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L. to R.: The Legacy graduates are Htoo Mya Shwe (HtooMya), Sa Tal Lin Shwe (Stelle), Khaing Oo (KaiOo), Htoo Gay, and Moe Palel.

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Hello Friends and Fellow-laborers,

Graduation is now over. This year we graduated five young men who successfully completed three years at Legacy International Leadership Training Center.

After the invocation, I spoke about the goals of another leadership training school known as West Point. The main purpose of West Point is not just to study the art of war. The main purpose is to train young men and women in character development so they can serve as leaders in the world.

I took most of my information from an article entitled “Leaders of Character: West Point’s Way,” written by a West Point graduate named Dave Anderson¹. He now runs an online leadership consulting firm that advises corporations, governments, schools, and training

¹ <http://andersonleadershipsolutions.com/leaders-of-character-west-points-way/>

programs in how to include leadership elements into their training curricula. Dave Anderson says that West Point is primarily a character building institution. Mr. Anderson is, of course, right. What good is it to turn out graduates with knowledge, but without the character to use that knowledge for right and good purposes?

He addressed the question, “Can character be developed?” This question is answered every May when a new group of 1,000 second lieutenants complete four years of character development.

He made a very interesting point in his presentation on where character begins and how it is developed. He begins by saying that right character begins in the head. It is an outgrowth of how we think. Our thoughts become our words. What we say determines our actions. If we do the same thing over and over again, we build habits. Our habits lead to character—good or bad. Finally, our character determines our destiny.

Discipline in our thoughts, words, and behaviors shapes our character.

Effective leadership training can NEVER be divorced from right character development.

So far our graduates’ plans are as follows:

Stelle will return to Jawk Taing, Myanmar, and farm on his uncle’s land. He says he likes the simple life. He will also help student Pastor Seng Aung.

Htoo Mya will return to Myanmar and help Seng Aung before returning to Thailand.

Moe Palel will stay in Thailand, work as a translator for Legacy, and take more Bible classes.

Htoo Gay has returned to the Refugee Camp to help his family make repairs on their bamboo house. Then he will go to the Jawk Taing church area and finish his high school education. He will also help Seng Aung.

Kai Oo has already left for employment.

Depending on what they end up doing, the Legacy training will go far to help them become successful—particularly the three years of character development they have received.



L. to R.; Htoo Mya, Apichat Kong (Non), and Stelle.

We also used the graduation ceremony, held at the Empress Hotel in Chiangmai, as an opportunity to award certificates for outstanding achievement.

Htoo Mya worked hard in classes and was awarded the Academic Achievement Award.

His brother, Stelle, was awarded the Academic Improvement Award.

Non, a second year student, was awarded the Spirit of Excellence Award, which is given for the best overall attitude.



God Be With You sung by all Legacy Students.
 L. to R.: 2012 graduate AhJar Shan, Auraiwan Rungrotbandit (Wan), and Khawn Ye.
Thai, of course! —was provided for the graduates, Legacy students, and their guests at the main meeting hall of our Legacy school. (If you'd like to send cards or letters of congratulations to our grads, please use the address at the top of page one.)

Speeches in English were given by three of our Legacy graduates. Special music was performed by the Legacy students.



Speech by Htoo Gay

Cake, coffee, and tea were served after the ceremonies. Later a catered meal—*Pat*



Left Photo: L.to R.: Teachers Julia Stewart and Ian Stewart with graduates.
 Right Photo: L. to R.: Graduate MoPalel, Gloria and Leon Sexton



More family and friends joining the pics. Front Row L.to R.: Utaiwan Han, NawMya, JoHtoo, graduates, and HserNayHtoo. Back Row L.to R.: HserNayHsey, NawMya's relative BlayBlawWah, and Surachai Khemkorn.



L.to R.: Tesha and Daniel Bair with Ginger

Now we are turning our minds to Myanmar, where Gloria and I, as well as Ian and Julia Stewart, are planning to go for the Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread.

Any excess second tithes would be most welcome. Our income is always down that time of year. Please pray that Almighty God will provide what we need to serve the growing Church of God in Myanmar.

Traditionally, this is also the time of year when we take needed supplies to the brethren in Myanmar. Any extra funds you may wish to donate will go a long way in helping the COG members and their children.

Have a very meaningful and blessed Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread. Please pray for us and we will pray for you.

In the Lord King's Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Leon Sexton', with a large, stylized initial 'T' and a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

T. Leon Sexton

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