with BEAMS Bible Ministry, funded, printed, ready to ship to Burma. As you know, Hurricane Ida devastated large areas of the gulf coast states. We called BEAMS and, praise the Lord, there was no damage to the Bibles and electricity has been restored in the warehouse. Praise the Lord!



- 2. Our Judson Bible historic project is well under way to restore this Bible to the original Judson text. Over the years errors and omissions have crept into the text. The team has already completed part of the Old Testament and are proceeding forward at a good pace, even considering the political turmoil and Covid situation. We just spoke with our printer in Japan. They are ready when we finish to print 10,000 of these restored Judson Bibles so that we can get them into distribution in Burma.
- 3. We just finished printing 5,000 copies of our 10 page Gospel Booklet in Burma (see left). We were able to get paper and print them even with the military coup and civil war. The picture is a picture of the delivery of 2,500 to one of our Myanmar Lifeline pastors for distribution to other pastors to use for evangelism throughout the country. People are hopeless and searching for answers and we want to be there with the solution. And it is in a person, Jesus Christ our Saviour.
- 4. We are printing thousands of <u>The Deity of Christ: Declared</u> (John 1:18) for distribution in Burma. It is in high demand to counter the doctrinal heresy which has entered Burma.

ESL/BIBLE SCHOOL

Even during the crisis in Burma we have gained students for our Beginning/ESL/Bible program. And, we are so excited about our new intermediate course. This course guides students chapter by chapter, line by line through the Gospel of John, exposing them to Godly Christian music as well as a rigorous lessons in the fundamentals of English. They have weekly Bible quizzes and a demanding final exam after 15 weeks of training. We just finished with our conversation videos, made our selections and they have been sent to Thailand for Burmese captions to be included. The videos use young people, in their 20s, the target for our ESL program. And we are so blessed that the dialogue and appearance of the actors in the videos are an excellent testimony for the young Buddhists, Muslims and cultural Christians who will be taking the program. Many are Burmese professionals and college students, the next makers and shakers and leaders in Burma. This ESL/Bible course is such a great way to reach the lost.











MYANMAR LIFELINE!

Myanmar Lifeline is moving forward for the Gospel for Christ. Clothing for the ministry is arriving soon from the US from Sewing4Souls ministry and we are sending around 20-30 more boxes from storage in southern Thailand to the Burmese border. Above you saw the picture of the Gospel booklets being delivered for distribution to our team. Booklets, tracts, books on doctrine, and Bibles are some of their main tools for evangelism in that ministry. But they also need a way for transportation. We are so blessed that you all have stepped in to help support the purchase of bicycles like the ones shown above. Thank you. I just can't exaggerate how these bicycles open up their land for the Gospel ministry, weekly visits, food and Gospel literature delivery, and discipleship. Thank you again.

MTB BURMESE CHRISTIAN RADIO

We are pleased with the listener reach of our radio station and pray the Lord will bless us with even more. Since beginning of July we had 198 listeners listening for over 56,000 minutes in 30 countries. Surprisingly over 10% listened for over 4 hours. One listener alone had over 237 individual sessions! So it appears that we are beginning to develop listener loyalty among some of the listeners, which is what we want. One of the most often listened to was "The Story of Jesus" followed by the Deity of Christ course. On top of this, downloads of our Burmese sermons on Sermon Audio are doing well. For example, within 2 days of uploading 10 new sermons, we already had 117 plays. We are very pleased and blessed by your support for MTB Radio.

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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