

Legacy Leader

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POWER OF PRAYER

Most people pray and ask God for help when they have any problems. When we keep praying with faithfulness, the Lord answers our prayers. But some people don't trust in prayer and they find it hard to pray, they pray without faith. They can't have blessings from God, because they do not respect God and they can't find God without faith to pray. But most people are close to God with faithfulness, and they return to God when they repent of their sins. When God has heard his son or his daughter repented to Him, God has accepted us forever and God has plans for us.

As for me, I do pray whenever I have need of something in my life. I remember that before I do my study because I worry for my exam. I ask God and God hears me, and I have done well in the examination because of Him. If I am weak in prayer, I will surely fail in the exam, but God has mercy on me and God cares for me every time.

Five years ago, my mom had a disease where she couldn't remember anything that happened in the past. Before my mom had the disease, she was weak in prayer. She believed

that a Buddhist man could heal her disease, and she forgot God. At that time all of my family was worried for her and we called a few ministers. Then they prayed and prayed repeatedly. The next morning she felt well and she felt penitent to God.

Another time my older sister had lost her gold chain, so she came to me and she needed my help. She explained to me that a woman had stolen it and took it with some money too. In that time, my sister and me followed a woman whom we believed had stolen it. When we arrived at her house, my sister said to her, "Please! Sister, could you give me that back". And she said I threw them in riverside and maybe we can find them. But my sister said, "I can't find those!" Also I didn't want to look for them. Then she returned to home, and I said to the Lord, "God I really need your help." I prayed, please help my sister because those nice things belonged to her. Then I found them and I took them to my sister. I told her, "When you lose something, you must pray to God first". God will always be there for you.

-Katre

HARVESTING RICE

In my life I haven't done rice before. The first was at my Legacy school. I learned how to plant the rice, harvest the rice and we took out the rice seeds and winnowed the rice.

After winnowing it, we put it in a white bag. It was very amazing in my life, and I know rice is very important for our peoples. Rice gives strength to our body and health. When we were planting rice it took a very long time.

Rice was a difficult thing to do. But God says there is "a time to plant and a time to uproot what is planted" (Ecclesiastes 3:2, NASB).

Ecclesiastes 3:12-13 also says, "I know that there is nothing better for them than to rejoice and to do good in one's lifetime: moreover, that every man who eats and drinks sees good in all his labor—it is the gift of God" (NASB).

-Neh Blu Htoo



FEAST OF TABERNACLES 2013



This year's feast was the first Feast for me after I was baptized. I was so happy this Feast because I understood more about the Feast of Tabernacles and I was really interested in the second resurrection.

I want to tell about the FOT and other high Sabbaths to my family. I was worried for them.

When I was thinking about my family, I wished I could enjoy the FOT with all my family members in the kingdom of God. I am the only one from my real family back home to become a church member, but I wasn't lonely.

In Romans 8:16-18, 28 the scriptures say that we are one family in Christ. It made me feel relieved. I'm so glad that I belong to the family of God. I was inspired with that scripture. I met a lot of guests this year at the Feast. They

were so social. It made me warm.

One of my favorite things was choir. I liked to sing choir. I used to sing choir when I was young. I was so thankful to choir Aj. Manda because, I thought I never could have opportunity to sing choir after marriage. We could sing choir at Feast time pretty good because of good teaching.

The seventh day of the Feast's sermon was very good. I liked it a lot. It was about the Kingdom of God. Isaiah 35:3-6 was one scripture from that sermon. When I heard that scripture I was so happy and cried. That talked about blind seeing and the lame running when the Kingdom of God is finally here. That day a lot of people cried. It made me be delighted in God's plan.

During the feast, we visited to the king's project. It was so fun. They gave us a snack, juice and fried crickets. They all were natural. I ate a lot. They explained that some bugs, like the crickets, help kill the bugs that eat the crops. They shows how to use the bugs for helping. It was so interesting. We needed to learn that.

Feast of tabernacle was my favorite festival. It had a lot of fun and exciting times. It was a very valuable feast.

-Seng Pan



FEAST BAPTISMS



FEAST OF TABERNACLES 2013

In 2013, we celebrated the Feast and it went very well. In the Feast time the thing that I was most interested in was the choir and special music. I was feeling so weak when I started to practice the music and I thought that the songs would be too hard for me to sing. We still practiced music, and we got that more better.

Next at the Feast we were so excited but we had prayed to the Lord and the Lord helped us, then we could sing so nice, because God was powerful.

When I was young my mom taught me a lot of songs. I had sung at church and school before, but when I was older I never sang. But I loved the music surely.

At the Feast time we went to many places. I enjoyed it all, but I most liked the elephant camp, because I had never done that before. We also went with many friends. I was scared when I got close to the elephant. One thing I was so interested in was the elephants who showed us their talents. They were so smart and could do many different tricks. After the show, we rode in an oxcart, but that one wasn't as fun because I use to ride that when I was young. I really like when the elephant carried us, and when I rode on the elephant with Ah Jar .

Next we rode a raft down the river and had fun too. We played with water, so we enjoyed there a lot. After we had done that and we came back and we went to church again. This was a lovely Feast of Tabernacles!

-Katree

Last month we celebrated the Feast of Tabernacles in Myanmar. I was the leader of the Feast of Tabernacles. I was a little afraid, but I trust in God because God can do everything.

We were celebrating in Myanmar's beautiful hotel with 25 church members. God took care of us and blessed our program. Every thing went well and we had no problems.

Every day we worshiped God and sang songs. Also we visited God's creation. We climbed the mountain safely and we returned to the hotel. We were happy and had fun. I hope in the kingdom of God, all of the church of God members can celebrate together at the Feast.

All of the church members are happy and had fun. And hopefully we will meet again next year at the Feast of Tabernacles.

-Seng Aung



BLOG ENTRY: PATIENCE



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Patience is not easy for human beings. Patience is control over our self—our wants desires and needs. Abraham was a patient man. God’s said to Abraham I will make a great nation from you, but it didn’t happen quickly. He waited many years after. Hebrews 6:13-15 says, “For when God made the promise to Abraham, since He could

swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself. Saying, ‘I will surely bless you and I will surely Multiply you’. And so, having patiently waited he obtained the promise.”

When I was studying in college, some of my friends caught a thief and then they bit that thief. One of the teachers said to the students, “Don’t do that” because that isn’t the way of a Christian life, and than he went home. Suddenly his wife shouted to him, “Our three hens were lost today!” His wife said to him, “Maybe that thief stole it.” So he ran after that thief and he started to bite that thief.

We can get the lesson from the teacher: Before he knew about his three hens being stolen, he told the students to be long-

suffering. After he found out about his hens being stolen, his patience was gone and his opinion changed. That’s not true patience.

Abraham’s promise came from God and he waited and anticipated that promise until he obtained it. That is true patience. Ephesians 5:22-23 says, “But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.” If we are obey God’s law we need to be patient with all people. That’s the true Christian life. Then we can receive the blessings from God.

-Seng Aung

BLOG ENTRY: SHARING WITH THOSE IN NEED

God feeds us faithfully, that we already know. We should know that God never leaves us alone. God saves us all the time. John 6:1-13 tells the story when Jesus fed the 5,000 people who were following Him and His disciples. Most people, like them, would need help, and we must find their needs and share with them. It’s not easy to give to them.



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In Matthew 25:40 Jesus said, “Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to me”. Some people have problems in their family. If we find these problems we must share their need. We need to love our enemy.

Once I saw poor people who had a really difficult time feeding their family. I was sad for them, because when their enemy came and fought them, someone was injured and someone died in their family. And some children became orphans there. We must give time

and help them. We know the story about a good Samaritan who helped a poor person that had fallen down in the street. If we do help like that, we will get into the Kingdom of God. We must show the Christian life.

-Katree



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BLOG ENTRY: HEALTHY LIVING

We need to eat clean food because God says so, and for our health. If you don’t eat clean food, you can get sick easily. We need to eat clean foods to stay pure and listen to God’s words. If not, we become far away from God.

How can we know which foods are clean and unclean? Read Leviticus 11—the Bible shows very clearly—practice it and teach others. Every believer needs to know about

eating clean foods.

In I Corinthians 3:16-17, it says our body is God’s temple. Whatever we put in our body, we need to make sure it’s clean and holy. If we are purchased by Christ’s blood, our bodies do not belong to us, they belong to God. It also warns that God will destroy whoever defiles His temple.

The prophet Daniel and his friends ate vegetables, fruits and refused to eat unclean meats. The other members of the king’s court ate every food that the king gave. One day the king tested them, but Daniel and his friends were wiser than the others.

God wants to come and live inside us. So we need to make sure our body is clean. If



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we put unclean things into our body, we will allow Satan to have an influence in our life. If we are far a way from our Lord our life is no longer in safety.

Therefore whatever we eat, we need to make sure it’s clean because our body is God’s temple. Let’s keep eating clean food and have a healthy life.

-Seng Pan



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BLOG ENTRY: SAVIOR

Jesus Christ is our savior and He came to live in the world. He told people about salvation. John 1:29 says, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." So we are sinners and not perfect, but the Lord has seen our sin. We need to know that, because God loves us, He sent His Son to take our sin away. If God didn't have compassion on us, we couldn't live because our sins would overtake us.

Many people know that Jesus Christ is our Savior, but some deny it. They say nobody can save mankind. My uncle was a Burmese soldier and he lead fifty people. His Major loved him. In that time another soldier hated him; he envied him and was very jealous of him. But at that time he wasn't a Christian yet.

Later they had a large battle with another enemy. When they had to fight a battle with the enemy, he wasn't worried about attacks from his fellow soldiers, he just worried for his enemy. There were only a few of them and they had no communication to their allies. The envious soldier shot him with a gun in his head and he fell to the ground, but did not die. God had a plan for him.

After the battle they came back and his Major sent him to the

hospital. He couldn't remember everything because he was faint and his body became hemiplegic. He was so afraid and cried. But then a pastor came toward him and told him about the Savior. The pastor asked, "Can you believe our one, true God?" My uncle replied to the pastor, "If your one true God can save me and can heal my disease, I will believe him, but if your one true God cannot save or can't heal my disease, I do not want to see your face again." The pastor said, "Okay, I will pray for you. Our one, true God can save anybody and can heal your disease. Don't worry, have trust and close your eyes and meditate about God."

Then the pastor prayed for him. Later God did save my uncle. He was better and more and more he thought about God. God can do everything. My uncle said all the time he thought like that. He proved about God and God took care of him and saved him. He said if God never gave him life, he wouldn't have lived. Everyone thought that he would die when he stayed at the hospital. But God saved his life. So, he knew God is our one, true God and sent His only Son to save us.

Jesus is our Savior. Know that, and prove it to others.

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—Mopalel

KACHINLAND

Kachinland is a precious and beautiful land located in the northern part of Myanmar country. Kachinland has lake Inn Daw Gyi. It is the biggest lake in southern Asian. Teak wood and many other kinds of wood, and the world's biggest Jade mine is also in Kachinland. This is why I believe it's the most beautiful land.

Lake Inn Daw Gyi is the biggest lake in southern Asian. The lake is 16 miles apart north and south, and six miles apart east and west. There are many fish products and around the lake there are many kinds of flowers. There are many kinds of birds and it looks very nice and beautiful. The northern part of Kachinland has a lot of snow mountains and many kinds of orchids.

In Kachinland there are six kinds of teak wood. Kachinland is a very green land. Some of the tree are over 20 yards tall. In the

northern part of Kachinland we have many kinds of pine trees, and in Kachinland we have a lot of wood products.

The world's biggest jade mine is in the western part of Kachinland. There are many kinds of jade, but green jade is the best one. The quality of jade is all the time cool and not easily broken. Most Kachin and Chinese people love Jade. The Myanmar government also gets 33% of it's money from jade mines in Kachinland.

Kachinland is a precious and beautiful land. Lake Inn Daw Gyi is beautiful and has many kinds of flowers, birds and fish products. In Kachinland we have six kinds of teak wood, pine trees and other many wood product. And in Kachinland we have precious jade mines. Kachinland is truly a precious and beautiful land.

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—Seng Aung

MY SUMMER HOLIDAY

In the summer holiday, I have always visited my uncle and my relatives in Myanmar. I have a good time in the holiday because we go shopping at my favorite market, and we travel around and visit their church. For these reasons, I am so excited to visit my family on the summer holiday.

First, we go shopping in the morning but I like shopping in the evening. The market is very convenient to buy things. There is a large area, so we can buy different kinds of clothes, fruits and other things. And I really enjoy the visit shopping. I have decided to go there again next summer.

Secondly, we go to the Zoo and the museum. I give the monkeys bananas and we tour around in there. We see different kinds of animals, but I was most interested in the museum. There were many interesting things, and also famous artifacts in the showing. The showing had a history, so I receive a lot more knowledge in

there. Therefore I shall always remember that interesting story, and I have decided to visit there again.

Next, we take a rest afterward and we worship at the church. Their church's members let us sing for special music, and we sang for their request. Then we introduced ourselves to become friends, and soon we became good friends. Also, many young people said "welcome" to us, and the young people made friends with us. I was so glad to be with them. I had decided to visit in their church again. Also I'm still missing them often.

The summer holiday is a sweet time for me because I go shopping at the market, then I visit around in the museum and zoo, and last I make new friends and we have worship together at the church. It is very nice. I am really happy to visit my relatives at their house in Myanmar.

—Katree

LEADERSHIP

A good leader trusts in God, gets suggestions from others and serves their followers. If someone is very good in leading the people but they don't trust in God, their results are futile. Whatever you do, however you lead people, you need to ask God first. You can ask God with prayer and know His answer by reading the Bible and letting Him guide your path. Also, you must do what He says. Then you will lead the people with mercy, kindness and love.

"Courage is rightly esteemed the first of human qualities because it is the quality which guarantees all others." -Winston Churchill

A good leader sacrifices. They are not afraid of their enemy because they know God will help them. They get their courage from God. David killed Goliath not because of his strength, but because he trusted in God and God helped him; afterwards he became a king of Israel.

A good leader is not only always leading. They need to serve for their people. Winston Churchill served for his country, and the world, in World War II. He once said, "Courage is rightly esteemed the first of human qualities because it is the quality which guarantees all others." He also listened to people of skill and expertise ideas, and encouraged others.

When you lead a group of people or a large multitude of people, you need suggestions from others. Sometimes God can talk to you with people.

So, a good leader must trust in God first. Then do the right way and teach your followers. Do not forget to take suggestions from others, but be careful to have good suggestions. Serve your followers with love, and work together. These are the qualities of a virtuous leader.

-Seng Pan

LEADERS OF LEGACY

A leader is very important, because when we have to work at the church or in a group, we can't work without the leader. Moreover, we should have the leader who is brave and be patient with each other. In a group we must practice leadership and we must have team work. Then we can improve.

The Legacy leaders were so brave with everyone. They had a good talents and character traits that they demonstrated in their time.

Aj. Olz was a great man, because when we worked, even during, he reminded us that "you should have teamwork". Sometime we needed to give advice to each other. Aj. Tyler was a great leader because he could build many things. And when he saw something had broken, then he made it new. He was really kind. Aj. Zac was a good man too. He could plan and teach the sport classes. And if we couldn't play well, he would help us try until we could play well. Then we learned that we must help and encourage each other.

Aj. Amanda was a great leader. She even prayed before we started to study in class. That was the greatest lesson. And she was a brave teacher. Whenever I was writing false, she could make sure my sentences improved. Also she played guitar and piano with singing. She was a good leader. And Aj. Meagan was a great leader. She was a nurse and she could understand about being healthy. Whoever got ill, she would take of them and provide medicine for them. She was also good at teaching.

A good leader deals with everyone. For these reasons, they have become the person I would like to become. Also, they were always ready to help when I needed help. I shall never forget my gratitude to them for their help and kindness.

-Katree



CHARACTER PROFILE: AJAAN HANNA

Aj. Hanna was the most sensitive person I have ever met. In 2012 she came to Chiang Mai to be a teacher. I met her in Chiang Mai, when she was the teacher of Legacy school. I was a family student at Legacy.



When I arrived to legacy I didn't have English practice. I wanted to talk with the ajaans but I was afraid to talk with them. I came from Myanmar country with my family. Three months later we went to Laos country with Aj. Hanna, Aj. Abby, and the student named Mopalel. At Laos we had a problem with my sons visa. My son couldn't come back to Chiang Mai because he needed to go to Myanmar. My husband, my son and Aj. Hanna could go to Myanmar, but not me. I had a hard time. Aj. Hanna could see my mind and she helped say to Aj. Gloria to ask for me to go to Myanmar. Her helping was a success and I could go to Myanmar. I was so happy about that and thankful to her. I began to see her kind heart.

We arrived to Yangon on Sept 5th. When in Yangon, she talked with a lot of people without pride. She said, "I only need a space to sleep that is big enough for my body". So she didn't stay at a hotel, she stayed at aunty Toe Mar's house. That house was not so big and it was crowded, but she stayed and didn't complain. She had understanding. She was in Yangon for five days.

Aj. Hanna and I had time to go to Chiang Mai, but not my husband and my son. I had a hard time a gain, but she consoled me. Then I was a little bit ok.

On the king's birthday we had a picnic at the lake. But before the picnic, Naw Mya said to her children "I can't let them to go to picnic because Jo Htoo needs help cleaning the pool". Then Naw Mya's daughters cried, because they really wanted to go to the picnic. The ajaan knew that happened and they drew a plan for helping Jo Htoo. Then the ajaans and some students helped to clean the pool and it was finished in a few hours. After cleaning the pool all the students, Naw Mya's family and the ajaans went to the picnic. That was so fun! Every one was happy because the ajaans had mercy and was sensitive.

I really like her because she gave a lot of time to the students. When we didn't understand about something, she explained with patience. She helped me many times. I never forgot that. She gave her love to the students. She had pity, patience, mercy, and understanding on us and she was so fun. She was not only teaching—she also helped us to know how to be a sensitive person.



-Seng Pan

CHARACTER PROFILE: LEON AND GLORIA SEXTON



Aj. Leon is a good leader and a brilliant person. He is a clever and smart man. When I first saw him, I thought he would be someone who was conceited, but he wasn't like what I had thought. He was courageous. He could share cheerfulness to us. He and his wife are devoted to the students, and they do good for the students.

I had to get help from them once. I saw when we did something that had a problem, they didn't get crabby, because they were humble.

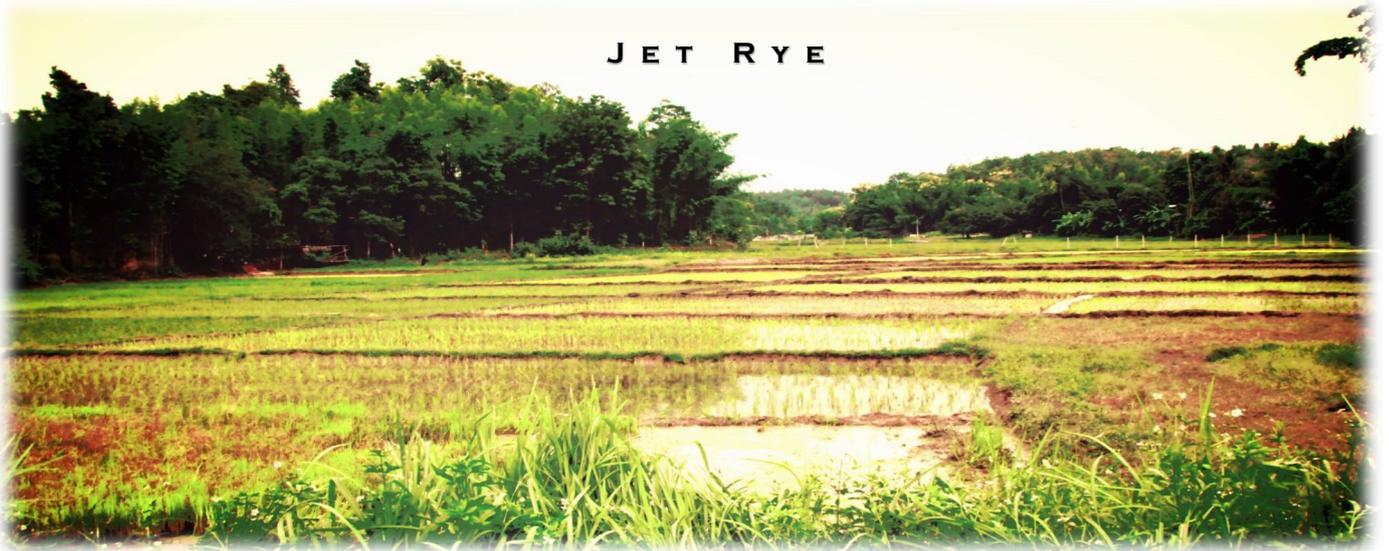
Aj. Leon was open-minded, because he had said that when he was young he went to school. He studied about the Buddha books

a lot, but he had deep analytical truth. He didn't deceive us into a wrong way. Although he is an elder, he hasn't stopped working, and he teaches the Bible in class. He can speak the Thai language very well, and also Aj. Gloria can speak the language.

I was interested that Aj. Gloria taught us how to swim and safety for ourselves in the water. Now I believe that if I have a problem in the water I can save myself. She prepared a place for the students, and taught us how to take care of our health. I can't forget her training. They are a very smart couple.

-Katree

J E T R Y E



Before the end of the first semester, all the teachers and the students planted rice at Jet Rye. We planted a lot of rice and had many different kinds of rice. We sang songs when we planted rice. And when we were tired, we took a rest on the bamboo hut or shade. We needed to have teamwork and listen to each other.

At Jet Rye, morning glory grew a lot. So when we were done in the evening, we picked morning glory for the kitchen. We had a

small restaurant that was close to the field also, so we ate lunch there each day.

Sometimes we were playing in the mud when we planted. We were tired there and also we had fun a lot. When we planted, there was no rain. We prayed to God and God answered us. I never planted rice before, so I was really interested during planting time. When we had finished planting rice, we saw that there was green every where, and we were happy for that.

-Katree





SWIMMING AT IMPERIAL



I want to tell about swimming. I am a student at Legacy, and we have a swimming class because Aj. Gloria wants us to become good swimmers. The students go to the swimming pool with the other ajaans. They help us with swimming.

When we started swimming at the pool the first time, Aj. Gloria taught us how to swim in the water. When Aj. Gloria swims in the water I see that she looks so nice to swim. I started to swim, but it was very difficult for me. But Aj. Gloria explained how to swim well. I practiced swimming with the other students.

Later I felt good to swim but I was afraid to swim in the deep water because I can't stand up in the water. I thought I might die. It is so funny for me because now I like to swim in the deep water, and I like to jump in the deep water. If water isn't deep it makes me scared because it is dangerous to jump in.

I love swimming in my life. When I become a good swimmer, I will teach other people and I will help them with swimming. I also enjoy swimming because it is good for health and exercise.

-Hser Nay Say



FAVORITE BIBLE CHARACTERS



Joseph Joseph was faithful to God. He was young, but he had a dream of the future. The first time he had a problem with his eleven brothers, they didn't like him and sold him to be a slave. He rode to Egypt and had to work a lot of jobs. He was a hard working man.

One day Potiphar and his wife saw Joseph. They wanted Joseph to work in his house. Joseph worked hard and was faithful to God but one day Potiphar's wife wanted to sleep with Joseph. Joseph knew about it and he ran away from her, but no one believed him.

Later, Pharaoh had a dream of seven fat cows and seven very thin cows. In Egypt no wise man could read this dream. But Joseph could read this dream with God's power. He warned about seven years of famine coming.

I like Joseph because he was young and he could talk with God in his dreams. He was faithful to God and he took care of God's laws, because he didn't want to sleep with Potiphar's wife. He had wisdom because he took care of the Egyptians. They had lots of food for more than seven years during the famine.

-Htoo Gay

Moses I want to tell about Moses, my favorite Bible character (Exodus 3:1-22). When he was three months old, the king wanted to kill all the baby boys, but God took care of Moses. Pharaoh's daughter raised him and taught him. He was very smart.

One day he saw one slave, and he was so sad because a man hit the slave. Then Moses rescued him and he killed him. He left Egypt in faith, and took care of sheep for 40 years.

God talked with him on the mountain because he had a plan to save the Israelite people. Moses would go back to Egypt to take the Israelites, but Pharaoh's heart was hard. So God sent plagues, and the Israelites people rejoiced when God split the Red Sea.

Moses lead the Israelites to Mount Sinai. He climbed the mountain to talk to God. Moses was on the mountain for a long time. God gave Moses ten rules for the people to obey—the ten commandments.

I like Moses because he loved God. He was patient because he took care of the Israelite people, and he gave them the ten commandments.

-Khaing Oo

Sarah Sarah was an interesting and wonderful lady. She learned patience and loved God. She had a husband, but bore no child. God promised to give her a child and she laughed.

"It came about when he came near to Egypt that he said to Sarai his wife, 'see now I know you're a beautiful woman'" (Genesis 12:11). God loved Sarai's family and He took care of them.

"After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision saying, 'Do not fear, Abram, I'm a shield to you'" Abram said, 'I'm childless' . . . And he took him outside and said, 'Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars . . . So shall your descendants be'" (Genesis 15:1-6). Then he believed the Lord and later Sarai had a child.

Sarah was an amazing lady; her life was one with her husband. They're both famous and studying her is delightful. I want to be like Sarah because God loved her and took care of her family. At first, She had no children and was very old. God promised to give her a child and she had a beautiful child.

-Hser Nay Htoo



Daniel Daniel relied on God and obeyed. When the king Nebuchadnezzar had dreams, no wise men could interpret his dreams. So he wanted all the wise men of Babylon, but Daniel and his

friends would not be destroyed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. They gathered and prayed to God to know about the dreams of the king (Daniel 2:18). As they believed, God revealed the mystery to Daniel.

In Daniel 6:10 it says about the wise men of Babylon making a law and asking the king to sign it. It was about 30 days of nobody praying or worshipping anything besides the king. If someone prayed in that time, he would be put in the lion's den. Although Daniel knew about it, he didn't care and entered his house as usual, and in his roof chamber he opened the windows

towards Jerusalem and was kneeling three times a day praying. This is very exemplary because whatever problem, trouble or barriers we have, we must not lose God and should not be anxious. Therefore I must try and should not care like Daniel. I should take the time for God because I remember about my life when I had trouble or a problem and God did help me when I asked like Daniel.

Therefore I praise the Lord and would like to be a Daniel. If we rely on God, He will provide for us and help us like He did for Daniel in the lions den (Daniel 6:22).

-Mopalel

FAVORITE BIBLE CHARACTERS



Esther Esther was a beautiful lady. When Esther's father died, Esther stayed with her uncle Mordecai. Then Esther needed to go to the king. "And Esther obtained favor in the sight of all them that look on her. And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and favor in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown on her head and made her queen instead of Vashti" (Esther 2:17)

Esther loved Mordecai and the Israelites, and she trusted God. When the Israelites had problems and Mordecai told Esther, Esther was very smart and she prayed to God and God helped her. Then Esther told the king to help the Israelites and the king loved Esther.

When Esther wanted anything, the king gave her everything. And then God's people were saved and the Israelites loved Esther and gave thanks to her. Then Esther gave thanks to God.

I want to be like Esther because she was faithful to God and her people. She was smart for her life. When the Israelites had problems, she prayed to God and was wise in how she talked to the king and showed her love. She also trusted God. In terrible times, Esther turned to God, fasted and prayed.

-Neh Blu Htoo

Ruth Ruth was a good leader for her mother-in-law. She loved God and had faithfulness to Him. She kept God's commandments. She was kind and patient. She was responsible by taking care of her mother-in-law. She depended on God (Ruth 1:16-17).

She had a pure and sincere heart. She went with her mother-in-law Naomi to Bethlehem. Naomi lost her husband and two sons, and Ruth was her daughter-in-law. But Ruth was a good leader for her. She went to Bethlehem and everyday she went to the farm to save grain for her mother (Ruth 2:7).

Esther was sincere to God and her people because she told the king she was a Jew and she wasn't afraid to die. She was a servant to God and her people because she worshipped God and she told the king to come to her celebration with Haman, to save the Jews. She was selfless before God and her people because she loved God and His people. She wanted to save other people more than herself.

-Hser Nay Say



I am impressed that Esther still loved God and was brave to the enemy. That is the reason why I want to be like her. Esther had mercy to many people instead of punishing them. She fasted and God helped her needs. And she helped people from their enemies plotting against them. Next, she was a great queen and wasn't too worried of death. If she lost, many people wouldn't have had safety. She sacrificed for helping many people.

-Katree

After, she met one man. His name was Boaz. Boaz was in the generation of Naomi's husband. Boaz married Ruth. Naomi was very happy for her. She enjoyed her family with Naomi. In the end she had a happy life and a nice family.

I want to be like Ruth because she had good character. She was honest, patient, kind and smart. She was also interesting and she has an amazing story.

-Hser Nay Paw

King David My favorite Bible character is king David, who wrote Psalm 23:1-6. He was a great man. He was young, but he wasn't afraid of anybody and God loved him. He was so courageous when he killed Goliath with God's power. And he was faithful to God in life.

But one day he was king and he also made a mistake with Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah. He killed Uriah after taking Bathsheba. This was a big mistake in his life, but God used the prophet Nathan to help him. He told David about a rich man who had a lot of sheep. One day his friend came to visit in his house. They wanted to cook for them but he had taken from his neighbor's sheep. At first, King David was angry, but then Nathan told him that is what he had done. Suddenly he apologized to God and he begged God in his heart. He took off his clothes and begged God.

First of all, I like king David because he was a young brother in his family and he wasn't afraid of Goliath. He was a courageous man. Secondly, he made a big mistake in his life and he knew about his mistake and changed. And thirdly, he loved God in his life and he begged God for forgiveness. We all need to think about his example and remember if we make a mistake, we don't need to lie to God.

-Stle Lin Shwe



THOUGHTS ON THE BEATITUDES

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven”



When I was eight years old, I celebrated Father's day at the Church. All of my friends were happy, but I was sad and felt weak at that time because I hadn't seen my dad in about two years. He died when I was six years old. I was sad too much .

I knew my mom was with me all the time. She was strong in my family. She always said, "I will protect you, my daughter". She taught me to be polite. When I was sad, I remembered my mom's teaching. That was very perfect for me.

God blessed me when I was poor in my life. I will be glad in life as long as I still have God. I know God has plans for us and He helps us.

-Katree

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the son of God”

Some things we do, we need to do wisely. Being a peacemakers is not easy in the world, because we are sinners—not perfect. Our human nature has anger, lust, pride, and selfishness. But we need to stay close to God. We can receive power from God. We can't be peacemakers on our own, or with out God. We need help from God, then we can be pacemakers and be called son's of God.

-Seng Aung

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy”

This scripture is very important for all Christians, because Jesus is merciful. If we want to follow Jesus Christ we need to be merciful as Jesus Christ is. We are the son of God and He showed us mercy also.

We are the light of the world. We need to do good things. For example, if we are looking in the mirror and smile the mirror will also smile. Just as if we do good things we can have good things returned to us. If we do bad things we will get bad things.

We are the sons of God . We need to bring glory to the Lord. Without love we can't have mercy. Mercy and love are the same quality. For whatever a man sows, he will reap.

-Seng Aung

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth”

Jesus Christ said to people that everyone who has gentleness will inherit the earth. We also need to be gentle and humble. God wants us to be gentle. This scripture can guide me to be more gentle because sometimes I'm not when I allow Satan within me. The gentle will inherit the earth in God's Kingdom to come.

-Mopalel



“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled”



When you want something you should ask to God for help. But if you aren't still faithful, God won't bless you. We must be patient with praying. Then God will have mercy, and bless us, and God will save you. When there is something you really like, sometimes you could have that easily, but you also need to wait for a long time. The most important thing you should have is patience with your faith.

When I was young, I used to eat some snack before I went to school. One day I waited for my mom and she was so late. I was so angry with my mom, and I left home. If I had waited for my mom in patience, I would have had snacks. That time I apologized because I hadn't had patience.

-Katree

THOUGHTS ON THE BEATITUDES

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted”



Sometimes life can be so hard when we're serving God. We don't want to do, but we must do. We may want to run away from a situation, but we must keep serving and doing something good, even though it's very difficult to mourn. That is my understanding.

In the Bible, there was a widow who had one child. Their country was having a famine that year. The widow had very little food, it was only enough for one meal. The widow decided they would eat the last meal and then wait to die. Fortunately, Elijah appeared to that family. She was very sorrowful, but she made bread and gave it to him. That time God showed a miracle and helped them. Then the food didn't become less and they still had more. After, they made bread and ate every day. They escaped from the famine (I Kings 17). That was God's blessing and plan.

Sometime life may be so difficult. Trust in God and pray to Him. He will save you and He will protect you. God can do anything. -Seng Pan

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God”

Jesus said we need to have purity in our heart and humble our mind. God wants us to be pure so we can come near to Him. If we have a pure heart, absolutely we'll see the kingdom of God. We are sinners; we're not innocent, but we should try to be pure.

In my life I knew a person. He didn't have a pure heart; whoever got something more than him or could do more than him, he became jealous. He gave us trouble. At that time I was so young (maybe around five years old) and I couldn't do anything yet. On the Sabbath we all went to the church and only my older brother stayed alone at home. After we worshiped we visited around with our church member's families. Then we saw a lot of smoke on the side of my home. Many people ran to my home but they couldn't arrive instantly because my house and the church was far apart.

My brother said before the fire burned, he saw this person cross in front of my house and he went to our field. But my brother didn't care because he thought he was a normal person. Then my brother went to the field to move our cow to the grazing ground. He saw a rope twisted around our cow like somebody had tied it. So when he untied the rope the fire started to happen behind him. Oh it was very confusing for him. He didn't know if he should go to the house or if he needed to untie the rope because the cow had fallen on the ground.

In that time many people arrived to my home and they helped but the home was almost gone. The fire was very strong. So our family was very sad about what had happened. We felt inconsolable, but we couldn't do anything and didn't react a bad thing to him. Later we got news of him, that someone had killed him because he caused trouble for many families.

I would like to say when we live in the world, we should not do a bad thing on anyone because God wants us to have a pure and humble heart. God will take care of us. This scripture also can guide me in true ways. Even though we are young, whatever we do we need to do for the glory of God. Then absolutely we will receive blessings from God and see the kingdom of God. -Mopalel

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven”



Stephen was a righteous person and people persecuted him. He preached the gospel. At that time the religious leaders would kill those who preached the gospel. The people threw stones at Stephen and killed him. But before he died, Stephen prayed for them and asked God to please forgive them for not understand about the gospel. They didn't know what they were doing. He was very good example of a righteous man in the Bible.

When you stand in your right example, for instance the Sabbath day, someone may argue but still stand in your right place. God will bless you and take care of you. God promises when you are right in His way, we will have eternal life. Don't run away from your righteousness.

At the end of the world Satan will tempt everyone so strongly. Don't let Satan win. When we have a stress, pray to God. He will help you. Remember that God blesses those who die from His righteousness.

-Seng Pan

OUR ADVENTURES AT THE ZOO



On November 14th, 2013, the Legacy students, teachers and the Legacy employees went to the Zoo. We had a happy time and felt very excited to visit the Zoo, because we saw many kinds of animals. We ate lunch and afterwards we separated into groups.

We looked around in the zoo and we took a rest. We saw many people at the Zoo. I liked the swans. They looked lovely. They usually live in water. And the panda was my favorite animal. Panda's are a curious animal. They also have amazing color in white and black. They usually stay in a cool place and love to sleep. We had to be careful looking at them and be quiet. They looked so cute and lazy—like me.

I also really loved going to the snow dome. When we were in there we felt so cold and so wonderful! We played in there and felt just like we had been in the USA. I'm really glad I got to go in there.

I am thankful to the Legacy leaders and for Aj. Zac's father who gave us the opportunity. I hope God blesses them always.

-Katree



Last Thursday we visited the Chiang Mai Zoo. We were happy and had fun. I was excited to see the pandas, even though they were a sleeping beauty. We played in the snow dome. That will be hard to forget in my life.



Chiang Mai Zoo was very wide and very far from one place to another. I saw the elephant, tortoises, rhino, deer, tigers, hippos, monkeys, seals and many other kinds of animals. The seal show was very good and I like that show. I got a lesson from the seals because they could understand the Thai language. Just like them, we also need to work hard to understand a new language.

In Chiang Mai Zoo, they gave lunch for all the children. That idea was very good, and Chiang Mai Zoo gave many opportunities for children.



-Seng Aung

Last Thursday we visited the Chiang Mai Zoo, founded by Mr. Harold Mason Young. In the morning we walked around the zoo and looked at animals. We saw first flamingo's. They were so pretty and graceful. Then we kept walking and saw a hippopotamus. They had slimy noses and their skin was a little pink.

After that, we saw giraffe, deer, buffalos, camels, zebras, a rhino and panda's. There were also ponies for children to ride. My son, Blessing, rode on the small horse and he was so happy. It was so fun for him and I was happy for that.

Then we went to the snow dome. That place was awesome! We played in the snow and threw snow balls at each other. They gave a big jacket for everyone because it was very cold. They had a slippery ice slope and we slid on the ice with an inner-tube. Everybody liked the snow dome a lot!

For lunch we ate sticky rice, deep fried chicken and chili. They were very delicious because everyone was so hungry. After lunch we walked again and looked for more animals. There were rams, sheep, reindeer, goats, lions, fox's, leopards, penguins, tortoises, bears, tigers, crocodiles and many kinds of fish.

We also went to the bird park that had a fence all around it. In there lived many different kinds of birds. I knew some of the bird names. There were cranes, bantams, peacocks, parrots, geese and pheasants.

At 2 pm we watched a seal show. It was so entertaining and interesting. That was one of my favorite places.

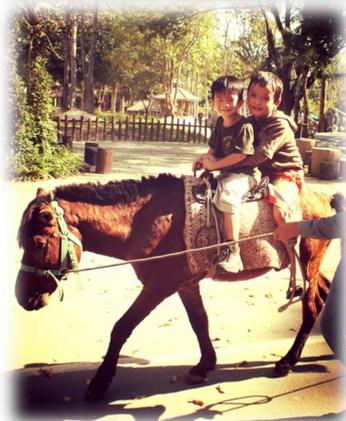
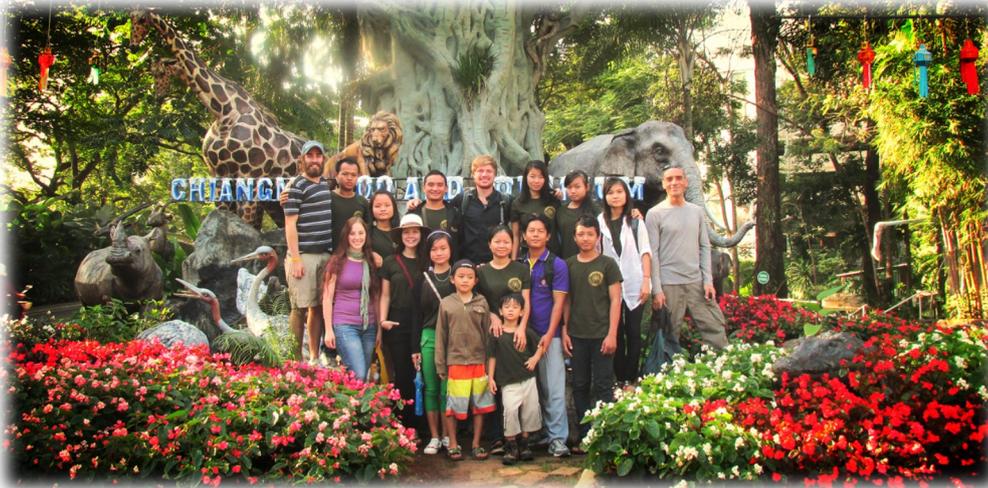
I also saw a rose park that was beautiful and had many different colors. I took some photos of roses, and I really loved this.

Chiang Mai Zoo was beautiful and uplifting, even though the sun was shining very bright and we walked to a lot of far places, everybody had fun and was tired. We had a very good sleep that night.



-Seng Pan

CHIANG MAI ZOO



SPECIAL THANKS & ADVICE FROM 3RD YEAR



I enjoyed being a student at Legacy, and the lessons I learned. I have been studying here, and it has been an opportunity for me, because I stayed safe and healthy. I improved my study from following my teachers' advices. The students should be diligent, intelligent and courageous in their study. I am not a clever student but I am really happy to learn.

We all know that wisdom is the most important thing for our future life, so I would like to urge the students to study hard and try to attend classes regularly. And every student should practice writing and do the exercises from our notebooks everyday too. Also, we should draw our own schedule and try to study in our plan. We have to try for a best goal in our life. Then every student should be responsibly in study.

A great leader is really important and difficult to become. "Never give away to despair if you fail time after time. Go on trying and perhaps success will come" (author unknown). This quote was my favorite words.

-Katree

Thank you Legacy! I was so glad and thankful to come to Legacy. I found a new life and I learned a lot of good things for my life.

Trust in God with all your heart, soul and mind. I want to say for all of my friends, never give up hope. Go the race with diligence. Do the right thing, even if it's very hard. Help each other do the right thing. Love your neighbor as yourself. Always be honest and nice. Use your talents and don't hide them.

If you want to learn something, like piano or something, you must practice a lot, then you will know how to play. Get knowledge at Legacy—as much as you can. I hope you all love Legacy like me. Thank you all the ajaans and Legacy.

-Seng Pan



First of all, I would like to thank God, and Ajaan Leon and Ajaan Gloria and all of the Legacy ajaans. They are teaching and guiding us very good.

If you want to be a winner in your life management is very important for you. Don't forget management because everything is different in Legacy, we are a different nation, language and culture, but we can be united in Jesus Christ. We are one in Jesus Christ. But if we think we are more educated, rich, smart, etc. than one another we are wrong and losing in life.

If you want to be a winner, don't forget management and look around at your situations so you can get the best things.

-Seng Aung



SPECIAL THANKS FROM YOUR AJAANS



Dear Students of Legacy,

Thank you for all of the wonderful times we've shared, for your hard work, teachable spirit and love. I feel so honored to have been a part of the work God is doing in each one of your lives.

"Goodbye may seem forever. Farewell is like the end, but in my heart is the memory and there you will always be."

-Walt Disney

Your faithfulness to God reveals His glory, and that is such an incredible sight to see. Remember to never let go of the precious promises God has made to you.

Since coming here, I've learned that the sacrifice wasn't leaving my home for nine months, or even the daily tasks of teaching and serving you. The hardest part of this all is saying, "farewell" to you. I feel so

blessed by all of the lessons I learned and the special experiences we shared together. Thank you for all of the memories. "Goodbye may seem forever. Farewell is like the end, but in my heart is the memory and there you will always be" (Walt Disney).

Love, Ajaan Manda

Dear Students,

These past eight months have been an amazing adventure for me, and I feel so blessed to have met you all! Even though I was a teacher, I have learned and grown in so many ways here. You all are so special to me, and each of you has taught me something different, so thank you!

While I try to follow God I am constantly reminded of the saying "You may be the only Bible some people will ever read." In a world that is slowly losing its hold on Gods truth, we have the responsibility to stay strong and be a light to everyone around us.

"Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity."

-1 Timothy 4:12, NIV

"Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity" (1 Timothy 4:12, NIV). I know you all have the potential to do great things so stay awesome! Remember that we are a family now, and if you ever need anything, I'm a message away. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Love your sister in Christ,
Meagan Garant



Dear Legacy Fam-Jam,

I remember the first person I really talked to was Sang Aung. It was at the farm and I was digging up a garden bed. Sang Aung looked over and laughed—apparently I was working too hard—and said: #1 "Easy life, Ajaan" and #2 "There is a lot that we can learn from you, so stay and teach". I should of just packed my bags then and flew home. . . just kidding!

"Try your best . . . or I'm going to find you and make you do push ups!"

-Aj. Zac

I am so happy I got to teach classes and spend time with you all. I want you all to know that I am proud of you. And I hope you all have learned to always TRY your best...or I'm going to find you and make you do PUSH-UPS!

From your Favorite Ajaan, Zac



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