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



SUCCESS-THE LORD HAS BLESSED!!!

MINISTRY FOCUS: The Historic Restoration of the Adoniram Judson Bible is Complete!!!

Adoniram Judson began his difficult ministry to the Burmese people in the mysterious land of Burma in 1813. It would be a journey in which he would bury two wives and a number of children, he would be taken as a prisoner of war and tortured, but also a place of amazing accomplishments for the Lord. In May of 1817 he completed his first translation of the New Testament into the complicated Burmese language in their difficult to learn script. In 1834 Adoniram Judson finished his translation of the complete Bible, which is considered by many as the finest translation in a language other than English in the world. It is a national treasure of the people of Burma. It has had a revolutionary impact on the lives of thousands, if not millions, of people in the dark land of idolatry and brought a ray of light into these lost lives.

But the problem is that this version was “typeset” and had to be retyped into the Burmese language. Many errors and missing text entered into versions of the Old Judson Bible as untrained hands took it upon themselves to re-type this wonderful work. A couple of better reprintings appeared, but with many errors and missing text. And owners of best texts would not give them to others to print their own copies so Bibles were either too expensive, in short supply, from poor text or unavailable.

Our Restoration Project

Over a year ago, we started with the best Judson text we could find in Burmese. Then we acquired the original manuscripts in Burmese completed by Judson. We found an audio version of the original read in Burmese. Then we had 8 pastor groups each go over a section of the Bible each with copies of the original written and audio. Corrections were made and then we sent out the corrected section to a different pastor group until we found no errors. We then made a competition where churches were to have their youth and adults go through a section of the Bible with the audio and written original to compare to and offered awards for finding errors. Many caring hands besides these looked for errors and submitted them for review by our team. Then a professional proofreader read the text and formatted this for printing. We are currently making a website to allow access to all Burmese people to their Bible to download for free for Bible study or printing.

Printing

We have a donor who is willing to print 1000s of these true to the original Old Judson Bibles for distribution. Pastors and believers are clamoring for copies. We believe through the ease of access on our website and a number of printings we can substantially improve access to the Written Word of God for 50+ million Burmese in Burma and millions outside of the country.

Other Exciting things happening in our ministry

Thank you for making the Bible project possible. There is nothing more critical to our faith than God’s Word and your love for His Word has made this possible. Our radio ministry is flourishing and we will begin recording a new teaching series on the Sermon on the Mount God has led me to put together. Also we have just embarked on a huge 15,000 printing of our Gospel Booklets which pastors all over Thailand and Burma have been requested to use for evangelism and discipleship. They are around 20 pages with 40 pictures from creation to ascension. In addition, our intermediate ESL/Bible course is under live review as we speak. We hope to launch our first semester Intermediate course through the Book of John soon.

We are so thankful to partner with you in the work of God during these trying times and for your love and support. We love and pray for you all.

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