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Dear Brethren and Fellow Laborers,

Leon, I, and all of Legacy are very saddened by the death of Mr. Earl as we called him here in Asia. He will be missed greatly until our reunion and rejoicing at Jesus' return.

Mr. Earl first came to visit Leon and me in Chiang Mai, Thailand in 2018 upon learning we were unable to travel after Leon had suffered a severe stroke and congestive heart failure.



**Earl Louis Roemer 1944-2020**



Mr. Earl with SengAung

Mr. Earl, along with his son-in-law David Bensinger, arrived during an overwhelming time of trial and need. Mr. Earl came to our rescue by joining with pastor Gum Seng Aung in Myanmar (Burma) in service to God and the Myanmar congregation for Passover and Unleavened Bread.

Through his understanding of Asian culture, having served the Philippine and Hong Kong brethren for over 20 years, he was the right man for Burma. Mr. Earl served God's people worldwide with a SERVANT's heart for over 50 years.

Even at Mr. Earl's age of 75, he volunteered to travel to our brethren in the small jungle village of JawkTaing, where our pastor Seng Aung and his wife Seng Pan oversee a small growing congregation.



EARL LOUIS ROEMER  
Pasadena, California  
IMPERIAL H. S.

1963 Ambassador  
College Envoy

Mr. Earl's life is a legacy to all of us as he shepherded over his spiritual families by his humble, kind, and powerful example!

His light will continue to shine on, and on, and on into eternity! We wait with the joy of expectation!



Leon and Gloria saying goodbye to Mr. Earl in Chiang Mai, 2018.

**HOW DID WE START A WORK IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY?** by Leon Sexton

This is perhaps the biggest mission we have faced. How did we start a Work—meaning the Work of God—in a country like Myanmar (Burma)?

It may be simpler to start a Work in a neighboring country that speaks the same language. But starting a new Work in a country that speaks a foreign language; has a different culture; and a different alphabet—well, we were faced with that dilemma in recent times.

How did we start a Work of God in Burma, a Buddhist country with very few Christians to speak of?

First of all, God must open the door! Then He is our guide and leader Whom we follow.

Burma had a Bible (and a very good one) translated from the original Hebrew and Greek by A. Judson D.D. They had a few missionaries among the hill tribes in former times. Most citizens spoke Burmese, which they learned in school, besides their own hilltribe languages.

In 2001-2, we had already started the Legacy Foundation School in Thailand.

My education was in the Thai culture. I can speak and read Thai well enough.

We originally wanted Thai students to come here. But, as it was, we had mainly hill tribes who spoke their own hill tribe language and their school language which was either Thai, but mostly Burmese.

Amazingly, hill tribes and refugees came from Burma, and they were primarily Karen', Kachin, and Chin.

We had so many Burmese-speaking students that were here to learn English, that we decided to translate our Church of God literature from English into Burmese.

It took a while studying at Legacy, but over time LaNuNan and later AhJar Shan became the most proficient in English. AhJar continued with us even after her graduation in 2012. We chose her to translate more of our booklets and recheck our older booklets done by LaNuNan. She did a fine job on over 20 booklets. To this day she continues to translate for us though she has returned Burma.

Then what about the ministry? Right at the time AhJar was graduating from Legacy, her older brother GumSengAung, and his wife JumSengPan, with their young firstborn son, Blessing, arrived to begin their studies. Both had Seventh Day Adventist University education with emphasis in English. This gave them a head start, with both doing very well and graduating in 2014 after intense studies with our Legacy curriculum.

God uses families in His work many times! This family is a Kachin family and comes from NaMawn, Kachinland.

We had no one at that time who could lead our congregation in JawkTaing. Pastor SawHtooSaw had died in the True Faith and left a gap. There was no one to replace him.

It is hard enough sending someone to a foreign country who does not speak the language. English was out of the question, since very few people spoke English in Burma, except some much older people who maintained their English words from the time Burma was under the British rule.

After SengAung graduated I sent this Kachin couple to JawkTaing (a Karen' village) to work as a Ministerial Trainee. I ordained him in 2017, and he continues to teach and preach. We also continue his training in ministerial studies.

In December 2019, SengAung, SengPan and their third baby—a girl named JaIng—went to a Ministerial Trainee Meeting in the Philippines sponsored by the United Church of God.

SengAung holds Sabbath services every Sabbath and all annual Holy Days.

As I write this, he and his wife have started a “Mini-Legacy” school. With their new router the online classes provided by the SDA school and the classes provided by Seng Pan gives them a well-balanced education. The TRUTH of the Bible is taught by Seng Aung to counter any and all false doctrines. All children from the local villages are invited to attend. This includes all Buddhists, Animists, and Christians from many backgrounds. In this way, Seng Aung provides a public service for all.

In addition, SengAung offers a weekly Face Book and Messenger Bible sermon for any who want to hear and learn the Bible. He also posts additional useful links. Many can contact him with questions and answers. In this way, Legacy Institute continues the Work of God we were given a long time ago.

Please pray for new and better ways to conduct the WORK **GOD** has given us to do.  
May God Bless You All!

### **LEGACY BOARD MEETING**



On Skype screen Amy and Ann Vierra in Washington. Anita Showers in Ohio.

One day after Thanksgiving, we held our Legacy board meeting. Due to Herb's death, we sadly took him off our board. We think Herb will be very pleased when one day he will learn that his wife Ann came on board as secretary and also that Amy (his daughter-in-law) came

back on as treasurer, as she was ten years ago. We are all so grateful for the dedicated services of all our board!

All is miraculously continuing well, even through the c-v times. God keeps blessing us through you, our fellow-laborers! God's Work continues!



Bronson, Jib, Gloria and Leon in Thailand

The Burma church continues to grow. The church and the school in Jawk Taing will continue with or without foreign volunteers. We do hope they will



be able to return soon. The need is there and these kids want and hope for an education and job opportunities. With all the online apps these days, help will come in another way. Even our former youth may become more involved over time. Please pray for that essential need!



L to R: HserNayPaw and KhawnYi

**UPDATE re: ONLINE SCHOOL  
IN JAWKTAING**

In Burma the virus is lessening and some travel is beginning. Two of our young ladies, HserNayPaw and KhawnYi, have just arrived from Yangon. They have requested to come and help Seng Pan at the JawkTaing School. A c-v test was required as well as a two-week quarantine.

The school will also become more structured and applications will be completed by both students and workers. A hand-book of rules for signature is also going to be utilized.

Since the lockdowns are easing up, more children are able to come and return home daily. So, the school is expanding! Due to the government schools still being closed, the children from our church members and the local community will now be able to learn English and computers three days a week for each of the two levels (K-grade 3 and 4<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> grade). They have all been stuck at home with absolutely no schooling which has frustrated the parents due to the lack of education. In the meantime, the kids have helped with the seasonal “Day Labor” of harvesting rice and working in the rubber plantations.



“Y” in the road going toward the church compound.

The purchased router is working out very well with the internet connections, and this will get even better when the planned electricity is installed in their village. SengAung and others are clearing the road and working on putting in the posts at this time. We hope this will be a real blessing for all of them! We take for granted our electricity. For them this will be quite a long-awaited luxury.

**Burmese Translations**

AhJar completed the Burmese translation of Mr. Vince’s “[Scriptures for the Ministry](#).” Now we are ready to print copies and put it on our [Website](#).

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## FIRST THAI BOOKLET!

The Christmas booklet is completed! Check it out on our Website above. On **December 25<sup>th</sup>** we placed our first 75 booklets in several local schools, universities, libraries, hospitals, and even a hilltribe village where one of our Legacy Karen' employees lived. We are waiting for responses. We have also set up a mail box in Chiang Mai. May God open the doors according to His will. Leon is already planning another booklet.



Hill tribe village



University library



Company business



Bakery factory



Hospital reading area



School lobby



Bronson Sexton giving Jeh some computer points.

### Computer for Achaan (teacher) Jeh Pabolaw

Jeh Pabolaw has now received the MacBook Air laptop computer. He was able to come with his wife to our Legacy Foundation office in Chiang Mai to receive it personally. He continues to teach in Mae Sot on the Thai-Burma border. Most, if not all schools are presently online in Thailand due to the c-v once again spreading. We do not have a total lock down, but we keep hearing whispers of that possibility.



## ONGOING PRAYERS FOR THE GLOBAL DELEMMA

Innumerable prayers remain strong in going up to our Father in our Savior's name! Yet what continues to transpire is like never before in our global history—the U.S. is not alone in this state of disarray! Corruption is out of control! We see no end as we rollercoaster downhill into the tumultuous new year of 2021. We don't know God's will for now—a world that is not yet His! **We do know God's will for our future—THE HOPE OF GOD'S KINGDOM.** We are on HIS TIMELINE. The real war is in heaven—a galactic angelic war! May God yet have mercy on us!

Remember Daniel! From the moment he prayed—God heard it and sent the Angel Gabriel. But he was withstood by Satan! Then the angel Michael came to Gabriel's aid. How many times has God helped all of us in our spiritual warfare! Jesus is coming! Our change is coming! God's Kingdom is coming! One thousand years WITHOUT Satan the devil!

The god of this world is Satan, the devil, the liar, and the murderer with a plan of destruction of God's human creation from the beginning.

God our Father and His Son Jesus Christ have had the PLAN of TRUTH, and LIFE from the beginning. No one can come to God unless HE opens the minds and hearts to a most precious and most cherished calling! What an awesome calling it is! There is nothing greater than to be called by the Father to Jesus, and allowed this tremendous understanding that is given to us through the Holy Spirit after repentance, and baptism! We live with a heart, mind, soul, and strength for God to OBEY HIS WORDS of love and truth—waiting with burning desire along with the whole groaning creation for Jesus' feet to touch the Mount of Olives. We shall see Him as lighting shines from the east to the west! SO, WE PUT ON THE ARMOR OF GOD—TO SEE US THROUGH ALL—in life or death!

Let our prayers be to our Father as precious incense; and the lifting up of our hands in praise!

**In closing**, we want to thank each and every one of you for your continued prayers, loving letters and notes of encouragement, and your continued support even during these difficult times.

We keep daily all of you in our heartfelt prayers. We pray for your health, and spiritual strength as we march on as Christian soldiers together with our Lord!

In Christ Jesus our Savior!

The image shows two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature is a stylized, cursive 'L' followed by a flourish. The second signature is a cursive 'G' followed by 'loria' and 'ston' written in a smaller, more legible hand.

Leon and Gloria