

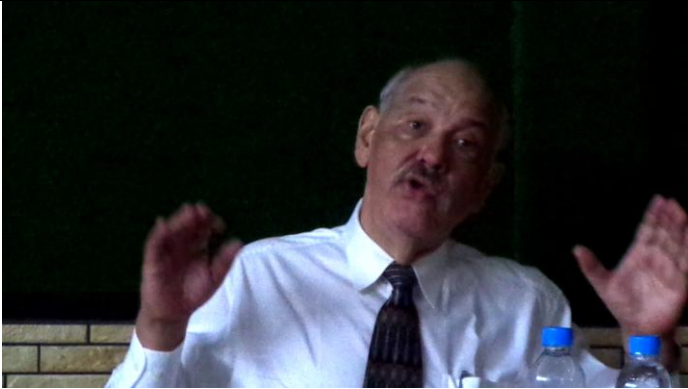


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Leon's sermon reading and expounding on the Last Great Day.



Our teen youth sing on the Last Great Day "*It Won't be Long Now*" in English, and then in Burmese; which was translated by SengPan.

### SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2018

Dear Brethren and Fellow Laborers,

Since November of last year, Leon's written words are slowly becoming more legible, so I can easily type them; but this is the first time Leon has written down his thoughts to all of you on his clipboard. I was totally amazed when Leon handed me this:

*Greetings to all of you after the Feast of Tabernacles. Thanks to all of you for your prayers and generous donations so that we could have the festival site in Burma. Some of the festival functions were at the Pathi Hotel in Taungoo, while other parts of the festival were at the church compound in JawkTaing. Thanks to all of you—we had a wonderful Feast!*

*I even gave both holy day sermons, both offertories, and also the message on the Sabbath in between. All went very well and my health and conduct was good.*

*We had very little transportation needs. Deacon MyoZaw gave his trusted Honda Mini-Van, and the brethren were transported by MyoZaw's big truck.*

*We enjoyed all the grass-root festival meals provided by the local women. There was even ice cream and a cow donated by U.S. brethren—and we had beef for all the feast--and were even given some to take home—which I am still enjoying.*

*One great thing was meeting a young British man who offered to volunteer and teach English communication to our young people after the Feast. This meant we could have a Youth Program. Gloria will write more about this later.*

Those words were wonderful for me to read and to convey to all of you, our brethren, who have been, and are still, praying so much for Leon and me.

On August 30<sup>th</sup>,  
 NayBlooHtoo sent us  
 photos of flooding—not  
 only in JawkTaing, but  
 30 minutes away from  
 Taungoo, where the holy  
 days were to be kept.  
 Taungoo has a moat and  
 a river like Chiang Mai.  
 The Feast was not even  
 a month away and we all  
 were praying for good  
 weather and no sickness.  
 Rainy season can bring  
 on many colds, flus, and  
 also other water-borne  
 diseases when immune  
 systems are down. It  
 seems Satan tries, all over the world, to attack God's people and the festival sites. But as usual, our  
 faith and patience endured and God answered our prayers all over the globe. We had no flooding and I  
 can't even remember any rain. We had beautiful weather!



L. NayBlooHtoo on her way to school in front of the bridge that one must use to get in or out of JawkTaing.



R. Taungoo was over knee-deep in water.

At the Feast, no one had seen Leon for a year and all had been praying. It seems God gives him extra communication skills when he reads God's messages, so our brethren were quite amazed!

SengPan translated Leon's first sermon and AhJar translated the last two.

Seng Aung, the JawkTaing pastor, spoke on all the other feast days at our church compound and translated himself into English for Utai and me. Since the youth were still in school, services started at three in the afternoon, after which we all had dinner in the not-yet-finished eating area (due to this year's rain lasting longer and heavier).



AhJar translating for Leon.



Pastor SengAung



SengAung's wife, SengPan, on keyboard.



SawSayPoh serving God with his music.

SengPan played the keyboard for all song services and special music throughout the entire feast. Please ask God to keep her strong, as she is now in her second month of pregnancy. SengPan does so much for our church youth. She teaches sewing, cooking, gardening, helps with homework, (grammar



and math especially), as well as being SengAung's major support and raising their two children, Blessing and NawNaw!



Blessing



SengAung and Leon holding new hymnal.



L-R: MyoZaw, BweMooPaw, EhHtoo and TooMar.

We also had new songbooks this year. These are the compilation of many songs we have sung over the years back in WWCG, which were translated by SawLeyBey and his son, Davidson LeyBeh. TooMar decided that, for her birthday, she would pay to have a nice new binding made for these hymnals!

Whitey (MyoZaw's nephew and driver of the big truck), picked up all the kids from school during the Feast, who otherwise would have had to walk or bicycle. So this was special for them too.

MyoZaw's son (ZinMuangZaw), regularly drove us from the Pathi Hotel to the church compound



in the mini-van—and any other errands that were needed for the church brethren.

Here the mini-van is parked under the shade in front of the moat just across from the Pathi Hotel. Twice we did have to rent the orange three-wheel car" (above). All trucks were totally full!







Still in school uniform, children hurry over the bridge-crossing for worship services. HserNaySay after bridge crossing.



Were we ever so happy?!  
Dishes cleaned after dinner by  
our students.



The beautiful cow. It is not a hefty "Texas cow",  
one can actually see a few ribs. But it's all natural  
and there is still meat for more special days to come.



Children received new-used clothes on Family/Talent Night.



Doi Boo at the moat.





Leon, with Amee's children.



Old-time friends, NawDawDaw, and NawJuneHey. Waiting for ice cream!



What a fantastic FEASTING dinner at Pathi Hotel on the Last Great Day—which was provided by our Karen' COG members from another part of our Globe. One thing this picture does not tell you is that no one ate their meals as traditionally done in JawkTaing—with their hands. Did we even think that this might be a difficulty? But all did fabulously!



ICE CREAM—ICE CREAM—WE ALL LOVE ICE CREAM! Just look at their expressions!☺





The owner of the hotel restaurant had the muscles for scooping. Whitey is so happy!



Last Great Day group photo

### **YOUTH PROGRAM AFTER FOT BEGINS WITH BRITISH VOLUNTEER**

Very early at the feast, a young British man named Chris Lynn was introduced to me by the manager of the Pathi Hotel. The manager already knew about our group in JawkTaing since the Days of Unleavened Bread, when Mr. Earl Roemer, David Bensinger, and Josh Raudenbush were at the Pathi.



Chris asked me if he could volunteer in some way to our group in JawkTaing. He came to Myanmar—specifically Taungoo—to see where an uncle of his hailed from and to learn more about this culture. He loved his uncle and wondered if all Burmese were as kind as he'd been. Once in Myanmar, Chris realized that many citizens want to learn English. After calling SengAung (our Pastor and overseer), Chris came to JawkTaing, sat through SengAung's sermon, and had a meal with us. It was eventually arranged that we would have a youth program after the feast, which would last 10 days (when school is not in session).

Chris has a degree in graphic design from the Norwich School of Art and Design, which is one of the most prestigious creative universities in the United Kingdom. He also spent some time at Central Saint Martins in London. He now has his own business as a brand designer and has worked with brands such as Johnnie Walker, Moët & Chandon, Selfridges of London, Google, and Apple.

Once in session, SengAung wrote that the youth program of 14 students was doing well, and that they are really happy. He was teaching Bible in the morning and Chris was teaching four hours of English in the afternoon.

Teacher Chris has been a blessing to our JawkTaing youth. Here is a message he sent to me, followed by a later note:

*Hello Gloria. Just to let you know we are all having a great time! The children are wonderful and absorb everything I teach, they are very shy but very interested too. I'll send you some pictures. We played a game this afternoon where the students throw a ball to each other and the receiver has to answer the throwers question, the question is on their chest haha, I think it scared them but they were good!*



Teacher Chris (Top Row, fourth from left) with his students.

*Hello Gloria. Yes I will stay and help SengMai. I think she could really do with my help . . . I have loved my time with the children, much of my focus has been to improve their pronunciation of words and I feel I've been very successful in helping their speech blossom. Both SengPan and SengAung have said I'm perfect for them, so I'm happy about that. I have agreed to return in December when the children have their next holiday so to help further. It will really be my pleasure.*



In class with Teacher Chris—at mealtime—and BweyHteePaw reading in class.

### **USED COMPUTER FOR AHJAR SHAN**

AhJar Shan will continue to live with her mother in NaMawn, Kachinland, and—as time permits--will translate various materials for Legacy we will send her.

Bronson found her a second-hand computer—a smaller version and more comfortable to carry around. She was very happy to receive this laptop. Leon took the older non-functioning computer back home with us to Chiang Mai to see if it can be repaired.

### **GOODBYE MYANMAR AND HELLO CHIANG MAI**



Goodbye Myanmar. Morning coffee at Yangon Airport.  
Clockwise: Utai in blue, Zin, AhJar, Leon, Gloria,  
SengMai, Whitey, and MyoZaw.



Hello Chiang Mai.  
Our twin engine prop plane had just landed.



## THANKFULNESS

Leon's last two sermons have been about a topic we have studied together: thankfulness. Paul prophesied many attitudes that will show themselves in the perilous end time. Only one of the eight mentioned in II Timothy 3:1-2 is that of being UNTHANKFUL. God has poured out on all of us our needs, plus so many more blessings and miracles! Can we even count them or write them on a list—naming them one by one, as the song goes? We sing that—but do we do that? Do we talk about them with each other and our children and grandchildren? Paul tells the Colossian brethren “*be you thankful.*” He tells the brethren in Thessalonica to give thanks in everything and to do it without ceasing. In II Thes. 2:13 he said: “*But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord . . .*” Why? “. . . *because God has chosen you to salvation . . .*” Even through all of our many trials—which make and mold us to become more like our elder brother Jesus Christ, salvation is our hope and our future as we continue to grow in faith and love to God AND each other! King David rose at midnight to give thanks, and we too can as we stir awake in the night.

We are thankful for God's awesome calling and receiving His Holy Spirit. Where has God put us in His service—to be the bright and shining lights—for which we are so thankful? Paul said in Romans that he thanked God through Jesus Christ for “*all of you, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.*” That is a colossal statement! We too must be so thankful for each other—the body of Christ—and all that He does in and through us. But I don't think our faith is yet spoken of throughout the whole world—at least not where we know of. Yet, maybe it is in a special way! God's children are scattered throughout the world; and there are those who know us, and see our fruits, and talk about us—that is you and me.

Paul wrote the Philippians while in bonds. Read Philippians 1:3-13. These are the main points:

1. Paul had the brethren in his heart (v. 7)
2. Paul's desire was to see and be with the brethren. “How greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ” (v. 8)
3. Paul prayed that the brethren's love would prosper more and more (v. 9)
4. In knowledge and in judgement (v. 9)
5. He prayed that they would be sincere without offense till the day of Christ (v. 10)
6. He prayed that they would be filled with the fruits of Christ's righteousness—to the glory and praise of God (v. 11)
7. Paul knew that everything that happened to him was for the furtherance of the good news . . . and visible in all the palace and in all other places (v. 12, 13).

Leon and I close with heartfelt love and thanks to our “beloved of God” around the world,



Gloria and Leon

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Last Great Day music: “[God Wants a Pure Heart](#)” (Burmese language) by our little children



## PRAYER UPDATES

**DAVID (DJ) and CASSIE (MCQUOID) FISCHER:** David and Cassie were able to go to one of the festival sites. When trying to get a further update, Cassie wrote that she “was not doing well with the pregnancy”, and hadn’t “been very involved with anything.” Please pray for the health of Cassie, DJ and Baby McQuoid! God has heard all of your many prayers, and continues to hear them!

**HERB VIERRA:** Herb’s FitMi therapy continues to show improvement a little, bit by bit. Ann told us that his ankle is more flexible—though he can do nothing on his own on the left side. Since the ladies at the nursing home have seen some straightening of his leg, they are now assisting the process by putting on a brace for quite a few hours twice a day. Ann continues to move his lame arm and leg while Herb moves his good arm and leg through the FitMi exercises for an hour a day. Let us all continue to pray for both of them as they continue this regimen. We are waiting on God to do the rest as they do their best!

**LEON:** Leon had his monthly check-up a week after the feast. His blood work came back great. Then the doctor said I should not give him insulin that day. So, for over a week he has had NO insulin; and since then he has had no sores on his legs! His blood pressure continues to be normal without any medicine. He continues to take a blood thinner, which does have to be regularly checked.

Leon’s speech continues to improve. He is expounding for longer times when he reads his sermons. Last Sabbath, I was so amazed he was just telling everyone about the Feast in Burma—without anything written—for about three minutes straight. He still gropes for words at times, though he doesn’t do that on the Sabbath very much when he expounds from the heart.

Please continue to pray for Leon’s emotions; they can roller-coast from anger to tears. This is very difficult for Bronson, him, and me. We all understand that this can occur after having had a stroke. God is so awesome and merciful as HE continues to help Leon help himself.

**MOPALEL:** Before the fall feast days, MoPalel left the church compound in JawkTaing, Myanmar. He is now working in Malaysia for a coffee factory. He will be paying his auntie’s debts, as well as his own new debts. Please pray that he will be strong in all of his important life’s decisions. I have not heard from him since he moved, and his family didn’t tell me anything at the feast.

**HTOO GAY:** HtooGay had to leave school and go to LoiKaw (over six hours away) to take care of his 70-plus year-old father, who had been in a motorcycle accident and was in a coma. HtooGay has not been back to JawkTaing since and was not able to attend the Feast with us. His father has been improving, though has difficulty breathing due to other previous health issues. HtooGay’s mother is not able to help much because she has dementia. Last week his father underwent a hip operation—which was successful and has returned home to LoiKaw. HtooGay was scheduled to graduate this year and continue his education. He has also been invaluable to SengAung, who no longer has the help of MoPalel or HtooGay. Please pray for the whole trying situation.