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Dear Brethren and Fellow Laborers,

As in our last letter, we will again start out by saying THANK YOU to all of you for your continued love, unceasing prayers, and donations during this worldwide time of trouble. Our thanks and gratitude is first and foremost! We thank the Almighty God for you, our beloved brethren and fellow laborers!

Ann Vierra, Amy Vierra (daughter-in-law of Ann and Herb), and also my sister, Eve Jebens, are all filling in the gap for Legacy when urgent help is needed. Since covid, our accountant's office has been closed down twice and he desperately needed help. Their office stepped in for us some years back when we needed help and there was none at the time—and their kindness has been greatly appreciated. Amy Vierra is our Treasurer again! We are so very grateful to all—since everyone's plate was and continues, to be full.



Herbert Alfred Vierra

6 July 1947—13 July 2020

Herb Vierra Remembered

Leon loved Herb! Leon and I were overwhelmed by the fact that Ann was not able to touch him and hold him at the last—only look at him through a glass window. This whole covid thing is nuts! We know many others have gone through the same or similar experience.

We can't remember when we first met Herb and Ann—1970's, I think.



Ann and Herb

Herb and Ann were a TEAM! They stood for God and stood for each other—through ALL—until Herb's last day—he was 75! Ann just wrote and said that they would have been married 53 years on the 9th of September.

Herb was a Legacy Board member and we never took him off the board out of respect and honor to our dear friend. We never gave up the hope of a complete healing. It was God's will not to heal him, but to endure with Ann their trial which in some way was shared

by all of us. Here is what Leon wrote about his best friend:

“How do I talk about my good friend Herb Vierra. Herb Vierra was exactly that—a very dear and good friend. We had many good times together. Herb was very useful to the work of God as a manager and minister. When I needed someone to talk to, I called Herb to discuss difficult matters here in Asia, and would receive encouragement and good advice—he always put things in the best light for others.

“We were ordained to the ministry on the same day. Different places—he was in Pasadena, and I was in Tehachapi—but the same day.

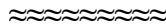
“Herb loved Thailand where I was chosen to do God’s work. He was famous for saying, “The Feast of Tabernacles was the Empress Hotel in Chiang Mai.” The Empress Hotel always treated him and God’s people like VIPs.

“Herb visited our Legacy school in Chiang Mai several times and met our teacher volunteers mostly from the U.S, and students from Burma and Thailand. He also traveled with us to Mae Sot for a training program for the fledgling ministry. He also traveled to India which was another whole cultural experience.

“He was Southern Californian, and added a “Western” note to all our typical “Eastern” sites.

“Herb was always very positive. I worked for him as he was manager of Pasadena’s Corporate Graphics. He wanted to find out what I was best at and then gave me projects I was good at. He also encouraged his employees to work out at the gym, another positive, as it made us much better employees. Herb had me continue every work day with Dr. Harry Sneider to build up in the weight room. I always knew Herb was all for me. He told me that Corporate Graphics was not the place I would stay forever. Now, after all these years in the ministry in Thailand—Herb was right!

“Now Herb is gone and awaits the resurrection. Gloria and I will miss our dear “Western” friend very, very much! We can’t wait to see him in the Kingdom of God! Let’s follow Herb’s example and hold fast unto the end!”



Since March, just before the Passover, our lives have changed dramatically around the world! We are all feeling the evils that surround us. We can only imagine how Noah and his family must have felt as time was growing in the surpassing evils so horrible that God would not allow the satanic evils to continue. Jesus compares his second coming to the days of Noah in Matthew 24:36-39.

Recently, Mr. Vince (as we call him here in Asia) Szymkowiak, began sending us sermons on the basic principles of prophecy. He is a very good teacher and speaks simply and yet profound. Seng Aung gives these sermons in JawkTaing, David YeGyan in Yangon, and Leon in Chiang Mai expounds on them even more. In Part 2, Mr. Vince gave the principle of NOT SETTING DATES. Jesus has given us an outline of signs to look for in Matthew 24. Jesus clearly states the **signs** and that we are not to be troubled . . . and the “end is not yet”, and “these are the beginning of sorrows”. Our Savior tells us to **endure** to the end and we shall be saved! Many of God’s children have endured trials and are now sleeping until the resurrection.

Jesus gives us TWO more BIG things that must happen just before the end:

First is that the gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come (verse 14.)

Second is when we SEE the abomination which makes desolate spoken of by Daniel, stand in the holy place (verse 15.)

Verses 21-22 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

The Bible tells us much about the “Day of the Lord”. Jesus also revealed this to John the apostle. There will be a one-world government with a beast power and a false Christ. That government will want the whole world to receive a mark of 666 (the number of man) in their forehead or hand. We are to reject that mark! As we get closer to those times of great tribulation—God will reveal to His servants what we need to know. We must be awake and—as the children of the light—we will be ready to understand.

Most of what has been happening has been planned by Satan and his minions for a very long time. There are links all over the net (many being taken off immediately by the media) revealing future vaccines with A-I technology. It seems there is an agenda to change the DNA in human beings, and somehow control all with the G5 technology. Others are saying scientists possibly made a big mistake. God knows all so He tells us to “WATCH AND PRAY ALWAYS”!

The Work in Asia

Burma

Leon writes of our Burma pastor: “Gum Seng Aung, takes the good opportunity to put his video Bible messages on Facebook at “Church of God Myanmar” for the Burmese to view in their own Burmese language. Since January, he has done over 30 messages. This has been going very well. He now has 421 followers. People are able to respond by writing or requesting a phone call. Here are some of his most recent videos titles:

1. How Can We Know God Stands with Us?
2. How do you deny God?
3. Elisha did not go to Heaven.



Seng Aung gives a video. See link below.

<https://www.facebook.com/140120346504812/posts/979710785879093/?extid=ESgbTQsBqknD20v9>

Corona in Burma

There has been a second wave, mostly on the Western border and Yangon. Seng Aung just told us that the capitol of NayPiDaw, Yangon, and now Mandalay, are in lockdown as are many provinces. The number infected has reached 2,000 and over. 168 bus lines to and from Mandalay have been cancelled. Businesses have closed down again.

None of our young people are able to get jobs in Yangon. This is very prevalent even when there is no covid and businesses are open. We are hoping that some will come to JawkTaing to help with the church compound, where they can freely keep the Sabbath. Things are not as expensive as in Yangon, and at this time safe—though the church has to stay closed. Seng Aung delivers written copies of sermons to all the members that live a bit outside.

Burmese Translations



AhJar Shan, SutDu Jadup and baby Myo Dan Hkawng on Sabbath.



Ah Jar working with baby Myo.

Ah Jar Shan, the younger sister of Seng Aung continues to translate. She graduated from Legacy and continued to work for Legacy in Chiang Mai for about five year’s total. She has since married SutDu Jadup and had their first child on the Day of Atonement last year. Their family lives in Kachinland. After many trials with several old computers, she now has a used (one-year old) laptop computer that we

purchased from her sister, SengMai. At this time she is still working on Mr. Vince’s awesome “Scriptures for the Ministry”. She has now typed 60 pages, while taking care of her baby and her sister-in-law’s two other children ages seven and nine (whose mother with baby number three went to be with her husband who is in the military).

Recently baby Myo was very sick with high fever and diarrhea and was in the local hospital for three days. Baby is now home and slowly getting better. Please pray for baby and their family to be able to continue doing the work of God.

Debate on Trinity

Seng Aung called Leon and me and said he was doing an online debate on the trinity with a main-stream pastor Shine KoKo. He requested our prayers! Leon did not deny him this opportunity to share the Truth of the Bible. Trinity was taught in the SDA University, so Seng Aung knew the *wrong* teaching well.



Gum Seng Aung and Shine Ko Ko Lynn

Seng Aung’s very first debate was with a practiced debater. The mentor was not neutral and favored trinity. Seng Aung was teaching the Bible Truth and expected his opponent to discuss and teach the trinity. Seng Aung received 20 comments during the debate, both pro and con. Due to lack of time in this debate, Seng Aung wanted to share more and invited his opponent to debate again, with a neutral mentor.

Seng Pan said that now more debates are taking place in Burma since no one is allowed to go to church due to covid -19 and it is an opportunity to get people together in Bible discussions.

Thailand

FIRST BOOKLET NEAR COMPLETION—Is Christmas in the Bible?

Leon wrote: “My son Bronson asked me “Why hadn’t we put anything in Thai language. We have a lot of church of God booklets in the Burmese language, but nothing in Thai!” Well, that is a long story.

“Much has to do with our Legacy School in Chiang Mai, where most of our students were Burmese and spoke the Burmese language. Many from Burma were Chin, Kachin, or Karen’ and could also speak in their tribal language. Some students also came from the refugee camps here in Thailand.

“Naturally, our school’s first language was Burmese, a language they all could speak. We only had a few Thai students—mostly Karen’.

“Importantly, we also had church members in Yangon, JawkTaing, and Kachinland, Burma. Again, all of Burmese language. Since 1999 we were working with Burmese brethren. God led us in that direction, and therefore, we began to create our booklets in their language.

“We started our translations with a student very good in the English language who was able to translate into Burmese. We used old Herbert W. Armstrong booklets which I was able to help simplify in English for the ability of the translator. Twenty-two (22) booklets later we basically have the Church of God doctrines complete.

“Now we must do this in Thai language! It is very different from the Burmese language and uses a different alphabet. So starting all over with another group of booklets is a big job. We have two very good Thai translators. One does the initial translation and the expert polishes it up. So here we go again!”

Bronson Sexton (Technical Director of Legacy Foundation)

Legacy has been considering Thai citizenship for Bronson. Immigration in Chiang Mai said that he had to go to Bangkok. Immigration in Bangkok was also not able to help. Our friend in Bangkok was able to help him go to a different branch for help. All anticipated documents were taken along. Bronson and his Thai wife, Jib, have been married for 15 years, have five children, and both have worked for Legacy Foundation for nearly 20 years. We planned a five-day fact-finding trip, but all needed information was completed in half a day. That was an answer to prayer! Now they have been given the office where to continue in Chiang Mai. What usually would take three years, should take from 6 months to a year. Much of our continual government red tape will be over when Bronson receives a Thai citizenship. Please pray that all will be completed as soon as possible.

The immigration process has been wrought with constant changes over the past 20 years since Leon and I came to live here. With covid -19 many foreigners have suffered a loss of jobs. Companies that hired foreigners working in Thailand (some families living here for 20 years, with homes, children in school, etc.) had two weeks to go home and leave everything. These companies were shutting down or cutting back. This is tragic and has happened all around the world. Those who’ve gone home with “Resident Visas” are not allowed to come back at this time.

Not only are the foreigners suffering but MANY Thais as well. Sixty percent of Thailand’s revenue comes from tourism. There have been NO tourists since March. So far, Thailand has been blessed

with no viral infections for 3 months. Of course, opening up the borders, could cause a possible second wave. The temptation to open coupled with the fears is pending. Many of you who have been here to the Feast of Tabernacles know the Night Bazaar—a 15-minute walk away from the Empress Hotel. It is a ghost town with only a handful of shops open.

Fall Festival Season

We, your brethren in Asia, are praying for all of you as things are perilous as never before in U.S. history, and other parts of this world just before the Feast. We are all in these trials together! FIRES, the BLM, Antifa, JOBLESS, DIVISION, WEATHER, FAKE NEWS, ETC. . . . We will hold fast! God will walk with us! His wings will bear us up!

Two days before Atonement (26 September—a Sabbath) has been set for a Day of Prayer and Repentance by Rabbi Jonathan Cahn—the author of recently completed Harbinger II. Many Messianic and other Christians will be praying and asking God to bring more people to repentance. In this world crisis, we are at a crossroads. More need to turn back to God and His ways—repent, change, turn from evil, and ask the Almighty for forgiveness. Will God be merciful in our condition or is judgment coming. God’s will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Leon and I, and our brethren here in Asia will also take part in that day. If you desire to join us during this time of worldwide turmoil, you can check out these links. Day of Prayer and Repentance is in Part 3.

Part 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TIYrMWuUR6g>

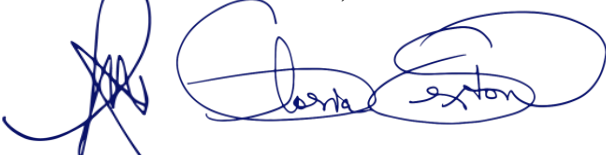
Part 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cm0ARtwbm-Q>

Part 3: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R-hgbBF78JE>

The Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement, Feast of Tabernacles, and the Last Day of the Feast! These days are our **future HOPE! Praise, Glory, Blessing, and Honor to our Beloved Father and our Brother Jesus forever and ever and ever . . . !**

Wherever you are, have an awesome, meaningful, and abundantly blest feast!

In Christian love,
In Christ Jesus our Savior,



Leon and Gloria