



The Banfe's Newsletter Apr 2024

"Yea, so have I strived to preach the Gospel, not where Christ was named."



The Current Implosion of Burma



Burma has the longest running civil war in world history. The education system is broken. The medical system has disintegrated. Poverty has doubled since 2017. The dictatorial military government has rejected all decency or humanity, and this beautiful, bright people live under unbelievable stress and fear for their lives. Myawaddy, just across the border where our headquarters are in Mae Sot, Thailand, is the largest border crossing between Burma and Thailand. There are over 100,000 Burmese in Mae Sot. Myawaddy has been temporarily taken by the resistance denying the illegitimate Military regime its greatest source of income from export and import duties. Young people are streaming across the border fleeing new laws forcing conscription to be enlisted to kill their own people or be imprisoned and they are looking for a glint of hope for a better life. It is both a bane and a blessing. Their lives appear hopeless, but we have the greatest hope of all to offer them: JESUS. And their hearts are tender and open. Please pray for all our ministries, MTB radio, ESL/Bible school, publications, and Myanmar Lifeline, and MCC Mae Sot church that the Lord will use them to herald the Good News of the Gospel while it is still day. In this newsletter we would like to focus on the ministries we have, which specifically focus on the children and the youth. As DL Moody once said, *"If I could relive my life, I would devote my entire ministry to reaching children for God."*



MTB ESL/Bible School: Reaching the Youth with Christ

Above is the graduation ceremony for 2023. We had 100 graduates last year. This has been an amazing ministry for reaching young people 12-25 yrs old. Online ESL Bible course can be taken on computer, tablets, or cell phones. Most young Burmese in Thailand & Burma have access to a cell phone. We can reach small villages and large cities with the Gospel in an unprecedented way. Since our school opened in 2020, we have enrolled 500 students in our 15 week semester course in English and Bible study. Now our student body is around 300/year. Some are poor villagers, some college students in Physics, Engineering, law, the next generation of Burmese leaders. The student body is a mix of cultural Christians, Buddhist, Muslims, Hindus. Their studies include weekly Bible quizzes & rigorous final exam. And many move onto the intermediate course which is a challenging 15 wk course through the Gospel of John verse by verse. They leave with a firm foundation in English improving their employment opportunities, but best of all with 15 or 30 weeks of Bible. And they are scoring in the 90% in Bible exams. Currently we have around 100 students in our Spring semester. **Please pray for these graduates**, that they will put their trust in Christ and become committed Christian leaders among their people.

Children's Ministry and Water Purification and New Bathroom

It is always the weak that suffer the most in war. We take for granted access to fresh, pure water. Cholera is only one of life-threatening water born risks for the young, aged, and feeble. Then there are parasites, dangerous pesticides and heavy metals. In the past MTB has placed water purification systems in Burma and Thailand. We are currently working with a Christian Organization to create a large water purification system for our children's ministry as well another for our Agape Farm for distribution to refugee families as we bring them fresh water as well as living water of the Gospel. Praise the Lord we also finished our new bathroom for out children's ministry site.



Bible Distribution: After Two years of Revision: The Judson Bible

It took MTB two years and 1000s of hours for the team to completely revise the flawed Burmese text to return it to the original Judson manuscripts. Now we glory in the work of God as Burmese, many who have never seen a Bible, receive this revised, corrected, beautiful restoration.



PRAYER REQUESTS: Please pray for these needs:

1. **4WD Truck:** This is our most critical need for Gospel outreach for the children's ministry, Forest people, rural refugees.
2. **Water filter:** This is for a reverse osmosis filter for Agape Farm, to bring pure water and the Gospel to the villages.

We are so thankful for your prayers and faithful support. We appreciate your heart for missions, God's Mission.

Donations to: MWBM.org, Macedonia World Baptist Missions.
Sending Church, Central Baptist Church, Ocala Fl, Pastor Andy Bloom