



Banfe Family Newsletter Oct 2022 - December 2022



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

This Christmas we can ponder the great gift we have all received, the greatest ever given, or could ever be conceived of. We've been given Grace, unmerited, unearned, received by those unworthy to receive it. It is the greatest manifestation of love ever demonstrated. You can't wrap this gift in anything better, His infinite love, and purchased with His blood. We open the package to find the righteousness of Christ, a glorious garment. Like little children we put it on. By this simple act of faith, we are justified, freed from guilt of sin, adopted as children, accepted in the beloved, heirs of God & joint heirs with Jesus. Praise His Name. I am so encouraged this Christmas as I look back over the year and see how God's hand has been so powerfully exhibited in the ministries of Mission to Burma, as we look forward to wonderful new opportunities for the future.



Plans →



Myanmar Lifeline: Exciting New Project

Myanmar Lifeline is taking on a new project, Agape Farm. We have around 5 rai of land with rich soil and a fish stocked pond, with two types of tamarind and mango and bananas on the property. It has been rented for the last two years for sugarcane. But we are planning to create "Agape Farms". We will build some modest wooden stick houses under the tamarind trees next to the pond and grow rice, vegetables, fruit, and fish for use in an evangelical project. We hope to break ground in January, pending financing. We hope to be able to feed many refugee families and preach the Gospel (just as Jesus did) with Agape Farms. The families who farm the land will be required to do our ESL/Bible courses and get preaching each week. We need to ask for some financial help for some fixed costs such as the modest wood shelters, digging our well, and some equipment. Praise the Lord that we already own the land! If God places it on your heart, please send donations to our mission board and indicate "Building Fund" on the donation.

MTB Radio



We have added a new cordless Shure mic system & will use it to record new sermons in Burmese starting in January. I have 20 of my sermons to be completed, including a series on the Sermon on the Mount. Two pastors, one a Burmese DMin grad from the US, have agreed to preach for the station. We will archive them on the website for anyone to access. Our goal is for the Burmese to see this as their radio station, not a missionary station, one they can turn on and find local Burmese Christian programming.

Publications

The Bibles have arrived in Bangkok! And we had to build new storage for 725 boxes of the restored version of the Old Judson Bible, which took us 2 years to restore. At 30lbs/box x 725, that is over 20,000 pounds! We had to make the storage out of welded steel. I went with my colleague to get the steel here in Mae Sot. They did a great job. We are awaiting arrival at the storage facility next week. We began creating a website for our new Bible at www.oldjudsonbible.com. The website is being translated, but all publications are in Burmese. As promised, E-book of the new Judson Bible is print ready, searchable, and free for download and use.

ESL/Bible

Our next semester starts January 9, and the rollout of our new intermediate course. We will have 100 students enrolled, 50 in beginning and 50 in intermediate! We printed up business cards for the school and will hand them out, contact refugees & do a Facebook outreach for more students. Graduates are already disciplined for 30 weeks. They get the basic doctrines in the beginning semester course, and 15 more weeks in the intermediate through the book of John verse by verse. Our ESL/Bible program is one of our most promising to bear fruit and we have plans to create an alumni group with further discipleship after they graduate.

				
Teaching Refugees	Meeting with Pastors	"Church in the Forest"	Seminar Teaching	Teaching youth+pastors

Teaching in Mae Sot

I have been in Mae Sot, at the Burma/Thai border teaching seminars to pastors, refugees and youth on the doctrines of our faith, hamartiology, how to recognize cults, what we believe about and the evidence supporting the Bible as well as other subjects. I have had a very special time teaching the youth. We had a great session on 1 Timothy 4:12 and the Armor of God in Ephesians 6. At a refugee camp we saw one man profess Christ. I was also able to teach at what they referred to as the "church in the forest" where we distributed my book The Deity of Christ. Still teaching in Thailand Hebrews weekly online. It has been a delight to teach.

We thank the Lord for you all. This would not be possible without your love, prayers and support. Lord Bless and keep you.

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