



Banfe Family Newsletter September-November 2021



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

PLANS FOR RE-ENTRY

Re-entry plans are still up in the air. The Department of State lifted the level 4 “Do not Travel” to a level 3, “reconsider travel”. But the Thai re-opening plans are still a mess and Covid is still rampant and travel restrictions are still in place. Lord willing, I plan a trip for January to oversee the work if the situation improves. But, regardless, the work of the Lord continues for MTB!

PUBLICATIONS MINISTRY IN BURMA:



First, PRAISE THE LORD. The Bibles are on the way. 10,000 Bibles are on a ship en route to Bangkok, Thailand along with 10 boxes of clothing. Please pray that they will easily pass through customs without being confiscated or delayed and make it to our storage site in Mae Sot. 10,000 Bibles! We have such a need for Bibles to fill there. There is a great need for Bibles in Burma.

Second, we ran out of tracts and Gospel booklets (a good thing). So we plan to do two printings, each of 10,000 Gospel booklets and 5,000 Judson Tracts for distribution to the Burmese. You see, during the crisis in Burma it is more difficult for the pastors to do frequent visits for discipling. So the 20 page, 40 picture Gospel booklet has taken on a greater role in our evangelism and prepares those evangelized with questions when pastors do the visits.



Third, our massive project to correct the errors in the Judson Bible is moving along. The editor has finished formatting the entire Judson Bible and a large part of the Bible has already been reviewed by the 8 pastors. Now we will have a nationwide competition for Burmese Christian youth to find any remaining errors, with prizes for any they find. This will help us and get them to not only read the Bible more, but to take pride in the corrected, restored Judson version. And then we will print many

thousands in Japan for release within Burma, probably the most accurate version since Judson printed his own.

ESL/BIBLE SCHOOL

We just opened our November Beginning ESL/Bible course with over 50 students, many of which are Buddhist. The course is an in-depth 15 week presentation of the Christian faith in which they must pass quizzes and a final exam with 60 questions about the Gospel. We are so excited. Two Burmese Christian teaching assistants are working to keep contact with the students. The Intermediate course is really moving along we plan on enrolling students early next year. It is an in-depth 15 week course through the Gospel of John. As part of the final exam they learn Christian hymns in English and record themselves singing or saying. Buddhist and Muslim students who finish the beginning and intermediate courses will have been profoundly exposed to the light of Jesus. We pray many will come to Christ as a result. Many are young professionals and college grads.

MYANMAR LIFELINE!



Due to the human catastrophe in Burma many are escaping across the border to Thailand through Mae Sot. MTB is providing them with food, clothing and shelter and Gospel literature and teaching them about the Lord. Many have joined our ESL/Bible course to learn even more. But the situation in Burma is disintegrating and the lives of the saints and unsaved are under immense stress. Here is a picture of around 40 orphans who were running out of food which is now 3x the normal price. We smuggled money across the

border to one of our pastors who is teaching them the Bible daily. He was able to buy 12 bags of rice, potatoes, and oil. Also a special treat was given to each child. They were told it was from you, Christians in America.

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. In October and November we have had over 200 listeners who listened for 890 hours from 36 countries. Our most popular tracts were evangelical programs and Bible studies. Please pray that the listeners of MTB Radio ministry grows during the lockdowns and violence in Burma, as people hunker down at home from fear, looking for hope.

PREACHING



I have begun preaching live via zoom to Burmese in Burma and Thailand with a translator. I am preaching my series on *The Sermon on the Mount* Sunday mornings. This will likely continue for the next few months until the situation improves. I praise the Lord that technology enables me to disciple and teach these precious people even under these difficult circumstances.

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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