



## LEGACY TEACHING INSTITUTE

P.O. Box 575, Monrovia, California 91017

[www.legacyinstitute.org](http://www.legacyinstitute.org)

[mail@legacyinstitute.org](mailto:mail@legacyinstitute.org)



Chiang Mai Thailand and Myanmar together as one on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of the Feast of Tabernacles.

Dear Beloved Brethren and Fellow Laborers,

12 October 2021

TO GOD BE THE GLORY! The FEAST! What a wonderful Feast it was! That eighth day, that Last Great Day of the Feast, was especially GREAT! We here in Chiang Mai, Thailand, were able to Zoom with all of our Burma congregations from the north in NaMawn and Myiatkyina in Kachinland, and to the South in Yangon. Not least was Paul Adcock keeping the Feast in Redmond, California, who let us use his Zoom account. We had already practiced with Jawk Taing on the Sabbath, when SengAung's account kept shutting down after 45 minutes.

Leon gave and expounded Mr. David Dobson's sermon of "So Much Potential" with Seng Aung translating into Burmese. Seng Aung gave the offertory and music was given by JoHtoo's family in Chiang Mai. Other special music was by our youth in JawkTaing. At one point, we were 13 on Zoom. We can't tell you how wonderful it was to see and hear the excitement when talking to our brethren and how close it made us feel. All were very blessed—thanks be to God!



Sal Nay Paw and Pan Naung serve ICE CREAM in JawkTaing—an FOT Highlight!!!



Chiang Mai special music "How Great Thou Art" by family. L to R: JoHtoo, NawMya, EhHtoo, and Stelle.





First Day Feast of Tabernacles in Jawk Taing.



A Sukkah in Jawk Taing this year.



First Day of the Feast at Chiang Mai Empress Hotel with 8 adults and 9 children.



## Changes in Asia COG Format

In order to help with Leon's and my workload, we have made certain changes, and Seng Aung and Seng Pan have stepped up to the plate tremendously! Now Seng Aung sends us his sermon in Burmese and Seng Pan translates into English for us here in Chiang Mai. Translating into one's own language is one thing, but doing so into one's second language is quite a feat! When Mr. Dobson and Mr. Szymkowiak send their sermons, they are also translated by Seng Pan into Burmese. We have made other lessor changes to help with the workload. It took me getting sick with a fever four times to realize that changes had to be made. Mrs. Dobson still goes through her husband's notes to help simplify some of the difficult words in the English language. We are so appreciative!

## Church of God and Asia Legacy School at Kyaut Tai



Top L to R: Teachers Khawn Ye; Nay Blu Htoo (center in yellow); Sal Nay Paw (R in Red).

Thanks be to God, the small Legacy seed planted in Jawk Taing is now producing fruit. The workers for the most part were Legacy Chiang Mai students or graduates who are now serving in Burma. Just like previously in Thailand, they fill out the same application and health supplement and receive an official acceptance letter. They also receive a volunteer stipend of 50,000 Kyats (\$30. +/-) per month for one year, along with housing, food, and board. If they choose to stay on, they will receive a salary. We continue to thank you for your donations that care for all of this!

Here are the salaried and their duties for church and school:

Seng Aung and Seng Pan: Pastor and wife and directors of school. Seng Pan is translator.

Pan Naung: Assist. to pastor and wife for Fri. night messages, youth program, and physical labor.

Copa: Assistant to pastor and wife in physical labor.

Here are those in receipt of a stipend and their duties for church and school:

Sal Nay Paw: Accountant for church and school; teacher of Karen' language, 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

Khawn Ye: Secretary to Seng Aung/Seng Pan; teacher support for the online SDA students.

Nay Blu Htoo: New teacher for 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

Due to continued covid and coup, the Kyaut Tai school started on a smaller scale after the Feast. The eight online students are overseen by Khawn Ye. As the military is more and more visible, wisdom must be used with children coming and going from their homes to school—the little ones especially. The children that live in or nearby the church compound are already attending. At this time, we have 15 students and the others will come again when safe to do so.



L to R: Khawn Ye, Sal Nay Paw, and Nay Blu Htoo.



Bwey Htee Paw

Bwey Htee Paw is Copa's sister and lives with Seng Aung's family. She helps with cooking and typing as she attends SDA online as a senior in High School. Your donations have paid for her tuition.



Online students. L to R: April Paw Grade 7, 14 years; Ray Lo Say G8, 18; Eah Taw Oo G7, 13; Naw Gay Paw G7, 14; Jum Seng Pan Head Master; Blessing G6, 12; Teacher Khawn Ye; Zar Ni Hlaing G8, 15; Bwe Htee Paw 12<sup>th</sup> grade, 20.



Teacher Sal Nay Paw teaching fourth grade with students Sai Tiha Aung, 11, and Naw Kanyaw Paw, 11.





Teacher Nay Blu Htoo teaching third grade with students San Mi, 10, and Sai Tiha Pyoe, 9.



First grade students. L to R: Ar Ti 8; Bwe Basaw Wah 8; and Naw Naw 7.

### Prayers for Seng Aung Sum Lut Family and Help for Glory Orphanage in Myiatkyina

We are always happy to hear from our Legacy students from time past. Seng Hpa Shang Hting was in our first Legacy graduation in 2004 and Seng Aung Sum Lut was a 2006 graduate. (Many of our teachers will remember them well. Professor Dr. John Karlik gave Legacy's first commencement address at the Empress Hotel.) They were married right here at Legacy and had their first child Surachai in Chiang Mai. They had two more children and have served as teachers in NaMawn, and also in the Wah State of Burma where they sacrificed a lot due to many difficulties. In Thailand, it is known as the drug state on the border and it has so many poor and abused. They have definitely given much of what they received.

SengAung had been suffering from kidney stones in May, and then he was better after taking a natural remedy. We keep in touch with former students and are surprised to hear from others at times! Facebook does make this more available. And we love to see their growing families!

Seng Hpa wrote that they were safe in Myiatkyina during the ongoing coup even though they could hear gunfire and bombs almost every day. Regarding covid, she wrote that many were sick and dying. She wrote that they were still keeping the Sabbath.



Clockwise: Seng Aung, Surachai, Seng Moon, Caleb, Seng Hpa



Glory Orphanage receiving food.

At the end of August, we had a request from Seng Hpa to help Glory Orphanage, which did not have enough food. They care for 24 children. Support was failing due to all the coup troubles, which caused bank and other methods of income to cease. We had Seng Hpa get in touch with Seng Pan in Jawk Taing, to see how we could help. Quickly we sent funds for rice, oil, eggs, and some other needs. The orphanage immediately gave thanks in prayer to God. There is still difficulty, as monsoon rains are flooding the area. Their lady Kachin leader has even requested if they could send some of their children to our Kyaut Thai school, because the government schools are still closed. Seng Aung will discuss this possibility in the future with hopes for the next school year if this need still exists. Travel at this time is still not safe.



Flooded orphanage at this time during the monsoon.

Right on the heels of that came another trial for the family. Seng Aung Sum Lut, who is now 40, and their youngest son, Caleb, were hospitalized, not knowing what was wrong. Tests were done and they are now better and back home. The results showed a very high CRP (C-reactive protein)—almost 28. Immediately we sent funds to help pay for hospital bills and medicine. Please remember Seng Aung Sum Lut, Seng Hpa, and their children in your prayers throughout their trials!

### More Cows and More Chickens

Recently another opportunity came up for Seng Aung to buy cows. **THANK YOU, DONORS!** The COG compound now has a new pregnant cow and also a 4-month-old male calf. They now have a total of six cows. Two other female cows were bought for Noh Phut's and Poe Shar's family. This is a real blessing and the families are very excited. Both are already quite experienced with cows. The church will pay every month to care for them. The goal is for the cows to become pregnant of which the first calf will go to the church and the next one will go to the families. They are still looking for a stud male. The plan is to build shelters for both cows and chickens on the new land with a place for Copa to stay as the caretaker.



Poe Shar with new female cow.



Noh Phut with new female cow.



Leon and I will share with you the following cover letter from the September Pastor's Report by Seng Aung and Seng Pan, right after the Feast:

Dear Aj. Leon and Aj. Gloria (Aj. Is short for Ajaan meaning teacher in Thai)

We hope and pray for you. We were well-done on God's festival days. No one got sick and no one get problem by Fasting day. The oldest one U Poe Say also fast all day long, that's he wants to do. Everyone enjoys on the Festival days. Some of guest were come and joy with us, even they are not church members. Especially beef curry and ice-cream. Thanks to God first and thank to whoever donate for Myanmar or Kyaut Tai church. The brethren were so happy on the zoom day because, they had able to see all the church member from different places. They interested about their pass-away family members that will be resurrected on that day, and the children interested about the old bones will be live again. So strange for them. I hope we can do often zoom church service.



Clockwise L to R: Naw Naw, Gum Seng Aung, Blessing, Jum Seng Pan, Ja Seng Ing

On this month we get the last rain. Weather is very hot day and heavy rain day. And start to see the winter smoke at some early morning.

We all busy and happy on this month. We start land sabbath so, we stop planting. We want to start chicken farm. Copa and Pan Naung keep to take care of the cows and the church land.

Hkawn Yi and Hser Nay Paw are good care for schooling. Nay Blu Htoo will start to teach and help. Government still not allow to open so; we just do small group and be quiet.

Travelling will stop because the gas cost is getting more and more expensive. Everything also getting more expensive. We need to be wiser to use money.

I had a chance to attend on the two days teaching method and leadership training at SDA school. They invited me. That was so good for us and I will share to all my volunteer. The teacher was our high school teacher he knows me very well. And I was one of the basic sewing trainer. Very good opportunity.

We stand on by the grace of God. We believe whatever will happen around us he will lead the way to go and the way to do. We trust and pray to God.

Thank you so much to whomever for Myanmar.  
We keep praying for all of you.

With Much Love  
Gum Seng Aung and Jum Seng Pan

---

God is longsuffering and/or patient! That is only one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. We can see this long before the creation of man and truly come to understand God's love for His creation. As we focus continually on our future HOPE, Leon has written the following message.

## **Jesus Is The Real Light Bringer!**

Genesis 1:26-28 “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them.”

How long was this idea in God’s mind? How long was this plan in process? Long, long ago? Maybe millions of years.

How long ago were the angels created? How long ago were the thousands upon thousands of angels, Michael, Gabriel, and the ones “fallen from heaven” created? Again, maybe millions of years ago—and long before Adam and Eve were created.

Originally the devil was created “perfect in your ways.” All God’s angels must have known what God was planning to create, and what the future of that creation in God’s own image would become. Ezekiel writes . . . “there is no secret that they can hide from you” (28:3).

Can we even imagine what Ezekiel 28:12-15 tells us about the created anointed cherub before his fall! “. . . Thus says the Lord God: ‘You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering. . . Was prepared for you on the day you were created. You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, **Till iniquity was found in you.**’ ” <sup>1</sup>

Satan didn’t like the plan God was designing. It was the plan of making the human in God’s image and likeness with the purposeful destiny of eternal life!

What else did this produce in the mind of “a murderer from the beginning” (John 8:44)? Pride! Greed! Resentment! Madness! Maybe millions and millions of years of careful, growing intense anger and rivalry—a hatred that is unspeakable—so terrible that the devil was able to powerfully influence a rebellion and take control of one third of the angels. He became the father of darkness, and was creating havoc, chaos, disorder, and division among the billions of angels God created. He was making the evil plan to annihilate the human destiny—AND, he has not quit and continues it today!

At the dragon’s fall a third of the angels were cast out into the earth with him. He was no longer the “anointed cherub who covers,” but the great dragon and that old serpent. He became the adversary, the liar, the deceiver, the devil, Satan, and the “god of this world”—the world that we now live in (Revelation 12:9).

In Isaiah 14:12-15, God’s prophet tells us about this arrogant being. "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit.”

Right from the start Satan began with Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden to work his vengeance on God’s human creation.

This is the same hatred by which the Pharaoh of Egypt put all the Israelite babies into the Nile River—an attempt to get rid of one (Moses).

---

<sup>1</sup> NKJV



It's the same hatred by which Herod killed all the firstborn in Bethlehem—an attempt to get rid of Jesus, the One Who in the future would usher in the Kingdom of God and give the final command for the destruction of Satan and his demons into the Lake of Fire.

Does this bring to mind what Jesus tells us? “But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that reads understand)” (Mark 13:14).

Paul tells us what will be at the end time. The mindset is identical to the fallen angel—Satan the devil himself. “Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sits in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God” (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4).

It has been a never-ending warfare since Adam and Eve in the Garden—even until now during this pandemic plague of Covid. And who knows what will be next to try to destroy God's Human creation of man and woman after God's own image and likeness!

What does Ezekiel say this evil mind will continue to do till the devil's demise? The end times all prophesy the same. “By the multitude of your merchandise (trade) they have filled the midst of you with violence, and you have sinned: therefore I will cast you as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy you, O covering cherub . . . All they that know you among the people shall be astonished at you: you shall be a terror, and never *shall* you *be* any more” (Ezekiel 28:16, 19).

God has given us His Son to destroy the works of the devil! We have so much HOPE! “He that commits sin is of the devil; for the devil sins from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil” (1 John 3:8).

Jesus the Christ is our Hope! It will take the intervention of our King of Kings and Lord of Lords to defeat Satan's vengeance—once and for all time. Jesus our Savior, Christ the Anointed One, will be the Bright and Morning Star! Jesus Himself tells us in Revelation 22:16, “I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.”

Our hearts cry out, “Come, Jesus, we need you now—please come! Help us to be patient and longsuffering as we groan with all creation for your coming!”

### **The Burma Coup and Covid**

We have already written about the military history in Burma. Covid and coup exists while a total civil war is still looming over the horizon. The ethnic tribes join with a party called the PDF (People's Defense Force)<sup>2</sup> and Aung San Su Kyi is State Counsellor of the CRPH (Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw)<sup>3</sup>, which is a Burmese legislative body in exile, representing a group of NLD (National League for Democracy) lawmakers and members of parliament that were ousted in the coup on February 1, 2021, by the Tatmadaw—Burma's military.

The PDF and CRPH are against what they call an evil regime; and one is an enemy if not on the side of the military Tatmadaw. Only seven months into the coup, some 2000 soldiers (mostly privates and sergeants) and police have, and continue to, defect from the military with death sentences or life imprisonment. Now in October, a Brigadier-General's plans to defect were

---

<sup>2</sup> [People's Defence Force \(Myanmar\) - Wikipedia](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw - Wikipedia](#)

exposed.<sup>4</sup> Some have been funneled over the border when possible. All the while Tatmadaw military camps continue being raised and young men are being requested to join them—even in and around our church compound. Thankfully, at this time they are not abducting cruelly and treating inhumanly as in previous years.

Our brothers and sisters in all areas are well and have enough rice and food. Please keep them continually in your prayers, along with ALL others in this chaotic world of conflict, suffering greatly from covid and so many other agonizing trials.

### **Update on Isaac Vierra—and More**

Plans went forward for Isaac to have surgery after the Feast for the re-shaping of his thumb, the release of scar tissue on his ring finger, and the removal of nail bed that keeps growing back involuntarily. Once he's healed, he can then be fitted for prosthetics. Isaac's family all came back from the Feast not doing too well. But as we understand all are better now.

Isaac was fortunate to have participated in three summer camps this year. This was huge in boost in his morale.



Isaac Vierra

Isaac's next major surgery was planned for December, to remove a section of his toe pad and attach it to his thumb so that some feeling would be restored—feeling which he does not have at this time. However, it's been a difficult year, and the surgery may just wait until next year.

After enjoying a wonderful feast together with their very close friends Dave and Carolina Clark, and their twin daughters Karen and Kathleen (best friends of Isaac and Adelina), another tragic trial has been faced. Both families attended the same congregation having known each other since before the birth of twins in both the Clark family and the Vierra family. The Clark family was three weeks from returning home after the feast when their husband/father, Dave Clark, died. This has left an agonizing hole in their family. Parents Roland and Dianne Clark, family, and friends are all suffering in TOTAL SHOCK! And so are we! Please beseech our loving heavenly Father and His Son for extra special comfort for all! Our hearts are heavy, VERY HEAVY to hear of this extreme suffering!

### **ONGOING PRAYERS IN THE GLOBAL DILEMMA**

2 John 1:12: "Having many things to write unto you, I would not *write* with paper and ink: but I trust to come unto you, and speak face to face, that our joy may be full". FACE TO FACE! During these times, how we long for that with each other all over the globe! Let's keep strong and close to God in heartfelt prayers for each other everywhere as we deal with so much tragedy and so many trials in our lives! God bless and keep all of you with the HOPE of the Kingdom and His Work in first place as we run the great race to our destiny!

Thank you, Beloved Brethren and Fellow Laborers,

In Christ,

Two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature is 'Leon' and the second is 'Gloria'.

Leon and Gloria

---

<sup>4</sup> IBID PDF





Eamon Sexton



Norah Sexton



NaMawn. LaShiNaw



Namawn. AhHtang



Owen Sexton, Nathaniel Bair, & Brennan Sexton



Music Teacher



Yangon. David YeGyan and son Whitey



Leon & Gloria Sexton



Natania & "NeMo" Bair



Pee Shar. MaAirMmee and SanMe



Ngai Nu, daughter San Mai, and AhJar holding MyoDanKawng



Myiatkyina. Senghtun with daughter Grace.



USA. Paul Adcock



Namawn. Lazum Lulu



Ganya Sexton



Yangon. MyoZaw, TooMar, DoiBu. Htooseng



Utaiwan Han



Ginger Bair



Pohsay & CherryDo



Thailand. Dan and Tesha Bair



Sut Du  
Ahjar's husband in NaMawn