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Dear Brethren and Fellow Laborers,

The fall Holy Days are now almost upon us. The Feast of Trumpets is just two weeks away. Leon and I will be in Yangon for the Day of Atonement. The following day we go up to Taungoo in preparation for the Feast of Tabernacles.



Deb and David Bensinger



Noam



Sage

Mr. David Bensinger is sacrificing much time to come to Myanmar (Burma) for two to three weeks, visiting our brethren in the southern delta area (Sakhangyi), Yangon (which used to be the capital), and Jawk Taing. He will be speaking for Trumpets, Atonement, and the first and second day of the Feast of Tabernacles, plus all Sabbaths prior to these Holy Days. Then he will travel back to Hawaii to spend the rest of the Feast with his family. We are also most grateful to his wife, Deb, and sons, Noam and Sage, for giving up husband and dad for that amount of time!

HserNayPaw PREPARING AND PRACTICING AS TRANSLATOR DURING HOLY DAYS AND FOT

Last time we wrote to you about HserNayPaw, we told you that she is going to nursing school in Yangon. She regularly attends Sabbath services there. Last week she translated a sermon from Mr. Vince Szymkowiak, who sends us two sermons every month—for which we are so VERY THANKFUL! HserNayPaw is getting practice now for when Mr. David Bensinger comes (she will be his translator while here in Burma). When asked if she would translate, here was her WILLING HEART for GOD response:

“yes i got the paper Ajann and Thank you so much for praying for me even though i also always pray to God about what i do and learn something . . and also use me some way for Your way, i always ask God”.

I asked her how her translation went last Sabbath and this was her response:

“good Aj, m'r david ye gyan helping me some words that are difficult before i translated, so yes going well and David Bensinger messaged this morning about his sermon that he will give and he will give three times one in sakangyi , yangon and jawktaing :) i'm excited for it and very happy that i could help in some way for God and very happy that He used me in some way”.

JAWKTAING FOOD HALL CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES



Ground floor with most bricks already in place

This is a bigger project than originally expected! First of all, we changed from one story to a two-story building. This is not the U.S. where one can just run to the nearest Lowe's or other lumber yard. Here one must wait for their wood order from the forest and this must be legal, and checked. Then it must be cut to size at our church compound. Sometimes the wood arrives at different times--and when it finally does arrive—it's rainy season. That is when it's more difficult to build. The roads are muddy, the rivers are up, and it's quite easy to become sick. Mosquitoes are breeding, and one must be so careful not to get malaria. That is still something to be guarded against—though it is better these days. Here is what SengPan writes:

“Hello Aj Gloria, about eating area, we bought the woods from the jungle, is cheap and old, but have to wait long. Now we have enough wood for building. For the roof we bought all materials.

“When we finish downstairs' wall we can build up stairs and then roof. To finish downstairs . . . we cannot find the carpenter here, so Seng Aung did by himself with his helper (HkawHpa), or day labor worker. We are trying to make roofing before FOT. Won't be all done the whole building, but safe to eat under the roof . . . Hope to finish step by step”.

SengAung and HkawHpa are, at this time, completing the ground floor and putting in more posts. It's still monsoon season there and raining every day—as it is here in Thailand.



Sketch of eating area by SengPan



SengAung and HkawHpa



JoHtoo near the corn that is almost up to “the elephant’s eye”; eggplant is in the foreground.

LEGACY’S VEGETABLE GARDEN

When we first came to Thailand, we loved the Thai food and Gloria always said “we are in fruit and vegetable heaven.” At this time we still are blessed to grow many herbs, veggies, and fruits. We plant things that naturally grow here, and everything is organic. Thanks to JoHtoo, our Karen’ church member, who knows so much about this difficult, but very rewarding, task! He also knows many things that will help various ailments of the human body. JoHtoo’s shoulder has healed nicely—but still causes pain when used overly much. Please do keep him in your prayers.

Like any garden, there are always all sorts of bugs, snails, caterpillars, and worms to fight in this tropical jungle garden. Here are just a few things we grow:

Basil (Thai)
 Chinese greens
 Cilantro
 Corn
 Eggplant sorts
 Ginger
 Hot chilies
 2’ long beans
 Mustard greens

Pumpkin (Thai)
 Tomatoes
 Bananas
 Jack Fruit
 Mangos
 Papayas
 Pineapples
 Star fruit,
 and more. . .



Drying long-beans for next planting.



Green papayas for Sompdaam salad are sweet when orange and ripe.



200 pineapples planted and 2 plus years to go until we see the fruit.

The produce is shared and Leon always prays when a tenth is brought to us.

VISIT FROM STACEY SEELIG/YOHNER, A FORMER LEGACY TEACHER

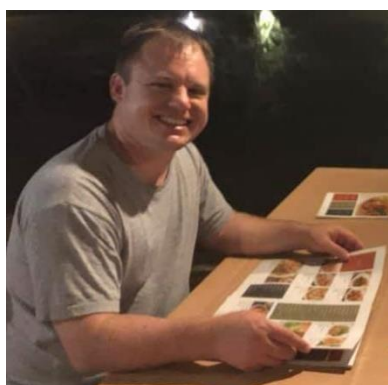


“Baby” (Eamon) held by Gloria, Stacey, Jeremy, Jib, Bronson, and Leon.



We were honored and delighted to see Stacy and meet her husband, Jeremy Yohner, who were on their honeymoon in Thailand. Stacey was here from 2006 to 2008. We reminisced about the teachers and students here at that time. Gloria took them over to what was the school compound—which we now call the “church compound,” because that is where we have services each week. Stacey was able to share with her husband where she worked and stayed. We also made a quick trip to the “farm,” where we have the Legacy office and garden. Then we stopped by our home to see Leon—and to our surprise Bronson, Jib, and the youngest we call “Baby” were there.

Their other children were at home. The eldest, Norah, was just a tiny baby when Stacey was here—and today she is twelve.



When Gloria was growing up in Pasadena, she knew both Stacey’s grandparents (the Mischnicks and Seeligs), and later Gloria and I knew her parents (Gerald and Connie Seelig), both graduates of Ambassador College. Little did we know that, in the future, Stacey would come serve with us in Thailand!

- Some of you will remember “Baan Suan Mae Rim.”
Top L: Stacey and Gloria. L: Jeremy

LEGACY IN CRISIS

First and foremost we want to THANK ALL of YOU, our Brethren and Fellow Laborers who continue to faithfully, with their hearts, to support Legacy Institute in prayer and/or financially. We have been here for 20 years come August, and that does not count all our visits since 1978. We have had ups and

downs—urgencies—before; but we know God has, and will *always* provide for His work and its needs!

Some of our close friends said that we should state the reality of our situation at this time. The truth is, for some time (this entire year and even before) donations are down to a crisis situation to keep things running smoothly. Since July we have not met our quota. We have used our personal savings to pay much of our expenses. We understand and trust that God knows all—specifically every need.

We have made big budget cuts and will continue to evaluate our situation. We have three less employees, and Gloria and I will move back to the “Farm House” (currently the Legacy office) early next year. We will then, over time, make necessary and long overdue repairs. These things can be very overwhelming with the way repairs are done in this country. It is an uphill battle since coming to Thailand. Our teachers from the past—even the Thais—are aware of this constant maintenance and repair battle.

God knows perfectly well our needs for both our church brethren in Burma and Thailand. We request your heartfelt prayers for God to guide and lead us in decisions that need to be made and to provide for us as He has always done to get us out of this crisis. If you have any extra second tithes or other offerings, we are requesting your kind help and support.

We are all getting ready for the fall Feasts, with all their DEEP MEANING—the HOPE for ALL mankind’s future! God BLESS your travels and the very special time away from home with our brethren as we grow in His grace and knowledge at His commanded Feasts! Know that we pray for all of you—God’s beloved, wherever you are on this globe—until our change comes! REJOICE!

In Christian love,

The image shows two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature is a stylized, cursive 'L' followed by a vertical line, representing Leon. The second signature is a cursive 'G' followed by a horizontal line, representing Gloria. The names 'Leon' and 'Gloria' are written in a simple, legible font below the respective signatures.

Leon and Gloria

Update on Leon

The new adjustable shunt has been adjusted three times and the results are very good. Balance and walking are good. Leon uses no walker and is walking every morning for 25 +/- minutes. He is also now exercising. His talking and speech are much improved. Previously, memory was only long-term, but recently there have been times where he is talking about “yesterday” or “this morning.” That never happened before. Two weeks ago, Leon went on the net for the first time for the news—AND he now has the desire to make a video for you, our brethren. So he is now practicing. On a recent Sabbath, Leon gave a sermon from Mr. Vince Szymkowiak; he read it with power and expounded throughout without word difficulties. Many prayers have and continue to be answered. Our Yangon brethren have been praying for “double strength in Jesus’ name, Amen”. Double strength is truly happening on the Sabbath Day! Please continue your prayers for Leon.