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Dear Friends and Fellow Laborers,

The Feast of Tabernacles is over for this year. What an exciting month it has been! First, Gloria and I went to Burma for the Feast of Trumpets. We had 32 brethren (including children) from South and Central Burma gather for the Feast of Trumpets in the central plains city of Taungoo. If you read my last letter, you know that we have had some serious problems with false doctrine entering the Church spread by an ex-pastor and another lay pastor who is now studying at a non-Sabbatarian evangelical Bible School in Rangoon. This young man inherited his position of lay (unordained) pastor when the church congregation looked to him as the natural successor to his father, the COG pastor who died from complications due to falling out of a tree while collecting wild honey. Family succession is common in tribal societies like the Karen tribe in Burma.



Group shot of local feast-goers in front of the partially-completed COG Sabbath meeting hall in Kyawk Taing on the Last Great Day.

One of our young Legacy students was visiting his family to get a passport when the young lay pastor could not be found, and the family said they had no knowledge of where he had gone and what he was doing. Because there was no one to teach the brethren at Sabbath services, Htoo Mya (Tommy) Shwe asked me by email if he could stay and take care of the church. I agreed and

decided to send another Legacy student named Seng Aung to help him. Then a third Legacy student needed to go back to Burma because his father died. They all fought off the wolves and protected the church and are still there. I asked them to hold a Feast of Tabernacles in Burma. The three young men stayed on and took care of our brethren at the Feast by preaching every day and overseeing their physical needs and festival logistics.



Last Great Day song services



Land for this building was donated by Mo Paley's Grandmother (now deceased).



L. Naw Daw Daw, mother of Legacy student, Mo Paley

While at the Feast of Trumpets, I held a congregational meeting. In the meeting, I outlined what their young lay pastor was up to

in Rangoon. I asked them if they wanted to follow him into false doctrine when he returned. It was a unanimous NO, and all agreed they wanted to continue in the faith once delivered as their old pastor and I had taught them. I then appointed young Tommy Shwe as their church leader and returned to Thailand for Atonement. I stay in constant touch with Tommy, Seng Aung, and Mo Paley by email; and regularly send them material that they can use in sermons and Bible studies. Next week Seng Aung returns to Legacy while Tommy and Moe Paley remain to serve the church in Burma.



Members living farthest away were able to come to the Feast U.Nyu Pu w/ baby & Naw See his wife w/ three children



Traveling by boat in the rain with home-made sail



Legacy students visit COG widow EhHlaHtoo & grandson, HteyNeyHtoo/



Many have to trek more than an hour to get a truck to FOT



L. Kachin Student Festival Director, Seng Aung, giving sermon & Deacon U. Myo Zaw



Karen Student-Pastor, Htoo Mya Shwee giving sermon



Naw June Hey, oldest member and widow of former Pastor SawHtooSaw (deceased)

Seng Aung now needs to finish his schooling at Legacy—but more importantly he must come back to be with his wife, Seng Pan and son, Sora. Please pray for these young men. The job they are doing is tough. It is like throwing them in at the deep end. But they are faithful and brave.



Children singing special music. Back Row: Yu ZanaPaw, ShweHtwe, CherryOoh & GayPaw, Front



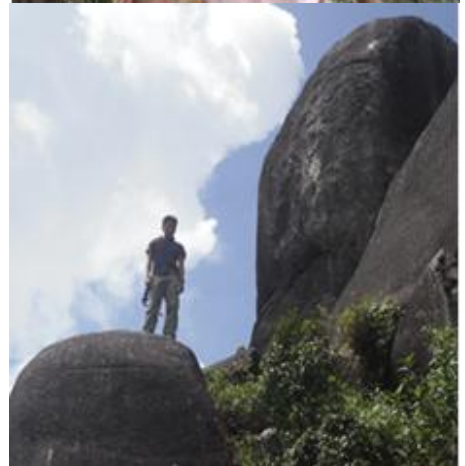
Bible Memory by HteyNeyHtoo.



L. Erika Pedersen, former Legacy volunteer teacher, holds NawPawHtaSey's baby PyiZin



FOT excursion for Burma brethren to mountain top



Above Daw Tumar; Below MoPaley reaches summit



Name Bey Ley



Lady came to learn



EhPaw w/ baby



MoHtey

Feast of Tabernacles in Chiang Mai Thailand

The Feast in Thailand was a great success. Helping me out with festival sermons was Brian Bettes, an Elder in the Front Range Church of God in Denver, Colorado; John Coish, President of the Church of God International in Canada; and Mitch Showers, a member of the United Church of God in Ohio and my brother-in-law.



L. to R.: Pastors from three different COG organizations Brian and Kristin Bettes, Gloria & Leon Sexton, Myrna & John Coish



Seven different COGs represented here in this group photo at Feast of Tabernacles.

Besides the daily sermons and a seminar, fellowship and excitement were enjoyed by all with the usual elephant ride, visit to one of Queen Sirikit's projects, a tour of handicraft factories, and—among other fun Feast events—Family and Talent Night. As usual, the shopaholics had a field day at the Night Bazaar and Sunday Market.



Legacy Choir singing with teachers, Hanna Reisdorff and Meagan Garant



Music teacher & Choir Director Amanda Boyer



Hill tribe beauty, Kristin Bettes



Mitch Showers gives sermon at FOT



Austin Bettes w/ Day Hla Paw & Na Daw Blee Paw who came from Mae Surin Refugee Camp



Norah & Ganya Sexton sing *Blessed and Happy is the Man*, & their



Great,Great Aunt Gerda Bludau, now 97



L. Sora & Seng Pan perform at Talent Night. (son & wife of Seng Aung)



Nathaniel, Tesha & Daniel Bair
at the Elephant Farm



Marie-Louise Muhlemann



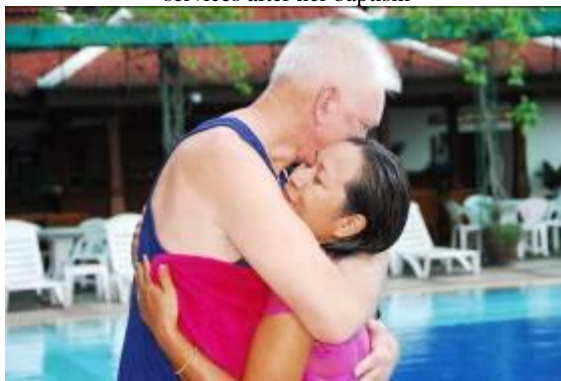
Leanna Bettes at Queen's Royal
Project



Anick Stephanin at Royal
Project



AhJar having hands laid on by 3 pastors in worship
services after her baptism



Fon and David Hemphill after Fon's baptism

FIVE FEAST BAPTISMS

What marked this year's Feast as special were the five baptisms that took place. Adja Shan from Burma was first; then a Thai lady named Fon Hemphill (the first baptism I conducted in the Thai language); and finally on the 8th Day, was Stelin (Stanley) Shwe and the brothers, Zack (a volunteer teacher at Legacy this year) and Ben Coish. I was especially thrilled that John Coish could officiate at the baptisms of his own sons. We know that we all were joined in our rejoicing by the angels in heaven.

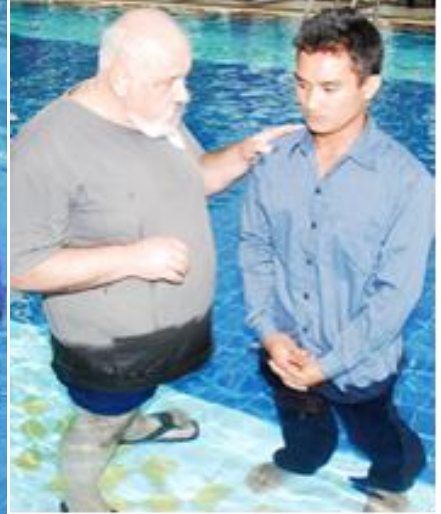
Altogether, we had 50 attending at Chiang Mai, Thailand, and 32 attending in Taungoo, Burma. Former Legacy Teacher Erica Pedersen attended the first part of the Feast in Burma and then came back to keep the second half in Chiang Mai. She brought with her many photos of the Burma Feast.



John Coish baptizing his eldest son Ben



Baptizing his 2nd son, Legacy teacher Zac



Leon Sexton ready to immerse Stelle Shwe



L.to R: Myrna, Kate, Ben, John and Zac Coish; Naw Mya, Jo Htoo and Stelle Shwee after baptism.

I decided to put as many pictures into this letter as possible. There will be more pictures of the Feast in Burma and Thailand. I hope you will enjoy seeing these pictures. We appreciate all your prayers and financial support to make these two Feast sites special. Most of the brethren in Burma are subsistence farmers or day laborers. They cannot afford to come to the Feast in Thailand; so this year we were able to take the Feast to them—and you helped us to do that.

Appreciatively,
In Our Lord Jesus' service,

T. Leon Sexton



SeyNeePaw (friend) and Stelle's family: Ney Bloo Htoo, Stelle, Sey Nee Htoo, Naw Mya, Sey Ney Say, and Jo Htoo