

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

MISSION TO BURMA SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST: AGAPE FARMS and BIBLES

Greetings to all the churches. We have two urgent prayer requests that we ask you to consider praying about. One is "Agape Farms" our new ministry plan. The other is a request for help with our 20,000 Judson Bibles which have entered Thailand.



MTB Pond



MTB Land



Needed Modest
Farm House



Needed
Transport:
GOOD



Needed
Transport:
BEST

1. AGAPE FARMS:

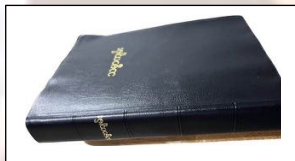
The concept of Agape Farms is simple: Feed the hungry Buddhist refugees with food for their bodies and the Bread of Life for their souls. We have a few acres of rich agricultural land. We have a pond stocked with fish, banana trees, two types of tamarind and mangoes. The refugees are flooding across the border with only the clothes on their backs and some with meager savings, others with nothing. Some have lost friends and family as the onslaught by the wicked, brutal military regime in Myanmar continues. Last week I read churches have been destroyed and some pastors killed. Many of the refugees are educated, most all are Theravada Buddhist. All of them are disenchanted, discouraged, and lost in darkness.

This is where Agape Farms fits in. With your help we plan to build housing for a number of families on our land at the Thai/Burma border, to till the land and grow food crops. They will all take our 30 week ESL/Bible course and attend preaching. After harvest, the crops will be taken to the refugee camps in a show of pure Christian agape. The Lord is presented as a defender of the poor and downtrodden in the Bible. The food shows the love, and opens their hearts to the Gospel.

We need help with startup costs. We need the wood and materials to build, seed to plant, fish to farm, and for sure transport to bring our crop production to the church and to distribute to the camps. The "BEST" (picture above) would enable us to bring the refugees to church and for Bible study.

*****Please pray for Agape farms, and about what the Lord might have you to do to help this project come to life.*****

2. BIBLES



As you may know, we finished a project to restore the original Adoniram Judson Bibles. This Bible changed the course of history in Burma and is considered their national treasure. But there is a great shortage and those that exist are too expensive for the average Burmese, especially converted refugees, to purchase. We printed 20,000 in Japan and they were shipped to Port Bangkok. That is where the trouble began. It appears the paperwork was not completed correctly by the consignee. Thai customs claimed they were not on the customs list and held them for two months at \$40/day at port. They then refused to classify them as religious material and free of duties. So they refused to let the Bibles enter the country unless we paid \$10,000. With much difficulty we were able to come up with the funds and praise God we now have them. But we had to pay \$12,000 to get them released or they could have been confiscated and destroyed. This is a substantial cost but saved these precious Bibles from confiscation and/or destruction. Also, your funds will help us with distribution costs in Thailand and into Burma through our underground networks.

*****Would you pray about helping us with this cost we incurred to get the Bibles released by Thai customs?*****

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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