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Seven were baptized in the afternoon before Passover. L to R: Poe Shar, Ray Lo Say, Lu Aye, Pastor Gum Seng Aung, Cherry Oo, Paleh Koo, Tar Kwi Paw, and Bwey Htee Paw.

Dear Beloved Brethren and Fellow Laborers,

20 May 2022

We are so **excited** to share with you seven baptisms in Jawk Taing. Our young people are growing up in the truth and have decided to follow the way of God! Also, some of the others attending for quite some time have given their lives to God. The angels are singing in heaven!



Seng Aung baptising Poe Shar in the river next to the church land.
Poe Shar is the husband of Amee (already baptized) and they have two children.



Lu Aye being baptized by Seng Aung.



Hands laid on Cherry Oo.



Baptism of Bwey Htee Paw.

Seng Aung had been giving daily Bible studies for some time, and he continued to do so every day during the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

In Chiang Mai and Burma, all came together for special meals on the Night to be Much Observed. This year for the first time, we came together on the day of First Fruits. Leon wrote a short sermon about Jesus being **THE FIRST OF THE FIRSTFRUITS!** Now we wait our turn at His second coming! We also had a special meal on the Last Day of Unleavened Bread.



First Day of Unleavened Bread after services. Dan Bair with Ginger, Tesha with Nemo, Natania and Sanu, Leon, Gloria, Utaiwan, Naw Mya, Nay Htoo, and Jo Htoo. (Stelle is missing since he took the pic.)



Chiang Mai: Last Day of Unleavened Bread for salad bar at Sizzler.



Stelle and Nay Htoo.

In Yangon., our members were also keeping the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread. Zin Muang Zau wrote to Leon and me saying that they were very sad not to be able to come to Taungoo and be with the brethren at the COG compound as they did traditionally for so many years previous to the covid and coup. It is not safe on the streets of Yangon.



Yangon brethren: Htoo Seng, Too Mar, Myo Zaw, Seng Aung, Red (David Ye Gyan's son), David Ye Gyan, and his daughter Amina (front left).



Yangon: Ready for Passover with homemade unleavened bread.

U Myo Zaw (father of Zin and Bo Bo Zaw) comes from the state of Magway, and it is burning! BoBo Zaw wrote: “There is a war in Magway, and the military was losing, so they torched the villages—but not his (dad’s) village.” A friend of theirs lost their home due to the fires.

Burma is not at peace—there is now civil war throughout! The various hill tribes and even the Burmese themselves are fighting the Burmese military. We suggest keeping up with the Free Burma Rangers who are on the ground serving and giving their lives. The FBR stated the following in an April report: “The Burma Army is increasing its attacks against civilians all over Karen State **and in every area of Burma**. Our teams are with these people giving medical care, food and praying and staying with them as the attacks continue.”¹ Recently there was also a story of a doctor that is now an IDP (internally displaced people).²

Burma FBR News³ and Ukraine

We who have not gone through any wars have not walked in their shoes. We can vicariously sympathize and put ourselves in those shoes—but it is NEVER the same. We have all heard and read the horror stories. Now Burma and Ukraine, and so many other areas of the world, can feel each other’s pain, suffering, and so much loss, destruction, and death! Agendas and wars will not stop until Jesus comes back—no matter how much peace is touted or what political system thinks they can bring it about. Jesus will bring it and, finally, it will be known! That is why we and the whole earth are groaning—whether we realize it or not. Deep in our souls, we know! Deep in our souls, we know something great is coming!

¹ Burma Army Mortars and Airstrikes Kill a Karen Girl and an FBR Medic and Chase Over 500 People into the Jungle | Free Burma Rangers

² [Yesterday a Doctor, Today an IDP: One Man’s Journey Beyond Rangoon | Free Burma Rangers](#)

³ [Link to FBR if you want to keep up with the REAL news in Burma: Reports | Free Burma Rangers](#)

In Na Mawn the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread were also faithfully kept. We remember well Ah Htang made delicious food and was also a good seemstress and teacher of it.



Clockwise L to R: LaShiNaw, his wife Ah Htang and her sister Ngai Nu, San Mai with friend, little guest who came to eat, and Ah Jar's son Myo.



Back Row: Htoi San, Ah Htang, Lulu Seng, and Gum Hkung.
Front Row: Ah Jar with Myo, Ngai Nu, and LaShiNaw after services.



Water never stops flowing.

Artesian Well in Na Nawn

Leon bought a piece of church land more than 15 years ago in Na Mawn. He always knew there was water on this land. Legacy sent some funds for the feast, and they used 2 Lak (about \$105.) for digging and putting in a pipe with a pump. But they never have to pump! It is an artesian well, and now they have continual running water. What a fantastic blessing from God!

Someone always needs to be on that land to keep and protect it. Ngai Nu's family has lived there for some years, and now she and her neighbor have water.

The plan is to build a small church, and the water is already there.

A Story without a Place or Name

Not long ago one of our Legacy grads came to us from a refugee camp. His family lived there for ten years. His father was a teacher in the camp as an instructor of Burmese classes. After our student graduated in Chiang Mai, he went back to an SDA school to finish high school at the age of 19, when most would be in university. That takes guts and humility! Just three months short of his SDA diploma, his father was in an accident. At this time many refugees were FREE to return to their hometowns.

Since the coup in 2021, outsider access has been restricted in many cities all over Burma. Our student's home city has been only one of the scenes of intense fighting between the Burmese military and ethnic armed groups opposed to military control, forcing many residents to flee. Here is just one story.

The Story of Fleeing from War

Firstly, I thankful to God.

I had two-months training at the Jungle, but not using gun. Only for security for the village. After that I came back to my house. When they need people to help, they will call me back.

A few months later the military bomb inside my home city. At that night so many people are afraid and move and run away for safety. My parents and my sister also move somewhere for safe place.

I was the one who stay alone in my house for that night. The next day my parents and my sister went to Yangon with car. I also cannot stay at my house so I went back to the hiding place where I been.

During that time, I was helping as a driver for an officer. I took him where he wants to go and to the hospital for sick persons. Also, I was helping with the refugee camp in finding donors to give food and clothes and medicine. In the camp, we are singing songs and playing game with the children for release from being so much afraid.

Some of my friends died at that fighting time. I was so sad. I was not the one who was fighting, but was helping as much as I can.

A few months later my parents are not so OK to stay at Yangon, because the weather was getting so hot and electricity was cut off often. Without fans and air flow it gets impossible for the elderly. My father was disabled 3 ½ years ago—he cannot walk. My friend and pastor invited us right after

the war and fighting started—but we waited a while. My sister still has and needs to do her job so I need to take care of both my parents. Now my parents and I stay at the COG compound. We are safe in God Grace.

The Death of our Dear Sister in Christ, Naw June Hey



Naw June Hey 1945-2022

On the 25th of March, Naw June Hey died. She had just come down with a fever two days earlier and no one suspected her death. She just went to sleep peacefully. She was 77 years old. She was a lovely lady and the wife of former pastor Saw Htoo Saw. He was the first pastor called by God in Jawk Taing and was teaching the Truth! He was writing prolifically about everything he was learning with much excitement. He died after falling out of a tree to get some honey. It was a very shocking time for the whole church, as well as for Leon and me. It was hard for us to understand; but God knows what He is doing! Looking back on all the history around the new fledgling church at that time—we see God's mercy is GREAT!

Update on Leon Sexton

Leon had a mini-stroke on the 9th of May, which showed in the CT scan and an EKG was abnormal. An electrocardiogram showed his heart was deteriorating. After several Lasik injections, his water levels improved. Many, many prayers went out for Leon and he was home again by the 11th. On the 14th, Leon was already giving an awesome sermon from David Dobson on forgiveness. He was able to expound with strength! Thank you dear brethren for your prayers and THANKS BE TO GOD OUR MERCIFUL, LOVING FATHER!



Leon Sexton



Utaiwan Han happy to be back home.

Miraculous Surgery of Utaiwan Han

Utai had surgery for a malignant nerve tumor on her posterior ankle on the 27th of April. Arriving before 8 a.m., the surgery ended up being at 10 p.m.; and it was after midnight by the time she came out of anesthesia. The doctor said that this kind of tumor usually ends up in the lungs and if that were the case chemo was recommended. Her lungs were clear thanks be to God! Blood tests were all normal considering the meds she takes to regulate heart, rheumatoid arthritis, and pain. The previous biopsy showed malignancy, and therefore the doctor thought for sure that the following tests on the removed tumor would show cancer. But when we came into his office, he said he was surprised and was wrong—NO CANCER!

When I told the doctor beforehand that many were praying to God for him, he said, “Not for me, but her.” I said, “For you both!” I had asked him questions about details throughout; but when he did not know the answer, he would say it was up to God or Buddha. So, he was straight and didn't just make up some answer, and I told him that I appreciated that.

Countless prayers from many of you went up to our merciful Father for Utai and especially for the doctor to **get every vestige of malignancy** so they would not have to go in a second time or end up getting chemo. They did have to cut the nerve and she now has only a little feeling in her foot! No pain sounds good to her, as she continues suffering from rheumatoid arthritis. Please continue to pray for Utai for total healing regarding the removal of the tumor!

Isaac Vierra ⁴

It's been just over a year since Isaac's accident. And we have good news. Life has its different journeys for all of us and Isaac's journey has been a difficult one that is not over and will be traveled throughout his lifetime. God has been, and continues to be, merciful and miraculous!

Isaac has been blessed to receive all of his prosthetics and started occupational Therapy (OT) last week to learn how to optimize the use of them. Due to illness, his next surgery was rescheduled for late June, so we are praying for great health and a lot of progress before then.



Isaac at therapy facility.

Reminder about ZELLE—Available for Donations

It is now possible to donate directly to the Legacy Institute account via Zelle. After enrolling with Zelle from your bank, all one needs to enter is my email: gloriasexton7@hotmail.com. There are no charges. This is very convenient and the transfer takes just minutes.

We continue dear brethren to pray for you as we march onward as Christian soldiers. One day it will be finished. Many—so many—are going through severe trials! Our lists for each other keep getting longer and longer. I just heard of another tragic and horrible story, and on top of that, the sister died! Yes, the devil tries to wear us down; but with God, we stay and get stronger than ever!!!!

We THANK YOU, Beloved Brethren and Fellow Laborers, for your ongoing powerful prayers and kind support. God provided exactly for March and April! Praise God the Almighty!

Above all, we send our prayers of gratitude and great thanks to our Father! Even thanks during difficult trials. God helps us go through these with Him; and together, with each other as His body—His Bride, making us ready for the great wedding feast with our Lord, Master, and Teacher Jesus the Christ—Our Savior, the Anointed One—King of Kings and Lord of Lords! Come, Jesus!

In Christian love,

Two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature is stylized and appears to be 'Leon'. The second signature is more legible and appears to be 'Gloria Sexton'.

Leon and Gloria Sexton

MORE PICS BELOW

⁴ Legacy is footnoting GoFundMe where donations can be made: [Fundraiser for Amy Vierra by May Waon: Isaac Needs Your Help \(gofundme.com\)](#)



Newly baptized Lu Aye, Tar Kwi Paw with their baby.



New Bibles for newly baptized. Paleh Koo and Seng Aung.



Poe Shar singing with his wife and daughter San Me.



Hser Nay Say preparing herbs.



Htoo Gay preparing rice.



Khawn Ye eating a snack.



Youth singing at Night to be Much Observed. Traditionally all wear the Thanaka paste made from freshly ground wood and is a typical feature of the culture seen all over Burma.



Sai Tiha Pyoe with bigger snack.



Taking notes with offering ready.
Kanya Paw.



OOPS! Stuck with noodles! HELP!
Htwe Htwe Mar with Ray Lo Say.



Naw Baleh Paw and Nay Bloo Htoo.



Holy Day Message from Seng Aung.



In Kachin skirts, Sal Nay Paw and Seng Pan.



The whole family gives special music! Back Row L to R: Ray Lo Say, Bwey Htee Paw, U Yaw Han, Naw Eh Paw, April Paw. Front Row L to R: Kanya Paw, Bwe Pasaw Wah, and Copa.