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10<sup>th</sup> King of the Chakri dynasty crowned during coronation ceremonies, 4-6 May.<sup>1</sup>



King Maha Vajiralongkorn of Thailand with Queen Suthida.

### APRIL-MAY 2019

Dear Brethren and Fellow Laborers,

We arrived back home in Chiang Mai on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April. The Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread went very well and all was truly blessed in every way. This is the dry season and we had soaring daily heat (41-43 C or 105 F +/-). The heat, the bumpy bridge, and dirt pathway prevented Leon getting to the church compound. Though water levels are low at the church compound, the “miracle well” still produces daily water. We have many pictures to show, but first we want to share the introduction of our Passover ceremony from Leon’s notes:

Before the foundations of the world, God’s awesome plan of salvation for you and me and ALL mankind was already instituted as it says in I Peter 1:18-20. God prophesied to Abraham His plan. God made a one-sided promise to Abraham—Abraham did not promise anything.

**Genesis 15:12-14:** “And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him. And he said unto Abram, ‘Know of a surety that thy seed (Isaac) shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them **four hundred**

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<sup>1</sup> Photos taken from the T.V. screen during the coronation ceremonies—by Gloria.

years<sup>2</sup>; And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.’ ”

This Promise to Abraham **was made on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the first month at even**. The promise happened **exactly 430 years later on the exact day**<sup>3</sup>—when all the lambs were being killed in Egypt and blood was put on the doorposts for a sign to show that the death angel was to pass over and save those covered by the blood of the lambs.

**Exodus 12:6-7:** “And you shall keep it (the lamb) up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.”

**Exodus 12:41-42:** “And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt. It is a night to be much observed unto the LORD for bringing them out from the land of Egypt: this is that night of the LORD to be observed of all the children of Israel in their generations.”

“This 14<sup>th</sup> day of the first month at even was also exactly the same time when Jesus Christ was on the cross and when darkness was from noon to 3:00 p.m. when Jesus died.

**Luke 23:44-46:** “And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst. And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, ‘Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit’: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.”

You and I have been baptized into Christ and have put on Christ—and therefore are Abraham’s seed (Christ) and heirs according to promise. (**Galatians 3:27-29**)

We, God’s heirs—no matter where we are on this globe, have just worshipped Our Lord by keeping the Passover and Days of Unleavened. How wonderful is God’s calling and His revelation to us!

### **Passover and Unleavened Bread in Taungoo and JawkTaing**

The holy days are often right at the time of the water festival. It becomes quite crazy, and we had to postpone our trip one day. We stayed with MyoZaw and TooMar and then drove up to Taungoo.

We were blessed to have services every day. School was out for summer vacation, so all the children were able to come. All youth (age 17 and under) were a total of seventeen each time. On Passover we were 27, and on the holy days we were a total between 50 and 60. Leon did the Passover ceremony,

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<sup>2</sup> **400 years are from Isaac’s birth**—Acts 7:5-6 “And he gave him none inheritance in it, no, not so much as to set his foot on: yet he promised that he would give it to him for a possession, and to his seed after him, when as yet he had no child. And God spoke on this wise, That his seed should sojourn in a strange land; and that they should bring them into bondage, and entreat them evil four hundred years.”

<sup>3</sup> **430 years** are from the time this covenant was made by God to Abraham. **Galatians 3:16-17** “Now to Abraham and his **seed** were the promises made. He says not, and to seeds, as of many; **but as of one, and to your seed, which is Christ**. And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.”



and both holy days at the Pathi Hotel in Taungoo. Seng Aung, the pastor, gave both offertories and all the daily sermons at the church compound in JawkTaing.

At the beginning of each service, SengAung gave a short message to all—though more specifically to the youth—equivalent to a sermonette. Then the younger youth (12 and under) would leave with SengPan to attend their Bible classes to practice Bible memory, more songs, and other Bible fun games.



Last Day of Unleavened Bread



HtooGay leading songs. How we have missed him!



L to R<sup>4</sup>: After church, Leon, Blessing, and SengPan at Keyboard.



ZarNyiHlaing, KanyaPaw, BwePasawWag and GayPaw



NweNweAye



Monica, TooMar’s niece.

<sup>4</sup> All Pics will show names from Left to Right.



SengAung spoke in the Burmese language so all the Karen and Kachin could understand—AND translated into English for Gloria who in turn did wrote or signed to Utaiwan. SengAung and SengPan really had their plates full!



SengPan and guitarist BrangKhum (from NaMawn)



Practice makes perfect for services.

Utaiwan Han shared her hotel room with four young ladies (two days each) and the last day with SengMai and Blessing. Staying at a hotel with a free breakfast, and sometimes a lunch, was just a bit exciting for them. As Utai is both deaf and dumb, it was amazing how well they could communicate together.



Utai, HtooSeng (the second to stay with Utai), Myo Zaw and TooMar for lunch in the Pathi Hotel.



Sweet pink soupy noodle snack. Utai, NawJuneHey, LuLu, BooMooHtoo, JoHtoo, SawSayPoh, NayBlooHtoo, NawMya.

We had four special meals throughout the feast and ICE CREAM, all at the church compound. I was told that some had never had ice cream previously. How wonderful to share this tasty experience!

There was a special moment of recognition on Sabbath after the holy days at the church compound, because the young people who read the scriptures throughout SengAung's sermons were surprised with a special gift. Little did they know that their readings were being counted. Of the seven, some read three, five, or more times. And HserNaySay, the winner, got a "bigger" envelope (with 7,000 Kyats) because she read 20 times. That means they needed to pay attention and know exactly when to help their pastor. This was quite a service to SengAung since he spoke and/or translated daily.



SengAung with winner HserNaySay—and



with BweyHteePaw



MaryHla, EhHtoo, & NimBeyLey





HeyTazinPaw and PawHtaSee



Brothers TihaAung and TihaPyoe



Special music by SawSeyPoh



Our drivers, Zin, Whitey, and ThitHa for lunch at Pathi Hotel.



Copa and BrangKhum



Asha



Three of the four sisters: KhawnYe, HtooSeng, LuLu, and the fourth sister DoiBoo with Seng Mai



NawDawDaw and SengPan



TarKheleh & ArmeChaw



Asha's Granddaughter CherryOo & NinBeyLey



### **New Baby Addition to the Church**

SengAung's wife, SengPan, delivered a beautiful baby girl. Initially when talking to SengPan on the phone, there were complications of bleeding and no contractions. Also, the baby was a VERY big girl—which was another difficulty. So a C-section was performed. All went home from the hospital five days later. This was not the expected delivery, since both their boys were born naturally. So this was a bit more costly, for which Legacy quickly responded. They had to pay the fees daily. The total bill came to \$470.

SengAung wrote us as follows: "Dear Achaan Leon and Achaan Gloria, By the grace of God 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019, 12:07 minutes my wife Jum Seng Pan was born a baby girl. Wife and my daughter is doing well. I am so busy like a bee. Thank you so much for helping and pray."

According to culture, the honor of naming the baby is given to the grandmother—but SengAung changed it a bit to JaSengIng. Ja means gold, Seng means jade, and Ing means lake—*lake of gold and Jade*.

### **High School Graduation**

All decked out on Friday, the 8<sup>th</sup> of March, three of our young people graduated from the Seventh Day Adventist (SDA) High School. We are so proud of them—they truly worked hard.

HserNayPaw (24) and NayBlooHtoo (21) also graduated from Legacy School in Chiang Mai before coming back to complete high school. Both of them will go on to nursing school. HserNayPaw will learn in Yangon and NayBlooHtoo will learn in Taungoo.

DoiBoo (17) will go on to the SDA University in Myaungmya. Both her sisters (KhawnYe and LuLu) still have another year there also.

Though they do have to learn the SDA doctrines at SDA school, it is at our church



Healthy JaSeng weighed 8.14 pounds and was 21 inches long.



DoiBoo, NayBlooHtoo, and HserNayPaw.

compound that SengAung and SengPan teach the TRUE doctrine. SengAung and SengPan also were at one time SDA's, and had two years of university before coming to Legacy School. But God called them to the Truth! Therefore they are capable to teach and explain the differences to our youth.

Leon and I didn't have comparative religion until Ambassador College. One must be grounded in the TRUTH when questions arise from the various religious groups—not only the SDA.

### Computer Classes

Immediately after the SDA graduation, SengAung and SengPan did three one-hour computer classes per day with six people in each group. The 25 days of classes, which started on 18<sup>th</sup> of March, were completed on the 12<sup>th</sup> of April.



HtooSeng at the computer.



EhHtoo, CherryOo, BayLeyHkoo, BweyHteePaw, & MaySuTaungPyi



In turn for free classes, students generously helped pick, bag, and peel the sour tamarind which is used daily in so many dishes. Dishes are touched with salt, sweet, sour, and chili—all in one. Yum! But most were sold for a total amount of 140,000 (\$92)—and that's from just one tree on church land!



### **Education for the JawkTaing Youth**

Last year, we wrote to you requesting help with the education and other needs for our COG youth. If you are able to give above your normal donation, we would appreciate it if you would once again sponsor our youth for their schooling. We are, and have been, running low each month—*down to the penny*; yet each month we are miraculously blessed—*down to the penny*—and are able to keep operating! On a side note, please pray that we are able to complete many long overdue repairs and much needed maintenance.

If our youth attend government schools, they are not able to keep the Sabbaths and Holy Days, especially for administered tests. The SDA University and SDA High School have kindly given our young people time off for our holy days. This is such a blessing! As we wrote above, the students are fully aware that the SDA doctrines DO NOT all match the Church of God doctrines. They learn the Truth from SengAung and SengPan.

In Thailand, we have noticed many of the Thais that have desired a better education have gone to what are considered the best schools—Catholic Schools; but still they remain Buddhist in their belief. In Burma, the better schools are also the Catholic and SDA schools. The biggest problem with the SDA schools is that they are not recognized by the Burmese government. So we pray that after their education, God will bless them for keeping His laws and provide good jobs in their future. Nearly all businesses in Myanmar (**and all of Asia**) work six to seven days a week. This is a huge test for God's people! Only the non-governmental agencies (NGO's), especially the SDA NGO's, provide good jobs and are more—but not totally—religiously tolerant.

Here is a breakdown of the students, their information, and financial needs:

<b><u>SDA SCHOOLING COSTS</u></b>					
<b>Name / Age</b>	<b>Grade Level</b>	<b>One-Year COST</b>	<b>One-Year, School Supplies, Books, etc.<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>One-Year F&amp;B, etc. <sup>6</sup></b>	<b>Yearly TOTAL</b>
HserNaySay / 23	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	400,000.			400,000.
BweHteePaw / 15	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	89,500.			89,500.
HtooSeng / 15	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	89,500.		720,000.	809,500.
EhHtoo / 14	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	89,500.			89,500.
LayLuSay / 14	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	13,000.			13,000.
AprilPaw / 13	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	13,000.			13,000.
KhawnYe / 24	4 <sup>th</sup> Year SDA Univ.	800,000.	160,000.		960,000.
Lu Thoi (LuLu) / 22	4 <sup>th</sup> Year SDA Univ.	800,000.	160,000.		960,000.
Doi Boo / 17	1 <sup>st</sup> Year SDA Univ.	800,000.	160,000.		960,000.
<b>TOTAL KYATS</b>		<b>3,094,500.</b>	480,000.	720,000.	4,294,500.
<b>TOTAL U.S. DOLLAR</b>	<b>Totals depend on exchange rates</b>	<b>\$2,043.+/-</b>	<b>\$317.+/-</b>	<b>\$476.+/-</b>	<b>\$2,836.+/-</b>

(Please kindly state on your donation to Legacy Teaching Institute: “youth education.”)

### **YOUTH PROGRAM**

We plan another JawkTaing, Myanmar, youth program during the December-January, 2019-2020 break. If you are interested in volunteering to teach English and/or computer for 10-14 days—while at

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<sup>5</sup> This includes toiletries, or other needed supplies, repairs, and a bit of pocket money.

<sup>6</sup> Niece, HtooSeng (youngest of the four sisters, lives with SengAung and SengPan for 60,000 Kyats/month (\$40). This also includes other toiletries or needed supplies, repairs, and a bit of pocket money.



the same time enjoying a different part of the world, please write us at: [mail@legacyinstitute.org](mailto:mail@legacyinstitute.org) for more information and details.

### **John Karlik's UC Horticultural Group Visits Queen's Project**



Horticulture tour group with Dr. ThanPhuYing Pharani Mahanonda (center in palace uniform), Deputy Private Secretary to Her Majesty the Queen.

First, a little background information about our friends, Dr. John Karlik and his wife Cindy. We know them from our time together in the Bakersfield congregation in the 1990s. Dr. John was also our guest of honor and gave the commencement address at our Legacy graduation some years ago while on one of his professional visits to Thailand.

Dr. John, who holds an academic appointment with the University of California, was in Southeast Asia leading his tenth horticultural study tour. The tour group was composed of 23 people with professional and/or avocational interests in horticulture, mostly from California. The logistical aspects of the horticulture tours are handled by Frank Fish and John Siston (also long-time friends of mine and Gloria) at Travel Gallery of Pasadena. Legacy was requested to help coordinate visits to specific locations around Chiang Mai, for which Bronson Sexton and his wife Chanisa (Jib) Sexton helped arrange. Upon Legacy's letter of request to Thanphuying Charungjit Teekara (Private Secretary to Her Majesty the Queen Mother), the group was graciously invited to the Royal Support Foundation Project in Ang Thong. The group found this to be an exceptional opportunity and a highlight of their tour.

Here are a few words from Dr. John after their visit:

Of special note was the extraordinary visit to the Royal Project where we were hosted by Dr. Pharani. Our group received the warmest welcome, fit for dignitaries, which we were not, and a personal tour of the teaching facility. Our welcome reflected the relationship you have had over a long time with the royal projects and with Dr. Pharani. Frankly, we've never seen anything like this in terms of our reception.

## FOT in Burma

Should anyone be interested in coming to the Feast of Tabernacles in Taungoo, Myanmar, please send us an e-mail to ([mail@legacyinstitute.org](mailto:mail@legacyinstitute.org)).

### More Pics!



More Tamarind after U.B. KhawnYe, DoiBoo (who also stayed with Utai, and LuLu



NawMya, Utai, Gloria, JoHtoo (all from Chiang Mai), and MyoZaw from Yangon.



NawJuneHey



HserNaySay also stayed with Utaiwan



Caught on camera—we were being goofy—Leon and Gloria.



GayPaw



NayBlooHtoo and Gloria

Children with Gloria



Worship services in JawkTaing church compound.

We are forever grateful to you for your constant prayers! We appreciate all your help in supporting Legacy as God continues to guide us. We regularly pray for all of you as we march forward together as Christian soldiers, preaching the gospel, and holding fast the TRUTH!

In Christian love,

Leon and Gloria

Handwritten signatures of Leon and Gloria in blue ink. The signature for Leon is on the left, and the signature for Gloria is on the right.