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To the left is the path we traveled every day. The oxcart waits for us to pass—but first a photo. L.toR.: Legacy graduate HserNayPaw, PanNaung, graduate MoPalel, Teacher Lacey Hilgen, graduates NayBlooHtoo, and AhJar



Lacey taking photos of the baptism in the river which we crossed twice daily on the above four foot wide bridge, along with motorcycles and bicycles.

April 16, 2015

Dear Friends and Fellow-Laborers,

Gloria and I are back from our annual Spring Holy Day trip to Myanmar (formerly called Burma). This trip we had Lacey Hilgen come along with us. Lacey is a volunteer teacher at Legacy Foundation Leadership Training Center in Chiang Mai, and she was just finishing up her service. She decided that, instead of going straight home to California, she would go with us to visit the brethren in Myanmar. At present, almost all of our students are from Myanmar; so this gave her the additional pleasure of meeting family members of some of her students.

I was torn between our school at Chiang Mai and our growing Church of God congregations in Myanmar. Members at both sites needed to take the New Covenant Passover and worship together for Unleavened Bread. I decided to ask Htoo Mya Shwe (I call him Toomy) to lead the Passover



Chiang Mai: *Where have the children gone? Outside to play.* L.toR.: HtooMya, KaiOoh, LarryMoo, StelleLin, Utaiwan Han, NawMya, HteeMooBell, JoHtoo, Wan, Tesha and Dan Bair



Chiang Mai: L.toR.: EhKaNeyHtoo, HteeMooBell, NawMya, StelleLin



Feasting in Chiang Mai. Special food on Holy Days. Rear: Dan and Tesha Bair with their children Nathan and Natania; Front: Wan and her son Oth.

ceremony in Chiang Mai. He is experienced as a leader because he led the church congregation in Jawk Taing, Myanmar, until we could graduate a more permanent pastor.

NOTE: I believe it is important to mention here that we do not ordain any young man straight out of our school in Thailand. We appoint them as “student pastors.” They serve the church just as any pastor would, but not yet ordained. We want to watch and see the fruits of their ministry first. The Bible tells us, “Lay hands suddenly on no man” (I Timothy 5:22). I have made this mistake before, and with the help of the Holy One of Israel, I will not do it again. I want to see what Lord Jesus wants. He is the one who selects His servants. I am charged with training them, not choosing them.

Anyway, Toomy Shwe did a fine job carrying out his duties at the Passover ceremony and overseeing services on two high Holy Days in Chiang Mai.

I had prepared video sermons to play on these high days, which he translated into Burmese. With Toomy’s help, we were able to make the trip to Myanmar and also take care of the brethren (students and local members) in Chiang Mai.

Lacee was able to take many pictures and videos of the Unleavened Bread gathering at Jawk Taing, Myanmar. Link: <http://legacyinstitute.org/wordpress/2015/04/trip-to-myanmar-by-lacee-hilgen/> She is preparing a video presentation, which she will present to church congregations in Southern California. If you would like her to make this presentation to your local congregation anywhere in the U.S., please contact me at [mail@legacyinstitute.org](mailto:mail@legacyinstitute.org). It is a colorful and informative visual presentation about your brethren and family members who live in one of the most remote parts of the world. When you see how they live, the blessings of Abraham will have more meaning for you.

Most of the brethren in Myanmar are poor. They live in bamboo houses with grass or Teak-leaf roofs. They cook with wood and bathe in the river, but they are happy with the things God has provided.

One thing is certain: the church in Myanmar is growing. We baptized one young woman this year. She is from the Lisu tribe. I believe it is the first Lisu I have ever baptized. I expect more will come from this tribal group. Her husband attended the last Holy Day of the feast.

Then there are the children. It seemed like they were everywhere underfoot! They all attended services and joined in special music. I told their teacher Seng Pan, the wife of student pastor Seng Aung, that the children are the future of the church. Seng Pan spends a lot of time teaching them from the Bible.

The children also joined in the feasting we had every day. Because of the donations made by you (brethren from the U.S. and other countries), we were able to take funds for extra special food for the adults and children. It was like watching little kids in a candy store—a real feast.



Out of the watery grave, Ameer (Ctr.) is ready for the laying on of hands. L.toR.: Leon Sexton, SengAung, and MoPalel.



Khawn Pan (Seng Aung's mother) with COG children. People in Burma eat with their hands



PawHtaSee with her two sons JayZinHtoo and PyetZinHtoo



NawSee and son with NameBeyLey (MoPalel's sister)



This year NawNaw was blessed on the first Holy Day of U.B. L.toR.: SengPan, SengAung and Leon Sexton



Six-month old NawNaw, Burma's youngest child.



And our eldest, SawSayPoh



The *future* Legacy students performing in services led by Seng Pan.



More *future* Legacy students performing in services a song taught by Legacy graduates (L. HserNayPaw, Rear Ctr. MoPalel, R. NayBlooHtoo.

Click on the following for special music in Jawk Taing, Burma:



Lacee singing in Burmese  
with NayBlooHtoo & HserNayPaw



Blessing, HtaNayHtoo, and GayPaw



L.to.R.: U.MyoZaw, Lacee Hilgen, DawTooMar

Also joining us for the Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread were our deacon in Myanmar, U Myo Zaw, and his wife, TooMar. They provided the van for us to travel from Yangon to Taungoo and then the trip from Taungoo to Jawk Taing every day. It is not yet permissible for us to stay in Jawk Taing, since it is considered a sensitive border area. Maybe that will change someday. Meanwhile we stayed in a fairly comfortable hotel in

Taungoo, near the new capital of Neypidaw, and drove to Jawk Taing in the mountains every day.

Please remember your brethren on the other side of the earth. They struggle with poverty and ignorance. They live under a draconian regime. But God blesses them with daily bread and especially the true Bread of Life.

Few of them had any bread or yeast in their homes at all. They eat rice. But they all learned the meaning of living unleavened lives and the deep meaning of the symbols of Jesus' body and blood.

Until next letter, may God bless all of you in all ways.

Sincerely, in Lord Jesus' service,



T. Leon Sexton

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**Schedule of Leon and Gloria's 2015 May Visit to the U.S.A.**

AZ:May 5-12 9 <sup>th</sup> OPEN	TX:May 13-17 16 <sup>th</sup> Speaking: Waco 16 <sup>th</sup> Evening at Shrodes	OH:May18-26 23 <sup>rd</sup> OPEN 24 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost OPEN	CA:May 27-June 2 30 <sup>th</sup> Speaking: LA-UCG
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We will be sending a schedule soon by e-mail of speaking schedule details.

**Feast of Tabernacles in Thailand 2015**

The Feast of Tabernacles will once again be held all eight days in Chiang Mai, Thailand, known as the "Rose of the North." For more information, please contact us at [mail@LegacyInstitute.org](mailto:mail@LegacyInstitute.org), or call Anita Showers (in the U.S.A.) at 330-852-2709.

**Legacy Volunteer Teachers**

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer teacher at Legacy in Thailand, please contact: [mail@Legacyinstitute.org](mailto:mail@Legacyinstitute.org)



Glowing heat outside and yet full house of fifty adults and children for worship services. Notice fans (run by battery/generator) for the first time this year put in by SengAung, who works so hard to make improvements constantly!