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While Leon was reading a sermon on “Good Judgment” from Vince Szymkowiak, he expounded on the 1<sup>st</sup> point of “First Judging Yourself,” by giving the example of Nebuchadnezzar’s exaltation of himself and his city—and how God humbled him to be able to see the true God. Nebuchadnezzar writes this himself in first person. (Daniel 4:1-37)



Special music during Sabbath services in Chiang Mai, by JoHtoo and NawMya in the Karen’ language.  
(Click pictures to watch videos or click here [Vid1](#) [Vid2](#))

Dear Brethren and Fellow Laborers,

**JULY-AUGUST 2018**

First of all Leon and I want to thank all of you for your continued support, not only in your generous donations, but your heartfelt prayers. We are deeply moved—and sometimes with grateful tears. We read your precious notes and emails and are encouraged and comforted. God continues to supply all needs as HE has promised.

### SERMONS FOR LEON THAT STILL SUPPORT OUR SABBATH SERVICES

Leon and I continue to receive sermons sent to us to use for Sabbaths in Chiang Mai. We also send them out weekly to some of our Karen’ and Kachin brethren. These sermons are not Leon’s, but from our Western ministers or speakers—though a few are Leon’s from the past. We go through these sermons and simplify them for our Burmese translators and those whose first language is not English. Here are a few **THANK YOU’S** to those of you who most kindly help support us by providing godly messages for our brethren. One lady is Jane Brown, who has transcribed sermons from various speakers for Leon. Mr. Vince Szymkowiak continues to send transcripts with audio. We rarely have to change anything, because he has been to Thailand and understands the needs of our translators.

Here are comments we have received from our readers who receive your sermons:

Dear Gloria, Thank you for the Sermon , we do still pray for Pu Pu (GrandPa) Leon every day, Please keep our faith strongly we believe he will get better and will be able to give sermon some times. we do wish to hear his Sermon by himself, miss you and love you both. With great regards and best wishes. (Finland)

Dear Gloria and Leon Sexton; I received your attachment (sermon) and email well. Thank you so much for your notes and explain us about my beloved Mr. Leon Sexton. We praying for Mr. Leon and you for recovering and give you strength... Happy Sabbath. With love and best wishes. (USA)

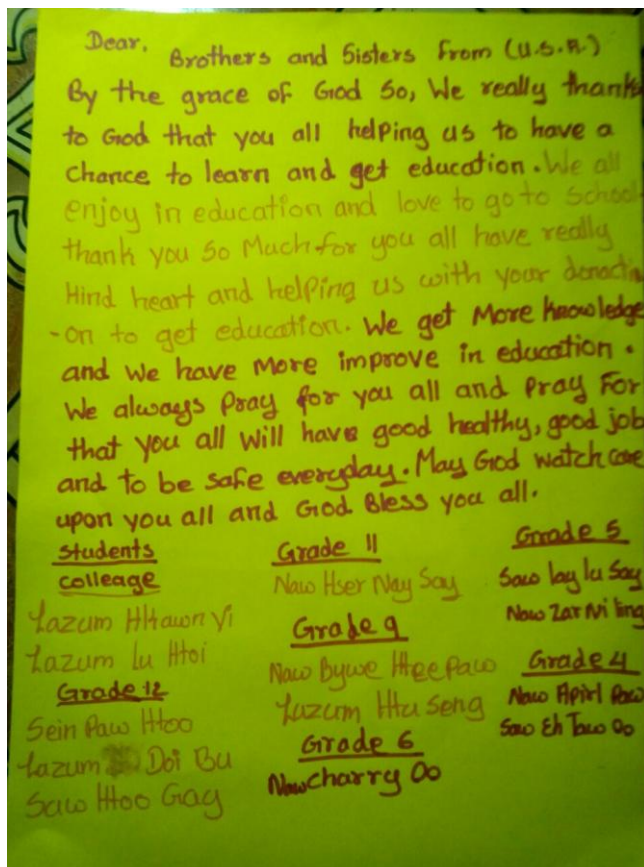
Dear Leon and Gloria, Thank you so much for the sermon notes from my brother Leon. Praying for you all and the work. Praying for my brother fully recovery. Of course praying for you as you are now the key person. I am glad that you can use our experience a bit in the sermon. Please be praying for me too. I have problems with Spinal Stenosis and also my injury knee. I have good day and bad day. I don't usually have a day without pain and tingling. I always pray for peace, faith, happiness and strength during this trial. I understand that trials is good for our Christian life. All we can do is praying for each other. Thank you for your prayers for me. Much love to you all. (USA)

Dear Achaan Leon and Achaan Gloria. We are doing well. The church members in Yangon they are warm welcome and they are doing well. Now i am arrive in Kyaught Thi (JawkTaing) Church... I got your sermon notes. I am really appreciate you send the sermon notes. Please continue to send to me. We are keep praying for Achaan leon and you. Respectfully. (Burma)

### OUR MYANMAR (BURMA) SCHOOL STUDENTS, YOUTH PROGRAM, AND SABBATH SCHOOL

Because of your support, we are now able to put eleven young people into the better local JawkTaing SDA School and two girls into the SDA University in MaungMya, south of Yangon. In our last letter, we gave the names of those students. Not only are Leon and I grateful to you, but so are the parents and children. SengPan took photos of their thank you letters and sent them to us.

SengPan, along with our SDA High School students, continue to teach Friday Night Sabbath School to the older youth and Sabbath Day School to the younger children. Sometimes youth will come from nearby villages from the community just to take part in the Sabbath activities. This has been made possible now for several years by the COG in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Here are their thank yous:

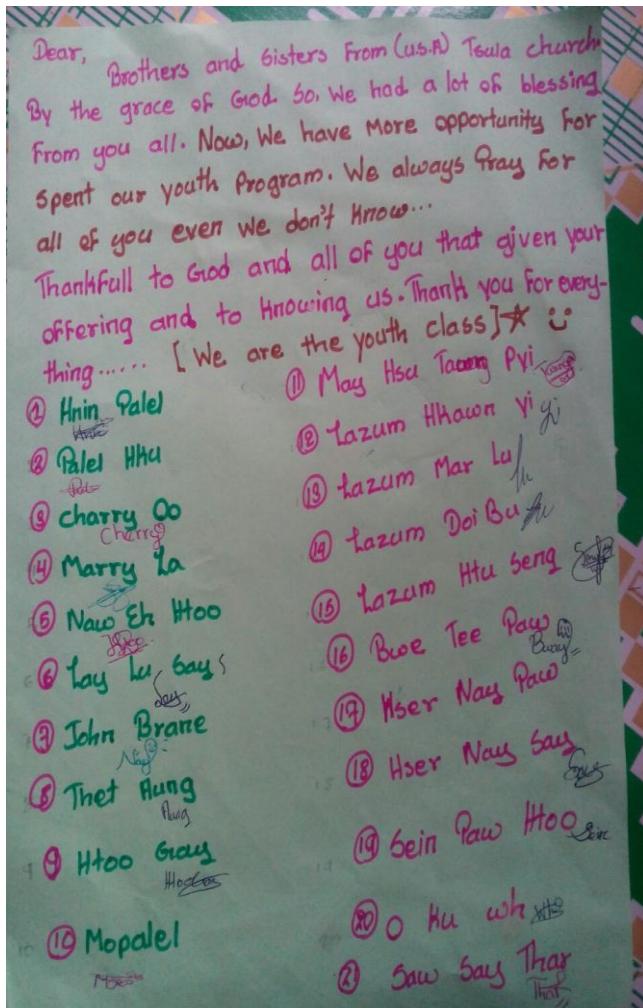


THANK YOU! From students attending SDA school.



THANK YOU! From our children's youth class.





THANK YOU! From our older Youth Class.

### Reminder Regarding Yearly Burma Youth Programs

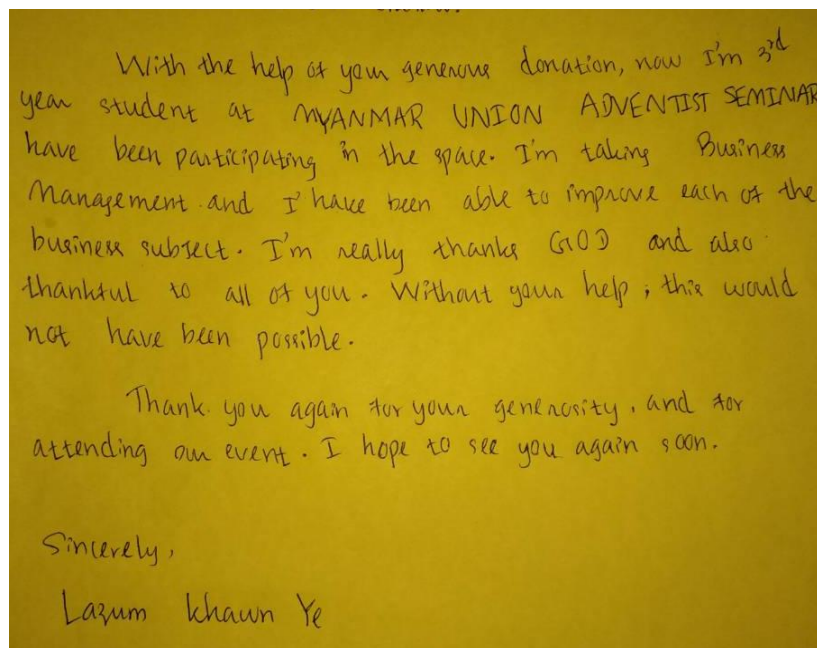
We will continue our Youth Programs in Burma two times a year—with or without foreign volunteers. Of course, we prefer to have the foreign volunteers, because our young people are able to continue to learn more about the Bible and practice their English communication with real English-speaking individuals.

We would be most grateful for any volunteer teachers who will come serve for at least 10 to 14 days around Passover/Unleavened Bread and/or the December-January school break.

Something really wonderful is that this Youth Program includes children not only from our local COG congregation, but the youth from the *entire* community. Some come from the SDA schools, especially if the program is during the year-end break.

We are planning to have the next session during the December/January break. If any of you are able to help out with our bi-yearly Legacy Youth Program, let us know if this would be a possibility for you.

Please write us at: [mail@legacyinstitute.org](mailto:mail@legacyinstitute.org).



This is from KhawnYe who is attending SDA University. I believe what KhawnYe means by “attending our event” is: attending to this matter.

Dear Ajan,  
How are you? How's your family? I hope that you  
all are happy in this year. I always pray for you and  
your family and for Church in Thailand.  
Thank you so much for kind to our sister. You teach  
us and guide us to become a good girls. Help us to from  
problems and you make us to our beautiful future. I  
really thank you so much Ajan. and thanks to God.  
I'm trying hard to study in school. One day,  
I'm going to be a successful lady. I'm not perfect but  
I'm going to help to our church.  
Ajan, now I can say "thank you" only words.  
but I'm going to thanks to do what-ever I can.  
Thank you so much Ajan for everything to us.  
May God bless always upon you and your family.  
Your Loving  
Lu Lu

This is from LuLu (KhawnYe's younger sister) who is also at the SDA University.

Some times our young people have written letters to the Oklahoma youth. Some few have arrived in Oklahoma, but letters from them (or anyone else for that matter) to JawkTaing, have never arrived. We hope this can be solved by scanning and emailing; or by mailing to someone that is coming to this part of the world.

### **BELOVED OF GOD**

Leon and I have been reading the book of Daniel and just completed it. Daniel was "greatly beloved of God"—that is what the angel Gabriel said to him (Daniel 9:23). Jesus' Father said "my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" in Matthew 17:5.

We brethren—God’s children—are also beloved of God our Father: “brethren beloved of the Lord, because God has from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth” (2 Thessalonians 2:13); “as the elect of God, holy and beloved” (Colossians 3:12); and “beloved of God, called *to be* saints” (Romans 1:7).

If we are beloved of God, then He our loving Father will take care of us through everything we go through in our lives—just as He did with Jesus, Abraham, Job, Moses, David, Peter, Paul, Timothy, and every one of His beloved mentioned throughout our Bible! However difficult our trials or hardships are, we can be encouraged to hold fast patiently, so that our Lord can say to us: “(you) in whom I am well pleased,” or (as in Matt. 25:21): “well done, you good and faithful servant: you have been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter you into the joy of your lord.”

Daniel was told that the time of his vision (Daniel 12:8-9) was not to be during his life time. He did not understand and was told that the words were sealed until the time of the end. In Daniel 12:1-4, 10 he was told:

...and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation **even** to that same time: and at that time your people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake (in the resurrection), some to everlasting life, and some to shame **and** everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. ...the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly (In the Companion Bible, the margin says “the lawless shall do lawlessly): and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

Then proceeds the prophecy given to Daniel about the setting up of the abomination, the three and a half years—and an additional 45 days that, at that appointed time, *will be* understood by the wise.

And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that makes desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed is he that waits, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days. (Daniel 12:11-13)

Let us, the beloved of God, be wise. Let us keep on holding fast—no matter what we must endure to be purified and made white in this life—so we can stand in our lot at the resurrection.

### **Computer for AhJar Shan for Translations**

AhJar Shan has continued to stay in the far north of Myanmar. After the death of her grandmom, she has stayed in NaMawn, Kachinland, with her mother—who would be alone now, if not for AhJar. Our plan, if God so will, is to see her at the Feast of Tabernacles in JawkTaing.

We would like for AhJar to continue translating for us. The weekly sermons would be especially helpful for our brethren in JawkTaing. She is still working on our latest version of the Holy Day booklet.



AhJar had an older computer that is no longer functioning properly. It was taken to Yangon for repairs, and it was not repairable. If we are able, we would like to take her a new/used laptop computer at the Feast and bring the old one back to see if there is some hope. We have been informed that a new computer here in Thailand costs about 10,000 to 13,000 baht (\$300 to \$400. U.S. dollars). She will also need some quality safety back-up and surge protection.

### **THE BUILDING OF THE EATING HALL IN JAWKTAING**

It's rainy season! Everything is a bit slower. At first, logs were bought in and they cut this themselves with a chain saw and truck to pull through the wood—a method I have not seen before. Seng Aung is still waiting for wood, which is hindering this project. Here are the messages he sent us: “About the Hall (eating). I was order the wood. Two bridges is broken so they cannot carry—so I am waiting... The wood will arrive when the bridge will done. The government is continue to build the bridge. I will (then) carry the wood with the cow.” In the meantime the government quit working on the bridge.

The eating area will be on the ground floor, and the plan for the second floor is for classrooms, and a sleeping area when needed.



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## PRAYER UPDATES



### **DAVID (DJ) and CASSIE (MCQUOID)**

**FISCHER:** David is continuing rehabilitation. The bone that was removed from his head was replaced in June. Thanks to our great God, the surgery was successful and he is at home. He has no more head-aches! He continues to have back and shoulder pain.

Cassie told me on the phone that he can walk without any help and he can talk. He does have short-term memory—and does not remember the accident. He has night terrors and does not remember them in the morning.

It's been a continuous miraculous progress—though DJ has a ways to go. Please keep praying for him and Cassie—God is listening!

**HERB VIERRA:** His new therapy, called “FitMi,” is a bit improved. Ann explained to me that he was given a Botox shot to help relax the muscles on his left side. Herb's left side is in the fetal position. Now Ann moves his arm and leg through the FitMi exercises for an hour a day. It seems that Ann, the ladies at the nursing, and even his visitors see a bit of straightening. We all continue to pray for improvement in this difficult trial that both Ann and Herb must endure.

**LEON:** He is doing much better in so many ways. He has lost 100 pounds over the last eight months, and his blood pressure is normal. He takes no Beta Blockers and no blood pressure medicine. He does take Lanoxin for his irregular heartbeat. He also takes a blood thinner and sometimes a water pill. His blood sugar is also stable—usually from 115-125—and takes 12-14 units of Insulin every day. Leon walks by himself with a walker every morning. His speech therapist said he only needs to come once a month now. He still gropes for words. It seems he doesn't have to do that on the Sabbath very much when he expounds from the heart. He also takes occupational therapy every week. Leon has not been on his computer. He wants to—but his eyes are not able to see everything. Bronson, our son, is trying to find a voice recognition program for him. He only has two sores on his legs, which are almost healed. Please continue to pray for him, and especially that he will be easily able to go to the Feast in Burma.

**MOPALEL:** MoPalel is leaving JawkTaing, Myanmar. Here is the Viber message we received from SengAung our pastor in JawkTaing: “Dear Achaan Leon and Achaan Gloria. We are doing well. I want to tell about MoePalay. After the Feast he will go to work to pay NawEhEhHku her debit. Before he will go to work he will help the Church (with building eating Hall)...” Then came a message from Seng Pan: “...Seng Aung will go to Yangon for this Sabbath. Yes, Htoo Gay can give sermon on Sabbath. When is the best time for Aj Leon to talk with Seng Aung?”

Of course this was sad news for SengAung, SengPan, Leon, and me—and the whole church. Though we have lost our assistant pastor, God will provide His needs for His Church. We do NOT see as God sees. Please pray for MoPalel's future as he leaves for another country to support his family in the way he feels he must do at this time. We are not sure yet where that will be—possibly Malaysia.

**SEE ABOUT BURMA FEAST OF TABERNACLES ON NEXT PAGE.**



**FEAST OF TABERNACLES IN MYANMAR (MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER—MONDAY 1 OCTOBER)**

If you would like to come to Taungoo and Jawk Taing for the Feast of Tabernacles, we have a few cancellations, so there are rooms available.

There is a new hotel that is just a couple of years old and the staff is very kind and helpful. The room rate has been discounted again to 35,000 kyats (\$26), **for one or two people**. Included are breakfast, WiFi, mini bar, air conditioning, private bathroom with hot water, T.V., hairdryer, and towels. If you want to check it out online, type in “Pathi Hotel in Taungoo.” There is also a nice restaurant on the premises. Please book through Legacy for the above-mentioned rate by writing to us at [mail@legacyinstitute.org](mailto:mail@legacyinstitute.org). We will email your booking confirmation. Please pay the hotel at the end of your stay.

We will have no “package” available, though we will have feast activities. You will be responsible for payment should you participate in any of the activities. We will let you know activity amounts as we find out the number of guests that are interested.

Logistically, you will fly to and from Yangon and stay at a hotel of your choice. (Best Western in China Town worked very well for Mr. Earl Roemer and Mr. David Bensinger, and you can book it online.)

You will need to get a “Myanmar **Tourist** Visa” online. The Burma Embassy will want a copy of your booking reservations and dates of travel. The purpose for your visit will be as a “**tourist**.”

From Yangon, you can make your own travel arrangements to take a bus to Taungoo or make other arrangements of your choice. More details will be forthcoming. The Pathi Hotel will pick up from the Taungoo bus station for free; just give the bus number and time of your arrival in Taungoo. To return to the bus station, there will be a charge.

Here is a brief outline for travel in Myanmar for the Feast.

Wed. 19<sup>th</sup> Sept.: Atonement in Chiang Mai. Leon and I will leave the next day to Yangon.  
Sabbath 22<sup>nd</sup>: In Jawk Taing (30 minutes from Taungoo).  
Mon. 24<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> Day Feast of Tabernacles at Pathi Hotel meeting room.  
Sabbath 29<sup>th</sup>: At Pathi Hotel meeting room.  
Mon. 1<sup>st</sup> Oct.: Last Great Day at Pathi Hotel meeting room.  
Tues. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Travel back to Yangon

There will be daily worship services at Jawk Taing and feast activities when it’s not a high day or Sabbath. We all look forward to keeping the Feast with you!

In Christian love,



Gloria and Leon Sexton

