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**STUDENT LIFE AT LEGACY**

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Hello!! I'm a student at Legacy school. I'm learning Gospels, English, Health and Hygiene, and Choir. I'm not a clever student, but I am intelligent and I want to learn to improve my life. Here I learned how to respect from my teachers, students, and other people. Sometimes it's easy and sometimes it is hard because we all have different thinking and differences in personality.

Also in Legacy school we are educated in farming and how to plant vegetables. We work every day except for the Sabbath day and Sunday. All the other day's morning times we go to the farm and plant vegetable seeds and in the midday we come back to eat lunch and rest. At 1 pm we have classes until 5 pm and at 5 pm to 6 pm we have sports class.

Then we have dinner at 6 pm. After that at 7:30 we have study hall. Also every Friday evening we have reading for Sabbath, we prepare everything, and we have Bible study, songs, and snacks. We enjoyed that night every week and then we keep the Sabbath. The Bible tells us a lot but I would like to use this scripture in Matthew 6:33. "But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to

you." This scripture is very important for all of us. Sometimes we have hard times, but never give up ourselves and try our best.

Sometimes when we have difficult times, we don't have to give up on ourselves easily. We have to be patient and give respect toward others and be happy. I want to tell you all "Welcome to Legacy" and learn everything you should know, and be a good student. We all will be one family in the Kingdom of God!



~Nay Blu Htoo



In the refugee camp I had a good friend who mother worked in Chiang Mai, Thailand. I knew about Legacy school from my friend's mother and called for me to visit Legacy school. I was so happy to go and visit with my friend who was at Legacy school. I was very happy. I wanted to come with and stay with my friend at Legacy. I prayed to God that He help me get to Legacy school. I prayed to God for two years. I told my friend that I wanted to come with him to Legacy school so my friend talked to Ajaan Leon. After Ajaan Leon accepted me into Legacy I was so happy to come to Legacy. I want to be a Bible teacher because I believe in God and I love God. Now I am here at Legacy school. I am here to develop knowledge for my future. When I'm finished at Legacy school I want to teach new students in everything. I pray to God and thank him for my friend and for the people around me. Now I complete this paper about Legacy and now it is at the end of this year, I pray God blesses our future.

I would like to tell about Legacy. Legacy school is very good for our future and very important for our future. Because we learn and understand the Bible and the English language. Now in all kinds of work people use the English language. So we all need to learn the English language for our future. We must try to learn the best we continue English language and the Bible because both are very important for our future. Before I come to Legacy I stayed in the refugee camp and I was taught in the refugee camp for four years.

~Khaing Oo



# Interviews...



## Moepalel

Moepalel lived in Burma. He has 5 siblings and his mother in his family. He is 21 years old and he grew up in Myanmar in Taughoo city. Now he is studying at Legacy learning about English and Bible. His family works in a garden. He heard about Legacy from Ajaan Leon, about 5 years ago. He said, while he's been away from home he feels that sometime it can be sad and uncomfortable and he misses his home because his family always has problems and troubles.

After Legacy he will go back to Burma and take care of the church; teaching the Bible to the church members or whoever would like to hear about the Bible, and will also teach the English language to the children. After that he will try to go to America to get more education or learn the traditions of people there. He said that the kind of girl who he likes needs to be patient, love God, have sympathy, understanding with others, be honest, meek, and beautiful. He said when he is the age of 27 or 28 years old he will get married because at that time he said, he will have enough money and will be ready for marriage.

Mr. Moepalel said that after he gets married he would like to go and honeymoon in Hong Kong and witness the traditions of the people in China. He's favorite sports are football, takrow, volleyball and basketball. He said, these sports are fun for him. The kind of jobs he would like to do are finding gold, translator, or plant the fruit tree.

~Saw Htoo Gay

## Khaing Oo

Khaing Oo lived in Myanmar with his family and he grew up in a small village in Nang Phae. Later he moved to study at the refugee camp, he wanted to learn



and get more education so he heard from his friends about Legacy and he visited. After he visited he came to study at Legacy. He has stayed here almost one year, but when he has a difficult time he misses his home and he misses his family.

After Legacy he wants to find a job. He will work in Myanmar and he wants to be a translator. He would like to visit the U.S.A because America is very famous in education and beautiful. He would

like to speak and learn five languages in his life, English, Thai, Chinese, Burmese and Karen. When he can speak all the languages he will easily find jobs for his life, but the most important to him is English because English is useful in the world.

When he has free time he would like to go out with his girlfriend to the beach for fun. When he gets married he would like to have seven kids in three years.

~Nay Blu Htoo

## Hser Nay Say

Hser Nay Say's favorite food is a hamburger and she would like to be a nurse. She is a Christian. She would like to visit New Zealand and someday wants to see the famous island.

Hser Nay Say lived in Myanmar, Toung Goo Town and Kyrm Village. She grew up in Toung Goo Kyarm tram village. She heard about Legacy from her mother because her mother was working there a very long time. Her mother was far away from her, but her mother knew about Legacy and talked to them about coming to study there.

She was happy to be far away from the village because all of her family was at Legacy. Sometimes when she thinks of her village, she wants to go back to visit because she has an aunt and uncle in the village and sometimes she misses her aunt and uncle.

After Legacy she wants to go to another school to study to get more education. Later she wants to study to become a nurse. That is her plan!!



~Hser Nay Paw

## Htoo Gay



Htoo Gay, he's from Burma. He has 3 siblings and parents, five people in his family. He is seventeen years old and now he is studying and learning English and Bible at Legacy school. He grew up in a refugee camp. He lived in a refugee camp about five years. His father is a teacher and he teaches in the refugee camp. His mother stays at home and takes care of the house while both of his sisters work at a job.

He heard about Legacy from his relative Naw Mya. She told him about Legacy school and how great and good a chance it is to go and to learn English and the Bible. He said while he has been away from home, he misses his family, is homesick, and misses all of his friends. When he stayed at home he didn't go to school and he didn't listen to what his parents taught, so since he's been here he's had to study and that's why he misses home. After Legacy he will continue to go to another school and he will go to a foreign country to get more education.

His favorite food is phat thai made with noodle and friend potato. He likes to speak English because he realizes that every nation uses English words, and speaks it. Htoo Gay likes to stay places which have little noise and very quiet places because he said when he's sick or feeling uncomfortable he feels he will recover quicker. His favored girl is one that is beautiful. He said that a girl who he will marry needs to be honest, patient, love God, is kind and loves him.

In our interview he said that he would like to learn the history of people who lived in the past, a people who were famous, and about the Bible.

~Moepalel

## Nay Blu Htoo

Nay Bu Htoo lived in Myanmar. When she was five years old she went to a refugee camp. She was far away from her parents for ten years. She went to the refuge school and she stayed with her uncle and aunt. She stay at refugee camp until she was ten years old.

Now her uncle and aunt live in Australia. At that time her father was in Myanmar and came to the refugee camp where she grew up. She knew about Legacy from her mother because her mother worked at Legacy for Aj. Leon. Her mother worked at Legacy for five years.



When she thought about being away from home, she felt very sad and she missed home. Sometimes she misses her uncle and aunt and she misses her friends and teachers. Her plans after Legacy is that she will study at another school in Thailand. She would want to go to Thai school another three years and she wants to go to Australia. Now for the time being she will stay at Legacy. She has all her family with her in Thailand. Her father and mother are both working at Legacy. She says after Legacy she doesn't want to work yet, she would like to study more hopefully one day be married. Because she wants to have a family. Right now she is staying at Legacy and she says her favorite classes are sports and English. She likes English because it is very important to know. She has five siblings in her family. She has three brothers, and two sisters.

~Khaing Oo

## Htoo Mya Shwe

I was born on January 23, 1992. In the Kyauck Taing village, that is the Karen state in Myanmar. I was poor in everything. As I grew up like a wild person. I have done many bad things, that God didn't want, but God already made a plan for me.

I was not an outstanding student in schooling, therefore I didn't want to be a literature man. But God tamed me to be his son. That's why he gave me many opportunity of schooling. I tried to work the same as some of my friends but I could never get the work.

My parents did pray for me to have a chance to study. I just wanted to work for money but I knew my parents did pray many times for me, not to be a hard and wild person. They wanted we to be a good man and useful for the family and people.

Fortunately, one unexpected day, my family moved to the Refugee camp. When I arrived there I had only one thing to do and that was schooling. I was so bored to learn the first time but I knew I could never be a worker at the time, only being a student in there.

I started learning with a good attitude. After I learned for three years in the school of KnFSP. I got some vision and knowledge. I understood more about the way of life. I was taught by very good teachers. I used to learn the English language in my free time. In that time, I thought, I will help my people by what I can do. If I finished my school I wanted to fight against the enemy of my people.

God didn't let me help my people by physical war, but spiritual war. In 2011, I came to Legacy with my whole family. I started learning the Bible at Legacy. When I understood the truth of God's way. I am going to help my people by teaching the way of God.

~Htoo Mya Shwe



## THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES 2014

I was so happy this Feast because I understood more about the Feast of Tabernacles and I was really interested in the second resurrection.

The seventh day of the Feast's sermons were very good, I liked it a lot. It was about the kingdom of God. When I heard that I was so happy and I so glad that I belong to the family of God. I met a lot of guests his year at the Feast. They were so social, it made me glad and warm. One of my favorite things was choir. I like to sing in choir even if I have a bad voice. Since I got to Legacy school I have been singing in choir.

I was feeling so weak when I started to practice in choice and I thought that the songs would be too hard for me to sing. At the Feast we were so excited and we had prayed to the Lord and asked the Lord to help us so we could sing very well because God is powerful. I was so thankful to choir teacher Kathleen because she had taught us very good.

During the Feast we visited many places. I enjoyed it all. We visited to the king's project, it was fun. They gave us a snack with juice and fried crickets. Also we visited an elephant camp with many friends. I was scared. When I got close to the elephants they were so smart and could do many different tricks. One thing I was so interested in was the elephants who showed us their talents. The elephants could understand what they wanted and elephants did what they said! It was very wonderful, I fell in deep love watching the elephants show their talents.

After the show, we rode in an oxcart, it was very fun too. Finally we rode a raft down the river and we played with the water and we had a lot of fun, so we enjoyed it there a lot that day.

After we had done that and we went to church again! The Feast of Tabernacles is my favorite time of year. It had a lot of fun and exciting times. It was a very valuable Feast and so special for all of us. We are one family in Christ. It made me feel relieved. We were all happy, joyful, and had fun. Hopefully we will meet again next year at the Feast of Tabernacles.

~Nay Blu Htoo



# THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES 2014



In the Feast of Tabernacles I was having fun and getting knowledge from the Bible. I met many new friends at Feast. They were very kind when I spoke with them. They were honest when speaking to me, and every conversation with them made me get to know more about them. I learned many things from them. For example, they explained where they come from and how far from their country Thailand was. I had so much fun.

I understood more about the Bible at Feast time. We learned about Christians living and other important things in the Bible. All the sermons were so many pictures of God's future and showed the plan of God. That was very good to understand. Also out choir sung, and I sung a special music which that made me so happy.

When we visited to the King's project, I saw so much interesting things there. We had fun and a lot of us ate crickets. I also saw the wonderful talent of the worker's doing wood cutting. That made me interested a lot too. I didn't know about King of Thailand very well, but when I see the King's project I loved the King a lot because he does not give only food to the people. He teaches how to grow the food or how to know about having a livelihood. That's why the people love him so much. Now I understand how many good ideas the King has. May God blesses the King! For the talent night, we had many interesting showings of talent. That was an amazing night. Through that, we were having the most fun night.

At the Feast we did have special foods. That I will remember when I go back to my country. Because that's so great.

~Htoo Mya Shwe

Before the Feast, I was so excited for Feast of Tabernacles. When the Feast began I was glad to meet the foreigners, but I was shy to talk with them. Every day we see them face to face and we get to talk. At the Feast I had talked with Ajaan Tyler, Ajaan Amanda, and her father. I was so glad to see them again. I was glad to meet Ajaan Julia's parents too. In the Feast we all had special music and we enjoyed special food. I got to be the song leader one time in Feast. When I lead the songs my body was shaking but I tried to do it.

I thought the students of third year enjoyed a lot being in the elephant camp because they saw a wonderful thing in there. Also we all went to the King's project and we saw handcrafted work. We were shown how to make the piece of wood become a statue and how to plant. Also we saw many wonderful things in there. We also saw many of the farms and many nice places.

When we had seen everything the students were happy and all of us foreigners. I hope I will see all of them at next Feast. I'm looking forward for the next Feast of Tabernacles. May God bless everyone.

~Htoo Gay



# “WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CLASS?”

## History

Ajaan Julia teaches history class. In this class I got a lot of historical knowledge. I am able to understand more about ancient people, their civilization, and interesting things too. I like to learn in this class a lot. Because I wanted to know ancient history and get historical general knowledge.

My favorite part of the class is ancient Egyptian society and the Great Pyramids. When Ajaan Julia was teaching, I was so interested in Egypt and it was a famous country in the Bible. That's why, my favorite part was Egyptian society and Great Pyramids. Other than that I wanted to learn about it for a long time.

When I learned from Egyptian society, I knew what clothes were usually wore for. For example, a male Egyptian might wear a short skirt called a kilt and a female might wear straight fitting dress. Their jewelry is made of gold, silver, and copper.

Egypt's Pyramids are very famous in the world. Because in that ancient time they had no machine to carry the blocks of stone 2.3 tons each and 481.4 feet of height. The Great Pyramids were built around 2700-2200 BC, in that time Egypt was a rich and very powerful civilization in the world. Therefor the Pyramids are very great and an amazing thing in the world. They built them for the dead King to bury that body in the pyramids. It also symbolized that the King's soul would meet or join with sun god called Ra. The Egyptians worshiped many gods and they thought the Kings have an afterlife and their soul needs to live as god. That is all I learned from history class, my favorite class.

~Htoo Mya Shwe

## Gospels



Ajaan Michael teaches Gospels, it is my favorite class because it is the reason I came to Legacy school. I want to learn Bible. I like to learn and know Bible in my life and I like all the classes, but the one I like the most it Gospels class. When I was in Myanmar I didn't know about the Bible too much. My life was filled with too many sins. If I know Bible I think I can share and help other people. My favorite part is that Ajaan Michael teaches us about Jesus Christ. Jesus did nothing evil. He is a good leader and I have a lot to learn this is why I like Gospels class. Ajaan Michael is a really good Aj. When he teaches it changes my heart even when he teaches Leadership class. It has made me a lot stronger learning how to be a good leader. I love his two classes of Gospels and Leadership. I hope one day when I am an older woman I will be able to teach how to be a good leader like Jesus Christ is a good leader. If I', a teacher one day I will my Ajaan. Michael who taught me how to be a good leader and good leaders in the Bible. I hope God will take care of him. Gospels or any class he is quiet, but smart and has an intelligent brain. One thing that I have learned from Ajaan. Michael class is that I make my future. When I was in Myanmar I thought that I have no future, but I came to Legacy and I learned of this things. I'm three year student and I appreciate all that I have learned from Ajaan. Michael. I appreciate him teaching everything to me, God Bless. Stay the way God wants and God will bless you, you're a wonderful teacher. I like all your classes you teach. I hope God will take care of you.

~Hser Nay Htoo

## Choir

My favorite class is choir and I'm really glad that we have a teacher who teaches choir. I really appreciate the teacher because she has to be patient with us a lot. She really tries hard and teaches us to be successful until we get the music.

I was feeling so weak when I started to practice the music. I thought that the songs would be too hard for me. I practiced outside of the class too and when I got the song I was so happy. We still practice music, and we get better. When we get better we feel comfortable and excited to sing more. My favorite part is before we started the class we prayed first, it made me feel very strong because after we prayed, God gave us the power and we got excited and we enjoyed singing in the choir.

Choir is very good because choir is useful everywhere and every church. I practice and think I had a bad voice but I love to sing in choir. Sometimes I had very hard time singing and I was really upset, but God is always by our side when we need help and we call out His name and He helps us always. I really give thanks to the teacher who teaches choir and really give thanks to God who give her a kind heart. The teacher's name is Kathleen.

~Nay Blu Htoo



## Christian Living



My favorite class is Christian Living. I like it. Ajaan Lacey teaches it, she tries to teach us a lot of things that she has learned and she shares with all in Christian Living class. A part of it is about strengths and limitations. This part is probably my favorite part.

Because it shows myself where I can improve. I think I surely will improve if I follow what she taught. So I will make change. Some of the things in Christian living class I'm not good at yet so I chose this part as my favorite.

I have four things that I have learned. The first is that a red personality's motive is power. The second is that a blue's motive is intimacy. Third thing is that yellow's motive is fun. And fourth it that white's motive is peace. I haven't heard these things before. And when Ajaan Lacey taught us I learned what it was. I have learned in this section the color code strengths and limitations all can have a part of each. I now know and I am thankful to Ajaan Lacey.

~Htoo Gay

## English

I like the subject of English class. Ajaan Julia teaches my English class. Ajaan Julia has a good ability to teach us. I like English more. My favorite class is English because it is very difficult for me, but Ajaan Julia has a good attitude and is patient in teaching us. I realize that English need to develop in my life. I am interested in English. Because we got the mentality about how special it is. Ajaan Julia is neat and tidy and sincerely wants to teach us. Why I like English and why it's my favorite is because it is very important for us and in my life. All people in the world use English language. I learned English and I understand that it is good for our future. I try my best to use it in my life each day. I can one day teach the baby and our generations after.

This is my favorite. Ajaan Julia teaches us and I am improving in English. Now I can speak in English with the teachers even if I am not perfect. All teachers help me learn English more. One day I will be a success.

~Khaing Oo

## Christian Living

My favorite class is Christian Living. The teacher that teaches Christian Living class is Ajaan Lacey. Christian Living is very important for us. My favorite part is about the four kinds of love and my favorite love is agape love! Agape love is Godly love! If you have agape love toward all people like God does, you can love your enemy too! We know that we're human and we can't forgive and love our enemy easy. It's hard for us. But if we have agape love we can forgive and love them easy. If we're Christians we have to have agape love. I learned about the four kinds of love and I learned one thing from it is to have agape love. It is very important if you have agape love you can control your anger and your pride and you will become humble. This thing is very important to have. If you have agape love and you love your enemy and shoe them the good way, they will follow you and love you too.



If you smile at someone they will smile back to you. No one will cry at you when you smile at them. So if you love your enemy they will love you.

~Hser Nay Paw

## Gospels

I like every class in Legacy so it is difficult to say which class is my favorite but I considered carefully, and I realized that Gospels class is the one that I like. Ajaan Michael is the one who teaches us in Gospels class. The part that I like is that I understand that God can forgive us but if we speak against the Holy Spirit or commit unpardonable since we will never have forgiveness. I didn't know that before so I'm very glad to hear about that from Ajaan Michael teaching. It helps me a lot when I need to explain to other people that even though we don't know everything about the Bible or every detail, we still learn about the Bible and it helps me a lot in Gospels class. For a sermon or to discuss about Jesus or His disciples what they did before is the kind of information from Ajaan Michael. Many people will ask many confusing things about the New Testament so if I know the Gospels I can tell them or explain to them as much as I can. Some people challenge doc-

trine by their own ideas and they think they do whatever they want but if we know the true thing, we can resist them with the true doctrine.

So I like to write down the scripture which I apply to myself life in Luke 16:10. "He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much." This scripture can relate to me by being faithful to God because I tell myself, as the follower of Christ, when I meet a hard temptation from Satan, I can be faithful to God. So I pray that God gives me the strength to always faithful. So Gospels class helps me a lot to explain to others, and to relate to myself.

~Moepalel



## THREE THINGS YOU'VE LEARNED/YOU NEED AT LEGACY

### The Bible, Farming, and Good Health

Hello! My name is Hser Nay Say. I will tell you about three important life lessons that I learned from Legacy. I learned about the Bible, I learned about farming, and I learned about how to be in good health. When I came and studied at Legacy I started to learn the Bible. I read the Bible every day, sometimes I read the Bible and it was difficult to understand the words, so I asked the people who understood it. I learn from the Bible because I want to understand and learn what is in the Bible and know how to pray to God. When I read the Bible, it showed me the righteousness of God. It gives me knowledge and peace in my life. I also learned from the sermons and my teachers. I learned how to keep the high Sabbaths that God gives us in the Bible. I learned how I had to be a good Christian and be an example for other people who don't know God.

I had learned how I can be like the woman that God loves. It's very good to learn about the Bible. I also learn about farming. When I went to

work at the farm, I learned about how to plant many different kinds of fruit, how to plant, give them water, and take care of it. Natural fruits and vegetables are very important for our health and body. When we get the fruit we thank God and give some fruit to God. It is good to learn and it is good to for our Legacy farm. I learned how it works and one day I can use it in my life. I also learned about good health because I want to take care of my health and body.

The Bible shows me how to keep myself healthy and I learned what not to do to ourselves so I will not get diseases. When I was sick, I had to be careful so I don't get other people sick. It is good to know about health. Don't keep yourself weak and sad, be happy, be strong, and try to learn, so your soul and body will be healthy. Learn anyway we can to keep ourselves healthy. We must just try and practice to keep ourselves healthy.

~Hser Nay Say



### Work Hard, Study Hard, Don't Be Lazy

Work hard --- If you want to be a winner in your life you must work hard, study hard, and don't be lazy. If we are lazy we will not have a future. If you want to learn something like football or something you must practice a lot then you will know how to play. Get knowledge at Legacy as much as you can, we all know that wisdom is the most important thing for our future life and we must draw our own schedule to work hard and study hard then we will be a good leader.

A great leader is really important and difficult to become. We must not be lazy. Trust in God with all your heart, soul, and mind. Most people pray and ask God for help when they have any problems but pray always. When we have a faith and trust in God, God will answer our prayers God will always be there for you. Because we are human is some-

times if we study hard we get angry and patience is not easy for human beings but patience is needed to control ourselves. We can get the lessons from the teachers, then we can receive the blessing from God. Jesus Christ is our savior and he came and lived in the world. He worked hard and studied hard and he never was lazy. So I want to encourage all my Legacy friends to not be lazy, to work hard, and study. Also know whatever you need, pray to God and have faith. If you want to be a loser, don't forget God and look around, at your situations so you can get the best things in your life. Never give a way to despair if you fail. Pray to God, study your hardest, and don't be lazy. God will always be there for you. Always be honest and nice. Use your talents and don't hide them. I enjoyed being a student at Legacy. Thank you all.

~Hser Nay Htoo

## Encouragement, Hard Work, and Purpose

Three things that you need to be successful at Legacy are encouragement, hard work, and have purpose. In our school we have a lot of student and we have volunteer teachers. They are from America. The teachers teach English. English is very difficult for us, but we want to know and understand so we come to learn. Sometimes for our students we have very hard times understanding our teachers because we speak different languages. We all try to learn English and sometimes our friends is have really hard times so we have to encourage them and help them with what they need.

Being a student you should be on time, be reliable with your work and sociable with friends. We have to be at work on time because the time is very important for all of us. The teachers taught us how to be on time. When we are on time we get everything done. The teachers taught us to be very polite, patient, and how to be obedient. Also, if we do something wrong or we are getting sad they come to us and they ask why we are sad. If we need help they try to help us. The teachers focus on us,

they want us doing the right thing and going the right way. We all have to be har working ad have a good attitude for everything.

When we are young we have to show our light toward others. We have to have goals and be attentive and try. We have to work on our perseverance and be hopeful. Sometimes we will have a difficult time, but have a good attitude, be patient, and be forgiving. Everybody has a sad time or problem. If we see our friend being sad or feeling like that, we have to be honest and kind towards them.

We have to be encouraging to them and make them feel comfortable and make them laugh. We are young and we all have to have purpose. Is we want to be a success we have to be strong, have honor, be encouraging, be hard working, and have purpose. Never give up on yourself. I really appreciate the teachers, they all are very kind and love us.

~Nay Blu Htoo

## “WHAT IS A GOOD LEADER?”

A good leader must be strong and always stand in the truth, a good leader must have confidence in their selves. I make a good choices, and have patience for their team, group, or in organization. We know that people can be leaders without talking but one thing that is important is that they must be smart when their people ask questions. They might not always know the solution for their people when they are in trouble and that is when we look in the Bible. In it we find that Moses was a great leader for people of Israel. He had to lead a lot of people from that time. Joshua was a great leader when Moses sent the spies to Canaan to look at the situation and the people. So Joshua who also was included in the twelve spies

trusted that God would help them win and get to the place that God had promised. After Moses died Joshua became a leader of the Israel people. So God walked with him and Gold told him not to be afraid.

In Joshua 1:7-9 it says “Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Do not let this book of the law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” So we see here that God told

Joshua to be not afraid that He will be with him. Just so, I believe that in our Christian lives, a leader who trusts and obeys God and follows the right ways needs to rely on God to guide their people in the true doctrine and make a true decision. It’s needed for the future to always plan the truth for their people for the future and for them as well. A good leader also must be a hard worker, reliable, and faithful to God. To do the right things a good leader needs to give encouragement to their people when they are sad or disappointed. Please them and be a comforter for the people and as God to give strength and power to lead the people with peacefulness.

~Moepalel

## The Traits of Leadership

A good leader needs patience, encouragement and strength. All is very important for good leader in the world because most people are not humble or patient. They have a lot of problems and some people go to prison because they aren't patient. Some will kill each other and some have problems with money. The thing I think they need is patience. Some people that we show patience to will think we are crazy and they won't want to relish us as friends. We need to know different people and we need to show patience to all of them. When you want to be a good leader toward people you must show

patience toward them.

The second thing that is very important for a leader to have is encouragement. Leaders need to give encouragement to others when they go through a hard time. Giving encouragement is needed to make others strong for whatever they do.

Proverbs 22:4 tells us that when we fear God, God will bless us and when we show patience, God will bless us.

Psalms 23:1

**“The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.”**

This is very good for us. This scripture is talking about the Lord Shepard and is a psalm of David telling us that we need nothing but the Lord shepherd.

David, when he had to run away from King Saul, grew a better relationship with God and he knew God would stay with him. David didn't need to be afraid of anything when he had a problem. He prayed to God and this is a good example to us.

And that is what I think a leader needs to be. Have patience, be encouraging, and be strong.

~Saw Stle Lin Shwe





## If I Was A Bird...

If I was an animal I would be a bird. I want to fly in the sky and watch the world. It is full of beauty. The sky is blue and the water is blue, and the earth is covered with green. I would live in the Forest. I would build my house in a very big tree. I would eat rice, corn, and very delicious fruit. I would be a beautiful bird and have a beautiful green color. Sometimes I am going to fly over the ocean and watch the many fish. Sometimes I am going to fly to Australia or the U.S. I want to meet new friends and see new lands. I like adventures so much and I want to visit all of the countries.

When I fly in the sky it will be so fun and make me happy. I will see some friends I have a best friend called Chat Tue Yue. She is very beautiful

and she always likes to talk. I like to stay quiet. When I saw her I was very happy and she told me a story. I enjoy her stories. Some birds love to listen to stories. She talks to nice and kind. I like being her friend. I love my best friend Chat Tue Yue.

She is a beautiful green bird. She sings every morning, her song is very nice. She is a speaker bird. If you talk to her hello! She will reply to you, hello! She loves to learn human language. Her favorite food is chili and banana. We both are not the same but we understand and love each other and if someone needs help we will help. We have a good relationship with others. We learn from each other. We love to stay free and be best friends forever.

~Hser Nay Say

## A Wonderful Day

Far away and long ago, I stayed with my uncle. When I woke up in the morning time, I had an embarrassed feeling. I ate breakfast, and I went to the school. In the class one of my friends told a story about when she met with her family day. When she told her story, I was very sad, I missed my family so much, and my tears came out. Then my best friend saw I was crying, so she asked me "Why you crying?"

And I said "I miss my family so much." Then she encouraged me saying that she hopes my family will come quick so I could meet them. When she encouraged me, and made me feel comfortable, then I said.

"Thank you so much," and I said, "I want what you say to be true."

After that we went to the store, we bought each one a snack, and enjoyed eating snacks, then we studied. In the evening time I had to go back to home, so I said to my friends, "goodbye and see you tomorrow," and I turned my head, and went back to my home.

Before I was close to my home one of my neighbors called me, and she had a very excited face, and she said, "You will be excited so much, someone came to your house!" So when she was finished I was scared to go in to my home, I thought that my uncle called someone to take me away from them!

Then I was careful and thought of an idea. "When they called my name, I will run to my best home!" so I went slowly behind my home and listened to their talk, suddenly I heard very loud voice laugh like my mom's voice. I was excited and ran into my home and I saw a lot of people, but I heard my mom's voice. I couldn't see her because the old people were taller than me, I couldn't hold it in anymore and I called, "Mom!" very loud.

All the people looked at me and my mom saw me and said, "I'm here!" So I ran to my mom and hugged her, then my dad's brothers and sisters came to me and hugged me. I was very happy in that day.

~Nay Blu Htoo

## Art Museum

At Feast time we went to the Art museum in Chiang Mai. It was a very nice place. It is also a new place that we have never been to before in our life. All of the students haven't been to any art museum so that was a new place for us. We were all very happy.

We took a lot of pictures. We saw a lot of fun things. We saw the pictures of the old history picture of Egypt and a lot of animals. There was a water fan, a river, and a place to ride a boat in to the river. The whole thing was very fun and cool. We walked step by step in to there through it all and we took pictures together. We had a lot of fun on that day. I will never forget about that day, ever. We were thankful for all the teachers and some of the other people that helped to pay for us and take us there. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to go there and for helping us. Thank you all so much.

God Bless you!



~Hser Nay Paw

### “Thank You, Legacy”

I came here and I learned a lot of things. I learned the truth! Legacy is the best school for me, ever. I also am thankful for all of the teachers here. Thank you for teaching me and showing me the good way. I have learned a lot at Legacy. And I want to say my friends and those who come behind us to try the best to learn of the good way. You must be a good student and hope to be a candle for others. Even just one candle can give its light to the whole room.

In the scripture of Matthew 5:14-16, it says “you are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden, nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand: and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven.” This scripture is a very good example for us. Because it is a blessing that we can come here and learn the good way and learn the truth. We have

to be a good student and be the light that can be used for someone that need us. I'm very thankful for this opportunity to have come here and study at Legacy. I also give thanks to all the teachers for their loving, kind, and sincere service to us as well as giving us a good example. I want to stay to my friends to never give up and try your best to be light and let it shine for all others. I hope you all will love Legacy as I did.

~Hser Nay Paw

## Legacy Lessons

1. Take risks and don't feel scared to feel uncomfortable when trying something new. **Hebrews 11:1**
  - You can accomplish things when you jump out of your comfort zone.
  - You truly never know until you try.
2. Stop worrying."LET IT GO, let it goooooo." **Philippians 4:6-7**
  - Don't worry about stress. Don't worry about money. Stop worrying about what others think about you. Stop worrying and give it to God. He'll take that worry away.
3. Listen to God and do His will even if it causes temporary pain. **Mark 3:35**
  - You will learn from that pain and God is only allowing you to go through it so you can grow. On the brighter side you can see why His path works and yours would have brought more pain.
  - One thing to remember is you sometimes think that pain always involves sin. But sometimes we just have to go through a hard time fro God's plan to work out in your life.
  - Listening to Him will lead you to your passions and purpose. 100%
4. People come and go but the true friendships/relationships last even with distance. **Proverbs 18:24**
  - You can only fight for a friendship for so long. It's a two way street and sometimes you have to realize that you've been driving down that one way far too long.
5. Forgive AND forget. **Ephesians 4:32**
  - You don't understand the pain and hurt you are holding in or the pain you are bringing someone for not forgiving them. Move on.
  - A lot of times we may forgive someone, but you have to forget too. Ask God to help you forget a bad sin. Ask God to help you forgive the person who hurt you and ask Him to help you forget the pain brought to you so you can be at peace. He will help you forgive and forget the pain.
6. Find out who and what is important in your life, energy and your love into those things and people.
  - Doing what you love and being with who you love = a joyful life filled with purpose and love.
7. Life is too short. Have FUN! **Psalms 37:4**
  - You have a purpose in life that God has given you but He also wants you to have fun while figuring out the rest of life.
8. EVERYONE has baggage and that's okay.
  - Baggage = Life experience. You don't get to be where you are right now without having done and gone through everything in the past. The good news...it's in the past so you don't have to deal with it anymore. Grow from it and move on.
9. Be honest and real. **Proverbs 28:18**
  - Be honest with God, yourself and others.
  - Don't lie. Don't be fake. It's pointless.
10. God should always be our #1.



Students, I can't begin to explain how much you all mean to me. The lessons above are lessons I learned while being here at Legacy that I feel can help you in your life and your walk with God. I could go on and on with the lessons that you all taught me, the joy you've brought to my life and all the jokes and laughs that we share but instead I am just going to say that I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I love you all and will be forever grateful for our time spent together.

*~Ajaan Lacey*

I can't believe the end of the school year and graduation are here. I've been here just over 8 months –nearly (but not quite) a year. Despite this, it's gone by like a blur. A lot has happened and changed since I got here, and now that we are at the end, I can't help but reminisce of when I first got here. It was so surreal –packing suitcases, saying bye to friends and family, leaving my parents at the airport, traveling for nearly 30 hours, and finally being picked up and dropped off at a strange place that would be my home and life.

I didn't share this with many (but I am sure many suspected!), but I was so scared. You, my wonderful students that I have come to love, were really scary to me. Don't get me wrong –it's not that you were physically scary, but I had never been through anything like this. None of you were like any of my friends or classmates at home. I knew absolutely nothing about any of you. Coming to Legacy was not a split-second decision for me, by the time I got here it had been my plan for nearly three

years. During those three years I knew no faces or names. What I knew about you was only the stuff I made up in my head as I tried to grasp what Legacy was.



However, despite my initial reaction, you all quickly dissipated my fears. I found all of you to be very loveable and unique, and as time has gone on my affections have only grown.

Not only have I grown to genuinely care for you, but I am happy to say that I have seen all of you grow, change, and mature. I feel that I can especially say this to

the students graduating this year. It has been an honor to get to know all of you, and it is reassuring to me that you will leave Legacy with the tools, skills, and character you need to truly succeed in life. I wish and pray that all of you make the most of your future, and that you take advantage of opportunities that may come to you.

I have learned so much at Legacy this past year –things that I would not have had the opportunity to learn if I stayed home. I came to here to teach, but I know that I have gained so much more from being here than what all of you have hopefully learned from me. It's truly been an incredible experience –so incredible that I look forward to continuing it this coming school year. I am really looking forward to visiting home, but I am so excited with what Legacy will hold for me, the other teachers, and the remaining students next year!

Good luck next year, no matter where you are!

~Ajaan Julia



A legacy is something we leave behind for the people to follow; this legacy can be something as simple as the reputation you build for yourself to the strengthening and building of the people around you. With that in mind, I have two questions for the graduating students. First, what legacy are you leaving behind? You five have shown so much growth in this year alone, your English has improved beyond measure, you all show great leadership capabilities, and have a knowledge of God's word that some only hope to have. I'm very proud of all five of you and I know that you have left a legacy in my heart that can never be replaced. So my last questions for you, what legacy are you going to leave for the world? You have dedicated three years of your life to learn priceless lessons and now you have to decide what you're going to do with all this knowledge in your daily life. I believe in all of you and I know that you can do anything you set your mind to. I hope each and every one of you success in your life and will pray for you often.

I'm so proud of all the students we have here at Legacy and not only because of everything they've learned and grown in, but also in everything they have taught me. People think that I made a sacrifice to spend 9 months teaching in a foreign country, but if this really was a sacrifice, it's the best one I've ever made. The lessons, the experiences, the friendships, the knowledge, the love is something that I could never put a price tag on and wouldn't trade for anything. Thank you to all who were able to make this dream a reality.

~Ajaan Kathleen



My time spent at Legacy was amazing. I never could have imagined, when I boarded the plane headed for Thailand, how much my life was about to change. The relationships, life-lessons and experiences I had while volunteering were of this program. It truly was the best thing I have ever done or been a part of, and I hope to someday take this experience, and do something equally as amazing.

Until we meet again.

~Ajaan Chris

Before coming to Thailand I have to say that I was ignorant. I had done my research as anyone should do when they have decided to move to another country, but nothing could prepare me for what it was that I went through here in Thailand. When I was in the US, the biggest complaint I had is the that the need for someone young in the Church is very low. My youth is looked upon as inexperience and people would not ask or need my help in anything because their thinking is that I cannot do it. This is why I left to take a break from all of that.

I came to Thailand thinking that I would help people and children learn to lead from what I have been able to experience, but I was wrong from day one. The moment that I was in charge of you all here at Legacy, was the moment that I started growing. I tried to teach all of you to the best of my abilities and be a good example for you to follow, but the truth is that I have learned more from you. So much that I couldn't repay you if I tried for my remaining years.

Many of you have gone through things in your life that very few people understand. Pain, suffering, loss, war. I could go on for hours, but the thing that always made me care for all of you more is that you do not dwell on

these hardships. It seems that in the face of pure evil and destruction each one of you are able to find a way to smile. All of you have strength that is hard to build. God has been and is surly working with each and every one of you.



Things are going to change over the next few months for all of you. Some of you are continuing school here at Legacy and that is wonderful, but I want to ask that you have focus. Do not fall to anything that might lead you away from what God is doing here in you. You've gained an understanding here that you will never get anywhere else. My advice to you is that whenever you're feeling down or lost, to just take an hour or two for yourself to pray and read the Bible. God will find a way to help you if you allow Him inside your mind.

Talk with Him.

For the ones who are graduating I have similar advice. I do ask that you focus in both prayer and study when you are in need of help, but I have one more thing to add to that. Fellowship. This is a very important thing that God asks you to do and you will find out why over the next few months away from your family that you have built at Legacy. When you are apart from God's people, you feel like you are missing something and it is easier to make mistakes when you are not around others that believe the same thing that you do. So what I am asking you to do is while you are away, doing whatever you will do, find ways to connect with your friends and your family. Keep close those who believe the same thing that you do.

I am leaving soon and saying that this was a good experience is just not enough. All of you have found a way into my heart and I thank you for teaching me how to be a better leader. I will always wish to hear from you. You are my family. I feel like once graduation is over I am losing my little sisters and little brothers. My prayers are with you always.

Until next time I see you...

~Ajaan Michael

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