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Myanmar (Burma) map in white. Toungoo is directly west from Chiang Mai, Thailand. There are no direct flights to Toungoo from Chiang Mai—we fly to Yangon (Rangoon) and drive to Toungoo.

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Hello Friends and Fellow-Laborers,

PASSOVER AND UNLEAVENED BREAD

It is that time of year again with Passover just around the corner. It seems to my family here in Thailand that we have been under constant attack by Satan. We have all had bouts with the flu—and not just any flu, but a particularly bad strain that seems to stay with you for a long time. One after the other (each of our grandchildren, our son, his wife, Utaiwan Han, Gloria, and me), we have fallen ill with fever, coughing, and sinus infections. I came down with pneumonia and was in the hospital for five days. I am back home now and trying to regain my strength, so I have no problems when we go to Myanmar (Burma) for the spring holy days.

Then Gloria's Aunt Gerda (99 years old) went into the hospital with a colon infection due to chronic constipation. Gloria must spend a great deal of her time at the hospital and is missing restful sleep.

I suspect it is our holy day trip to Myanmar that angers Satan so much. Myanmar is a land of demonic worship and blindness to the light. He does not want the light of the true Gospel of Jesus Christ reaching these people living in darkness. Jesus tells us to pray “deliver us from the evil” (evil one) in Matthew 6:13. We need God to deliver us from Satan’s powerful attacks.



Student pastor Seng Aung teaching COG and non-COG youths from surrounding area in the home of SengAung.

“Dear Achaan Leon and Achaan Gloria. We are doing good....Tomorrow can I call you phone? Our youth fellowship program is doing good and fun most of youth are happy. Some are not because the weather is too hot. This pictures was to day we take (Sabbath 19 March). Please pray for us. Our youth fellowship was doing one week. Most of parents they wish to do again next year. Respectfully from Gum Seng Aung.” (From two combined e-mails: Sabbaths 19th and 26th)

We are very much looking forward to seeing our brethren, since we are only able to visit once a year. There will be nearly 30 adults and almost as many children joining together to keep the Passover and Unleavened Bread in Kyawk Taing (just over a half hour by car, plus a fifteen minute walk away from Taungoo), Myanmar. First of all, we will have a feast of Bible teaching for ten days. As well as the spiritual feasting, we will have a physical feast every day. I will try to purchase a goat to roast and maybe a couple of turkeys. Meat is expensive and the brethren there only eat meat on rare occasions, so we try to provide plenty of meats for feasting.

Not only are Gloria and I traveling to Jawk Taing, but our volunteer teachers Julia and Ian Stewart will visit Myanmar for their first time. Ian will also be helping me and student pastor Seng Aung with messages during that time. We all have to be healthy or we just cannot go. Thailand and Myanmar are quite different. Thailand is a modern (what we would call a “first-world”) country in the major urban areas. Myanmar is very “third-world” with few modern facilities, save in Yangon (Rangoon.)

Please pray for all of us to be healthy as we prepare to go and please ask God to make Satan leave us alone. Also, please pray for Brian Drawbaugh who will be coming to Legacy in Thailand to oversee the Passover and Unleavened Bread for our members here in Chiang Mai and those coming from outlining areas. We also need additional funds, such as excess second tithe, because we will be paying all the Feast expenses for our Myanmar brethren for the entire ten days (from Passover evening through the Sabbath Day).

I am also reminded at this time of the scripture in I Corinthians 11:28-31: “Let a man examine himself.” This is a time of self-examination and to pray like King David: “Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting” (Psalms 139:23-24). Self-examination is an important part of the Passover season.



Group photo of the Youth Fellowship Program with five Legacy graduates (Second row R.: student pastor SengAung and his wife SengPan; Behind SengPan is NayBloohtoo; Behind NayBloohtoo is HserNayPaw, and Top row L.: is Stellin Shwee)

MYANMAR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Seng Aung, the COG student pastor in Kyawk Taing, Myanmar, recently completed a two-week Youth Fellowship Program. Each day, between 30 to 40 COG youths and other youths from the surrounding area attended Bible classes taught by Seng Aung. His wife Seng Pan, Nay Bloo Htoo, and Hser Nay Paw taught English, health, music (also learning hymns in English) and other subjects. All teachers are Legacy graduates. Youths and teachers enjoyed a meal every day and conversation together. All participants considered it a great success to be repeated more often.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Church of God congregation in Tulsa, Oklahoma, who send monthly support to help Seng Aung and Seng Pan to buy Sabbath school supplies and snacks for the youth of the Kyawk Taing Church of God congregation. Seng Pan holds weekly Sabbath classes for the older youth every Friday evening and every Sabbath morning for the younger children. The Youth group of the Tulsa Church also share (not Facebook) photos, letters, and other outreach items with the Kyawk Taing COG youth. What a wonderful/awesome blessing for youths from two different worlds—yet who worship the same God and His same teachings.



L. to R.: Upsorn, Wannakarn, Achaan (teacher) Julia; Watthana, Nalinee, and Legacy employee Janchai



Trip to Doi (mountain) Suthep—
Legacy student Watthana
communicates with foreigner in
English-speaking exercise.



Doi Suthep temple.
Legacy student Upsorn
conducts survey in
English.

PALACE INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROJECT

The last intensive English course taught by our Legacy teacher, Julia Stewart, was so successful that the Sirikit Institute has sent us four more young ladies for another six-week training program. The young ladies work at the Ananta Samakom Throne Hall which houses Queen Sirikit's "Treasures of the Kingdom" museum in Bangkok.

These girls must communicate with many foreigners who visit the Ananta Samakom Throne Hall and so a good command of English is important to explain to visitors all about the various

works of art produced by the Royal SUPPORT Foundation under the patronage of Her Majesty the Queen. Our intensive course gives them a real boost in their command of the English language. In this small way we can help the King and Queen, who have done so much for all of us.

As all of us prepare for the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread, we should make self-examination an important part of our preparation. Jesus taught that, if we can get the beam out of our own eye, then we can see clearly to help others with their splinters. Too often we concentrate on splinters of others and fail to see the giant beam in our own eye. May God grant you a spiritually rejuvenating Passover and Spring Holy Day season!

In the Lord King's Service,

T. Leon Sexton

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