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Group photo of Youth Program with teachers in third row: L.SengPan, SengAung, Mr. Noam, Mr. Chris, and Mr. David.

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Dear Brethren and Fellow Laborers,

JAWK TAING WINTER BREAK YOUTH PROGRAM

David Bensinger and his son Noam, a junior in high school, came to sacrifice—in a very short space of time—a dedicated eight days (not including long travel hours) for our brethren and youth during their December-January break. Mr. David was prepared to teach prophecy and give Sabbath sermons in both Yangon and JawkTaing. You will read below about the computers brought to Jawk Taing. The timing for computer-learning in JawkTaing was really a blessing since it is also the first year that computer science is being taught in the local SDA High School. After talking to SengPan, she said they often cannot teach the computer class at the high school, because there are power outages that are still so prevalent in Myanmar. Leon and I are so grateful, not only to them, but also to Deb his wife, Sage their younger son, and the donors who are all so supportive. Please read Mr. David's summary of their visit as follows:



L.to R: TooMar, Noam, MyoZaw, and David.



Excitement on opening up the computer boxes.
L. BayLayKoo, R.DoiBoo.



NayBlooHtoo at the keyboard.

“Noam and I arrived in Yangon on Friday afternoon, December 21. Myozaw, TooMar, Seng Mai and Zin met us at the airport and took us for lunch.

“In coordination with Leon and Gloria Sexton at Legacy, and Seng Aung and SengPan in Myanmar, we planned to help teach at the Church’s school in Jawk Taing during the winter break. In addition, we discussed Noam coordinating a fund-raiser to purchase a couple laptops for the school. We set a goal of \$4,000, thinking \$1,500 or \$2,000 would be the result. However, God blessed the situation and we received donations of about \$5,500 including one donation specifically for a new, large **10-kilowatt generator!** (Seng Aung was able to purchase the generator a week before we arrived, so that it was set up and running for the laptops.)

“After lunch on Friday, we went to the computer store to order the laptops so they would be ready Sunday before we headed north to Jawk Taing. We were able to order six Dell i5 laptops and one Dell i7. Included were separate keyboards, mice, cases, antivirus software, Microsoft Office programs, a typing tutor program, accounting software and a few other items.

“We spent a relaxing Sabbath with Myozaw, TooMar and their family along with Seng Mai. Sunday morning, before picking up the laptops, Zin and Seng Mai gave us a brief tour of downtown Yangon where we saw the decades old British influence, and the new, modern city that is filling the skyline.

“With laptops in hand, Myozaw, TooMar, and Zin dropped us at the bus stop for the three-and-a-half-hour bus ride north. SengAung and SengPan in Taungoo, warmly greeted us and brought us to our hotel just before dark.

“The next day we made our way to Jawk Taing and the reunion. We also met Chris Lynn, a tremendous individual, who sat his corporate branding position aside in London to travel and teach English. He has been teaching English at the camp off and on for several weeks.

“For the week, Sengpan divided the youth into three groups based on age and experience. Noam taught English (and some math) for about three hours a day to 8-10 year olds. Chris taught English to both the 4-7 year olds, and 14 to 20 year olds. On Sunday, our last day, we also covered the 10 steps to Reconciliation with God which led to some good discussions about

knowing when one is ready for Baptism, and the eternal and wonderful commitment that is required.

“We also taught computer class for an hour or hour and half each day. Starting with the basics of how to turn on the computer, plugging in the cords, mice and keyboards, we went on to the typing tutor and covered the basics of Word and PowerPoint. The emphasis was learning the toolbars and the consistency throughout the Office suite.



L.to R: HtooSeng and MinHtetShye on keyboard.



Bible class with Mr. David



First Row L.to R.: Sisters HtooSeng and DoiBoo, sisters, HserNaySay and NayBlooHtoo, SengMai. Last Row L.to R.: teachers Mr. Noam and Mr. Chris.

“About mid-week, Deb, my wife, let us know we received a late contribution of \$200. This, too, was a blessing. We used this late contribution to purchase a 40” monitor, which, Seng Aung mounted on the wall in the hall. This will allow the one laptop accessing the internet to project onto the monitor for all the students to see. The monitor will also allow Leon, Gloria, and others, to explore using internet video conferencing for live educational sessions, and even sermons to give Seng Aung a break now and then, or, at least, to project recorded sermons.

“As always, the time was short, the fellowship warm, and the opportunity a blessing. Thanks to all who contributed to the fundraiser!”

The following is also a short report from SengPan, the pastor’s wife about Youth Camp:

“Hello Aj Gloria. How are you? We are very thankful to God first, and whoever prayed for us, and whoever donated for our Myanmar youth. We have opportunity to get computer classes. That is a great blessing from God. We had three volunteers at this youth program. One from the

UK, (Chris Lynn) and two from the US (David Bensinger and Noam). Thank you to all of you. All the youth, and all the children were very happy and want to come again.

“Two days ago, I went to clinic and got ultra sound. We are going to have a baby girl. I am so thankful and happy.

“When you are available and have time, we can video call on Viber with all the church members with new big screen.

“We have 14 persons at computer class. This time no one came from SDA School. They went home and some have to enjoy their Christmas party.

“The children from Chun Gyi, (Burma village—about 45 minutes away and closer to Taungoo) came 7 persons.

“With much love, Jum (SengPan)”

On a Viber call, Seng Pan mentioned to Gloria they had received all the mail from our youth from the COG in Oklahoma. We received the package in Chiang Mai, and mailed to our Deacon, MyoZaw, in Yangan, just in time for Mr. David to bring to JawkTaing. Mailing directly into Burma from the U.S. does not seem to work yet. The Oklahoma COG continues so kindheartedly to support the Sabbath School with supplies and the needed items—blessings—for which we are always very grateful!

A THIRD TEMPLE IN JERUSALEM



Panorama of the Temple Mount, including Al-Aqsa Mosque and Dome of the Rock, from the Mount of Olives.¹

Will President Trump be involved in the building of a third temple?

It's not in your everyday news, but there does seem to be some fervor in the building of a third temple in Jerusalem. On Monday, December 9, 2018 (during Hanukkah), I quote: “. . .the Sanhedrin hosted the dedication of the altar for the Third Temple, marking the event with a full-dress reenactment of the *Korban Tamidi* (eternal offering).” You can also read about other special vessels that have already been prepared.²

We know that God's true children are the temple of his body (the church). Jesus will marry His bride (the church) who has prepared herself. They will be resurrected and be with Jesus when He returns to this earth to touch His feet on the Mount of Olives, as the Bible says.

¹https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dome_of_the_Rock#/media/File:Panor%C3%A1mica_de_Jerusal%C3%A9n_desde_el_Monte_de_los_Olivos.jpg

² <https://www.breakingisraelnews.com/118474/dedication-altar-third-temple/>

We know what the scriptures have already told us—and yet, there is more to be revealed. We do not know every detail. God will provide what He wants us to know when the time(s) are ripe through HIS servants. One thing for sure—God’s prophecies do NOT fail.

The Bible tells us that Jesus returns to the Mount of Olives—and **that the world at that time will be like no time ever before or ever will be again...** Jesus will come with His saints and fight the beast and false prophet, and will destroy the evil in the whole world and His capital, Jerusalem to prepare for the millennium—a completely different way—one that we yearn for continually.

Will President Trump help begin construction of a third temple in Jerusalem? Could it be possible for him to be like a “second” Cyrus?”

Once it was the pagan, Cyrus the Great, to whom God gave the task of starting the construction of the SECOND Temple.

Isaiah 44:28 *Who says of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, You shalt be built; and to the temple, Your foundation shall be laid.*

Isaiah 45:1 *Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut.*

There are more scriptures in this regard in II Chronicles 36: 21-23 about Cyrus, King of Persia.



It has been the Jews who have the concern of President Trump being the second Cyrus, not the administration in Washington. Just take a look at the newly formed half shekel for the people who want to build the Third Temple. In Jewish history, every male must give a half shekel to pay for maintenance of the Temple. Those who have a strong belief in Trump have asked him to come and rebuild the Temple. Notice on the coin the picture of Trump with the picture of King Cyrus in the background.



New coin minted to fund building Jerusalem Temple.³

Perhaps the bravest thing Trump could have done is to place the U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem, and recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.⁴

Prime Minister of Israel, Netanyahu, at the opening of the U.S. Embassy in Israel, said it best: *This is an historic Day. Jerusalem has been the focus of our hopes, our dreams, and our prayers for millennia. Jerusalem has been the capital of the Jewish people for 3,000 years.*

*It was here that our temples stood, our kings ruled, our prophets preached.*⁵

³ <https://www.wnd.com/2018/04/new-coin-minted-to-fund-building-jerusalem-temple/#Kt3zkuufMseeb6ST.99>

⁴ <https://www.timesofisrael.com/full-text-of-trumps-speech-recognizing-jerusalem-as-capital-of-israel/>

⁵ <http://www.netanyahu.org.il/en/news/1351-prime-minister-benjamin-netanyahu-s-response-to-president-donald-trump-s-statement>

Where will the Third Temple be built? Is the best place for the third temple really above the Gihon Springs? There is no spring anywhere near the Dome of the Rock. Any attempt in or around the Dome of the Rock would plunge the Muslim world, and maybe the rest of the world, into an immediate attack on Israel. Armies will surround Jerusalem! Luke 21:20 states: “*and when you shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh.*”

Is this true according to the BIBLE? Let us take a look in II Chronicles 3:1-3. ***Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in Mount Moriah, where the LORD appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. And he began to build in the second day of the second month, in the fourth year of his reign.***

You can see more details in the book of Samuel after King David’s sin. The angel of the Lord came to the threshing floor. Also, the prophet Gad told David to “GO UP”, and rear an altar in the threshing floor of King Araunah the Jebusite. And David “WENT UP” as God had commanded. So David went to higher ground—Mount Moriah. II Samuel 24:16-19.

This place, “Mount Moriah,” is said to be located under the Muslim “Dome of the Rock”. Is this also true? It is on higher ground than the City of David or the City of Zion. Though there are existing, and conflicting ideas—God does know exactly!

Both the Jewish peoples and the Muslims are the children of Abraham. By Hagar (the Egyptian princess and helper of Sarah) was born a son named Ishmael. By Sarah was born Isaac. This was the beginning of their troubled history that continues until now.



Model of Herod's Temple (renovation of Second Temple) in the Israel Museum.⁶

“The rabbis of the Sanhedrin court are calling both mayoral candidates to include in their plans for this city the rebuilding of the third temple,”⁷

Remember this too, that the Jews at the time of Christ did **not** recognize Jesus as the Messiah. Today, unless they are Messianic, they still think that Jesus did NOT come as the Messiah the first time. He DID COME—and HE WILL COME AGAIN the second time! They WILL recognize Him as the Messiah and learn all about their Lord this time.

If there is to be a third temple—until we have the builder and the site outlined, we have to **speculate**.

The prophecy of the second “woe” and the two witnesses is still in the future—Revelation 11.

Verses 1-3 And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto

⁶ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second_Temple#/media/File:Jerusalem_Modell_BW_3.JPG

⁷ <https://sputniknews.com/middleeast/201811111069715673-armageddon-jews-jerusalem-temple/>

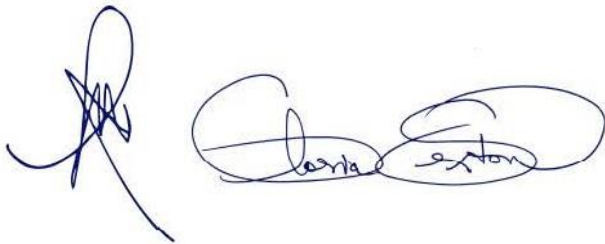
the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty *and* two months. And I will give *power* unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. . . Verse 7: And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. . . Verse 14-15: The second woe is past; *and*, behold, the third woe cometh quickly. And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become *the kingdoms* of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. . . Verse 18-19: And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou should give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and should destroy them which destroy the earth. And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

The greatest prophet to speak about the Third Temple is Jesus, who tells us what will happen in Matthew 24:3. *"And as he (Jesus) sat upon the Mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of your coming and the end of the age?"*

This is a FUTURE TIME! Jesus goes on to explain all the end-time troubles, and then, in verse 15, Jesus says: *"When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, whoso reads, let him understand."* You can read Daniel 12:11-13 and II Thessalonians 2:3-4.

All this HAS NOT HAPPENED YET! So WATCH YOU and PRAY ALWAYS, that you may be accounted worthy to escape all these things THAT SHALL COME TO PASS, and to STAND BEFORE THE SON OF MAN" (Luke 21:36).

Our dear brethren, we continually are so grateful and thankful for all your support in heartfelt prayers, letters, notes of encouragement, and donations. We hope this letter finds all of you well and holding fast until that great day of the Lord!

The image shows two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The signature on the left is a stylized, cursive 'L' followed by a flourish. The signature on the right is a cursive 'G' followed by a flourish. Both signatures are written in a fluid, connected style.

Leon and Gloria

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PRAYER REQUESTS

DAVID (DJ) and CASSIE (MCQUOID) FISCHER: Here is what Cassie wrote: *“Hi!! The update on Dj is that he is still recovering (it takes years) but no one would really notice except for Annie, (his mother) and me. 😊 He’s going to work! Old job. With reduced hours, he can acclimate without incident. He still has some anger and depression issues we are working through and he’s frustrated with not being able to drive until this May. The fear is he will not be able to take in all day the things you must to be a safe driver. He is going to have to take an in-depth test. “I’m finally feeling better!! I really was just ready to die! Beginning of being pregnant is awful! But I’m 5 months and some and we are getting excited!! The baby is due at the end of April.”*

JO HTOO: JoHtoo, did not want or have surgery for his broken collarbone. This week his brace was taken off and he is slowly doing more—bit by bit. There is still little pain. Please keep praying for a good healing so there will be no difficulties in his future as he gets older.

HERB VIERRA: We spoke with both Ann and Herb. His FitMi therapy has been more difficult. He has had a TIA (mini stroke) and has taken a few steps back again. Please pray for a quick recovery. Some of you may have gone through similar experiences with your own families. Please continue to plead to our Father as He knows best!

LEON: Leon continues to have good results at the hospital. His BP is still good, and he has not been on insulin since October 10, 2018, and has only occasional leg sores.

We continue many conversations together in performing what is needed for Sabbath, Legacy letters, and so many responsibilities. Leon is plugging into the internet more and more himself, so that more information is flowing into his mind, with much excitement, enthusiasm, or anger (depending on the news or info he is getting). Please continue to pray for improvement so if it is God’s will, he can again create sermons, and letters on his own. In the meantime, Leon and I are so grateful for the help we continue to receive!