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Dear Friends and Fellow Laborers,

Three days ago we had to send one of our young girl students, Khawn Ye, back to Burma. We didn't want to do it, but the Thai Immigration Bureau would not extend her visa to stay longer in Thailand. Thai Immigration is getting stricter and stricter and our method of getting our Burma students work visas so that they can come and study legally at Legacy no longer works.

Technically, to be a student, one must have an ED (education) visa. Legacy Foundation, the umbrella under which we run our school, is chartered by the Ministry of Culture and not the Ministry of Education; so, at this time, we do not qualify to obtain ED visas for any students from Burma we would like to bring.



Khawn Ye

Over the years we have operated here, the immigration laws have changed again and again. It is becoming more and more difficult to get the visa extensions we need. We used to be able to get a one-year extension, year by year, for our students from Burma. They now will only give a three-month extension each time we go in (and that entails standing in line beginning at 1AM in the morning). Then immigration just says: "Well, you have been in Thailand long enough; now you need to go back to Burma."

We are arranging for Khawn Ye to attend the Seventh Day Adventist University in Burma where her sister and cousin now attend. Legacy will sponsor her education there. She will receive a good education at the SDA University, but it would have been better had she had more training at Legacy in Thailand. We are very sorry to see her go back. We had hoped to train her to be a translator, but we just ran out of options to keep her in Thailand.

FAMINE OF THE WORD

The world is changing rapidly. We know that someday there will be a famine of the word. Amos 8:11-12 says: “Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it.”

This famine of the word of God can only be hastened by the U.N. takeover of the internet¹. The mainstream media is already controlled by liberal supporters of a One World Government. How long before the cable networks and independent networks will all be subverted one way or another. It is a crime in Canada to talk about what God says about homosexuality in the Bible. How long before preachers and televangelists start being imprisoned for so-called “hate speech”? The LGBTQ and atheist lobbies are gaining in strength daily and any mention of God or Jesus as an important part of the fabric of our Western society is targeted. God must be removed, they say!

A recent PEW research survey shows that an alarming number of Americans are just giving up on God. “Half of Americans who have left their church no longer believe in God, leading a surge of nearly one quarter of the nation who have no affiliation with any religion, according to a new survey.”²

For those who have stopped looking for the Word of God, a famine of the Word will not affect them—that is, until they realize they need God and start to seek out those who are preaching and teaching His Holy Word.

Will they find Him? Not if the media, internet and other public forums are all controlled by those who want to erase God out of our Western consciousness.

This famine will affect the whole world, not just the U.S.A. All of us involved in preaching the Gospel to the whole world must step up our efforts to make the Word of God available to many, many more who thirst for the Truth.

¹ UN Could Take Over ICANN, and the Internet, Oct. 1, <http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2016/08/29/icann-un-take-internet-oct-1/>

² Pew: Americans giving up on God, miracles, Paul Bedard, Washington Examiner, 8/24/16, <http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/pew-americans-giving-up-on-god-miracles/article/2600066>

It is getting more and more difficult to bring young people from Burma here to Thailand to prepare them to return home and preach the Gospel. Satan always uses governments to squelch the true Gospel message, even if those governments do not even know they are being used as tools of Satan. Satan is the god of this world, never forget!

Legacy cannot and will not stop preaching and teaching the word of God. There is much more work to be done. We may just have to do it in a different way. One door closes and another opens.

SHIFTING GEARS

We are not sure that we can get this visa issue resolved in the near future. At this time, we cannot bring anyone over from Burma as a student to study at Legacy in Thailand if we cannot get the necessary visa extensions which allow them to stay. Legacy may not be going in the same direction and/or focus as it was before. We must rely on God to guide His work as He wants it done. Please pray that God will intervene and show us His will here in Southeast Asia.

In the meantime, if we are unable to teach the Bible and other subjects to Burma students by bringing them to Thailand, I have decided to concentrate on writing more materials to be translated into Burmese to be distributed across the border. It is in Myanmar where the Holy Spirit is active. It is not in Thailand—at least not yet. In Myanmar very few speak or read English, so sending English language literature there to evangelize and help the spiritual growth of our new brethren does little good. We have already translated some important material into the Burmese language, but there is much more that we can do.



L.to R.: Annick Stefanin, AhJar, and MoPalel

We are presently training Ah Jar Shan and Mo Palel in computer graphics programs (by our

volunteer teacher Annick Stefanin) so they can better lay out booklets, which we will send out in Myanmar. I will continue to edit already existing material for translation as well as write more booklets that need to be better geared toward the Asian culture. Things are developing rapidly in Burma and we must feed the new sheep God is calling.



Julia Stewart

Julia has been teaching English classes to our Legacy students from Burma and Thailand, She also started her Master's program here at Payap University in Chaing Mai. It is a two-year program and geared to preparing her to be an English teacher back home when she returns to Texas. Previous to coming here, she was taking classes in preparation for teaching here in Thailand.



Ian Stewart

Volunteer teacher Ian Stewart has made a curriculum for the Bible classes he has taught here at Legacy. These teaching tools are very useful for continued study in Burma. Our Burma pastor Seng Aung has a copy, but it is written in the English Language. We are considering this for translation. Ian is scheduled to leave for home (Texas) after the Feast of Tabernacles. We will miss him greatly. He has done an outstanding job in teaching the Bible, helping me with Sabbath sermons, tilling the land with our Denny Luker tractor, and making many repairs to our aging equipment and buildings.

I also am planning Bible education videos with Burmese translation, which I will send to pastor Seng Aung and deacon Myo Zaw to further the education of our church workers in Burma. My son Bronson, who helps us at Legacy, is a very gifted video editor and will help me prepare a series of educational CDs.

As you can see, we have a lot of work ahead of us. Please pray for God to guide us. I can only look through a dark glass. I need King Jesus to guide my steps. It is His project, after all.

A VERY SPECIAL FEAST OF TABERNACLES IN MYANMAR

The Feast of Tabernacles that will be held shortly in Jawk Taing, Taungoo district, Burma will double in size this year! That is because the local Church of God members in Central Burma and Rangoon will be joined by a newly formed, non-aligned Church of God group of about 30 people (including children) that will

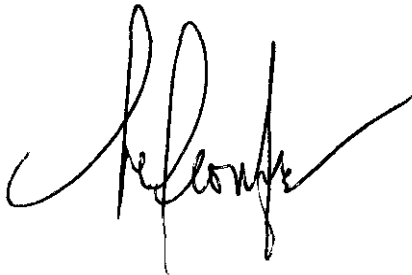
travel all the way from the Delta region below Rangoon to join them for the Feast. We are grateful to the United Church of God for helping with the expenses for this non-aligned COG group to join our Legacy-sponsored Feast of Tabernacles in Taungoo.

Until next letter, renew your efforts to support the preaching of the Word. The night is coming when no man can work. And please continue to pray for Gloria's and my health so we can sustain staying here and help prepare our brethren in this part of the world to prepare themselves for the coming Last Days.

Thank you, Fellow Laborers, for your generous support to make the Feast in Burma and Chiang Mai possible and for all your prayers. Please continue to pray that we will be guided in the direction God wants us to go.

Have a wonderful Fall Festival period. Stay safe and may God bless and protect all of you.

In Our Savior Jesus' Holy Name,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Leon Sexton', with a large, stylized initial 'T' and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

T. Leon Sexton

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