



The Banfe's Newsletter April/May 2025



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

SO BLESSED TO SERVE

The earthquake in Myanmar has made an untenable situation in Burma even worse. The extent of destruction in this already impoverished country, with a deteriorated economy and health care system, a wicked despotic military regime, and now this, is inconceivable. And it makes the future appear even more hopeless for the refugees at the Mae Sot border. But it also opens opportunities for us in the Gospel. And though this Gospel has infinite value and was acquired at immeasurable cost, He charges no fee or price. And we, as His beloved, are merchants to bring this gift to a world suffering under the curse of sin. He asks nothing in return, only faith in His work. Please pray for our ministries:

English as a Second Language (ESL)/ Bible School:

We have an amazing support staff for our ESL/Bible school. Moses, Gracy, Ei Ei Twe and Silas are committed to the work. We are just finishing the Spring 2025 semester for both our beginning and intermediate courses, 15 weeks each of English through Bible study. We are:

~Endeavoring to double our student body which now is around 250/yr, 100/semester

~Increasing follow up by praying with students and discipling graduates

~offering opportunities for further growth in Christ and for service to Him

We have many new students who are in the refugee camps who can access their courses via cell phone. What an opportunity to herald the Gospel to these suffering such desperation!

Pastor Conference: Edifying the Saints-Teaching others Also

We just finished our April intense 5-day exploration of the book of Hebrews with Burmese Pastors and Christian workers from Burma, Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore. Over 80 attended which was far beyond our expectations, especially considering the earthquake and political upheaval in Myanmar. On the fifth day we had a vibrant question and answer session, and the conference finished over an hour late! Now they can return to their churches and teach solid doctrine on the Epistle to the Hebrews. There was so much hunger and zeal for the Bible that they requested another conference in 3 months on cults which we agreed to do.

Publications and MTB Radio

Publications: What is most important is not that we publish Gospel material, but that it is used and widely disseminated in Thailand, Burma, Singapore and Malaysia. They are used by adults and children's ministries to witness the Gospel of Jesus to thousands. In the picture to the left you can see children using our 20 page 40 picture Gospel booklet to learn of more about the Gospel and Jesus.

MTB Radio: For the first quarter of 2025 we recorded over 1,200 unique listeners, listening for over 92,000 minutes (1500 hours). They listened to Bible, Gospel presentations, Godly Christian music, preaching and Bible study, some for over 4 hours each person. Praise the Lord for the witness made possible by Radio.



Refugee Children's Ministry and Easter Events

In the first picture above is one of our faithful children in our Children's ministry with our Gospel tract with her mother. Her father last week forced her to listen to a Buddhist monk preaching on the radio. **When she heard she cried out "it is the devil's voice"!** The father said, maybe this means we must convert to Christianity. Praise the Lord that they are learning to discern between spirits. We had an amazing Easter celebrations for hundreds of refugees. We distributed food and necessities to the children and to the families and they got a powerful presentation of the Gospel. Last Picture: Thanks to your support we also got new tables and chairs for the children's ministry. It is booming. We have over 60 refugee children who come each week to hear more about our precious Saviour.

We the Banfes and those who serve at MTB are so thankful for your love, prayers and support for us and for the lost in the uttermost.

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