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Dear Friends and Fellow Laborers,

This is an emergency letter appealing for you to help us here at Legacy in Thailand and Myanmar. The Bible tells me: *“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.”* (Matthew 7:7)

So, I am asking, seeking, and knocking. Our donations have dramatically dropped over the past three months. Monthly donations have dropped to 40% of what we usually receive. I am not ashamed to say that we are really hurting. We have an office to run in Chiang Mai with employees, and we send funds to Myanmar on a monthly basis to conduct the ministry and sponsor student’s education in both high school and university. There is also food, clothing, and transportation expenses for them. A 60% drop in monthly donations is devastating. We cannot sustain the Work here on that. We were bare bones before.

God called me. Lord Jesus brought me here. He trained me for this and I am NOT a quitter.

We continue to move forward. We are setting up the Legacy School in Myanmar with teachers we have already trained. They all speak English and have been through our Bible courses. They have been prepared to teach others. We have more potential Gospel preachers and teachers coming along in High School and University in Myanmar. After graduation, they will go to the Legacy Myanmar school where they will learn Bible and Leadership. All those whose education we sponsor already speak English that they learned at Legacy Thailand.

We are translating and publishing booklets in the Burmese language which we distribute in Myanmar and also publish online at our website so that Burmese around the world have access to God’s Bible teaching in their own language.

Some have asked, “Why don’t I move to Myanmar. There are several important reasons Gloria and I live in Thailand and travel in and out of Myanmar (Rangoon is less than an hour flight from Chiang Mai.) It is like traveling from Los Angeles to San Francisco.

First of all. We can only get a maximum of 28 days on a Myanmar visa. The Myanmar junta that rules Myanmar is very suspicious of Westerners. We have no trouble of that nature in Thailand. We also have the support of the Royal family which we appreciate very much when serious difficulties arise with red-tape government issues and visa problems.

Because of suspicions, Western religious workers such as pastors and evangelists have restricted travel and are always shadowed by Myanmar secret police. There is no such problem in Thailand. We are free to preach and publish the Word of God in any language freely without persecution, even though Thailand is a Buddhist country. The King is the benefactor and protector of all religions in Thailand. We are not hindered here.

In Thailand, because Gloria and I both have government-issued work permits, we have access to the government social medicine program. We do not have to pay for checkups or any medicine. There is no such thing in Myanmar. Myanmar is still a third-world country.

I speak and read Thai. I do not speak or read Burmese.

For many reasons, including the fact we have 5 of our grandchildren living nearby us in Thailand, we have many advantages staying in Thailand and traveling less than an hour to conduct the Work of God in Myanmar.

The electricity and computers actually work in Thailand. In Burma the electricity is down hours many times during the week. Internet connections are sporadic at best. In Jawk Taing, where our members live and our school is located, they have electricity because they have a diesel-powered generator.

The Work must continue here. Some few are called in Thailand, but the majority of those called are in Myanmar. It seems God's Holy Spirit is concentrating in Myanmar. While in Thailand, we prepare booklets and sermons for translation under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the fruit is born in Myanmar.

Another factor that must be considered when trying to analyze why the donations are down dramatically, is the fact that we are not a church in the usual Western sense. The members in Myanmar and Thailand earn very little, therefore the work of God cannot be sustained on their tithes and offerings. We must rely on the donations of our Western brethren.

Our Western donations are almost all free-will offerings from individuals with some small congregations sending periodic support. Therefore, we cannot count on monthly tithes.

We operate month by month and prayer by prayer.

Please remember us when you are deciding where to send your tithes and offerings. This is a frontline Work of God in an entirely Gentile world. It takes a lot of energy and fortitude to deal with the day-to-day obstacles the Gentile world throws up. It also takes financial support to keep Legacy running optimally.

Gloria and I are no longer spring chickens, so the stress on us is much greater, and we have NO large COG organization from which to receive regular support. Please help us where you can and please PRAY God performs a miracle and restores our regular financial support, so God's Work in Thailand and Myanmar can continue.

Also, if you have excess 2T or your congregation has a budget to help support the Feast of Tabernacles, please remember the Legacy-sponsored feast site in Taungoo, Myanmar. Based on past years, we need approximately \$3,500 to hold the Myanmar FOT site. The brethren in Myanmar earn very little and so have little to tithe. So the burden rests with Legacy to rent a meeting room and pay for any food and transportation out of the mountains. Again, we need your prayers to have a successful FOT for our Myanmar brethren.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely in Jesus' service,

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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Important P.S. Please keep up your prayers for the people of Texas that have lost their homes and even loved ones because of the heavy storms of Harvey. Now they have a problem with looters preying on the vulnerable people devastated by the high water flooding into their homes. The video we see on the news breaks our hearts.