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Seng Aung is teaching the Church of God doctrines class in Na Mawn (see page 4).

Dear Beloved Faithful Brethren and Fellow Laborers,

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We have heard from so very many brethren that this was one of the most uplifting, inspiring, and deep-meaning Passovers and Days of Unleavened Bread. Even one long-time friend said: “Everyone agreed that it seemed like the fall Feast. All of the messages were right on point and we had so much wonderful music.” Although we have many, many pictures of the Days of Unleavened Bread, we want to give insight to other goings-on in this letter.

We thank all of you for your continued prayers and support for our brethren—especially those in Burma, where the country continues in much death and destruction. It never seems to end and Leon’s and my longing to go there again for the Holy Days seems continually postponed. Even through troubles, God is merciful! We think of Psalm 121: “The LORD will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going—both now and forevermore” (vs.7-8 NIV).

The Resurrection of Lazarus Glorified God and His Son (John 11)

There are many ways for a human to die. There is only ONE way for someone to be RESURRECTED: some to eternal life and some to judgment and eternal death in the Lake of Fire.

Do you believe in the resurrection of the dead? Mary and Martha were two women in a particular story that truly believed this.

Did Jesus as a human know He was the Son of God from His birth or did he gradually learn by reading the Bible and listening to the prophets over time? Remember, He had the Holy Spirit since before He was born.

With the Holy Spirit, many things are also revealed to you and me by God that are not revealed to other human beings.

When Jesus was 12 years old, He had a meeting with scholars in the temple telling them about God's Word. Not only was He the Son of God, but He was also the Son of Man. He was always doing His Father's business. He had to follow what a young man had to learn from birth, WITH the Holy Spirit.

It took time for the Son of Man to become the Son of God as well. But He, as the Son of Man, had not yet been sacrificed for all the sins of mankind—nor had He been resurrected to life.

Jesus had eternal life, forever and ever in the past and in the future. He emptied Himself of eternal life to become the son of man. This means He had to begin his life as a human "Son of Man." That is incredible courage for which there are no words! The plan of God the Father and His Son Jesus, the Savior of the world, was set!

But as the Son of Man, HE needed REASSURANCE from His Father God. This came in many ways. What He needed most was the resurrection!

God, the loving Father, gave this reassurance to Jesus through His good friend, Lazarus. This happened only six days (John 12:1) before the Passover of Jesus' crucifixion.

Jesus said that Lazarus' sickness was not unto death. It was for "the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby"—that is, by Lazarus' resurrection (John 11:4).

Jesus was thereby "glorified" (Greek *dox-ad'-zo*: full of glory, honor, esteem, and magnified).

Lazarus and his two sisters, Mary and Martha, were "loved" by Jesus (vs.5, 36); so obviously, they were very good friends. Lazarus was sick and died. Jesus knew Lazarus was going to die.

In fact, He told his disciples when they brought Him the news of Lazarus' death: "Our friend Lazarus sleeps; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep" (v.11). The disciples thought Jesus just didn't understand. Martha said, "... by this time he stinketh: for he has been *dead* four days" (v. 39 KJV).

To understand Jewish culture of the day, when expertise was lacking to recognize the difference between being in a coma or truly being dead, at times people were unknowingly buried alive. To stop this horror, a procedure of going to the cemetery and examining the dead for three days was set down. "Marta's remark confirms, then, that she has given up all hope that her brother is still alive — the three-day period has passed: It has been four days since he died." ¹

Mary and Martha were weeping with all their friends and when Jesus came, He also was full of emotion, groaning in the spirit, and troubled. Then "Jesus wept" when they came to the tomb. The disciples still did not understand and thought Jesus was coming to help or comfort Lazarus' sisters mourn their brother's death. Jesus waited until Lazarus was completely dead and *then*—when Jesus decided—when Lazarus was **very, very dead (four days)**—He went to visit the sisters. ²

¹ Yohanan 11:39, pg. 191, Jewish New Testament and comments of David H. Stern (kifakz.github.io)

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Both sisters said to Jesus that if he would have come earlier, their brother would not have died. They knew Jesus could have healed their brother and he would be alive (v. 21 & 32). Martha said, “But I know, that even now, whatsoever you will ask of God, God will give it you.”

Jesus told her, “Your brother will rise again.” She replied, “I know that He will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

But Christ was NOT talking about the FUTURE resurrection—but RIGHT THEN! So, Jesus went to the door of the tomb and cried out, “LAZARUS, COME OUT!” Out came Lazarus, bound hand and foot with burial clothes. Jesus said, “Loose him and let him go.”

How powerful for all to witness! How powerful for Jesus himself to do this resurrection just before His very own resurrection!

God was showing that the Father and the Son both HAVE THE POWER OF LIFE AND DEATH! Jesus said exactly that to Martha: “I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live” (v. 25).

Now we—you and I—have the same wonderful hope for our own resurrection at Jesus’ second coming! Come Jesus! We groan with all creation! — by Thurston Leon Sexton



Seng Aung baptizes Khawn Ye and lays hands on Naw Law Eh Htoo.

The Angels are Once Again Singing in Heaven

We all are rejoicing— “all” meaning brethren, families, and friends in Chiang Mai, Na Mawn, Yangon, and, of course, Jawk Taing, the U.S., and around the world! Leon and I have known Khawn Ye since she was four years old and have watched her grow up to be a lovely young lady who has now given her life to God and to be led by Him. Khawn Ye also continues to teach at the Jawk Tai School. The young lady, Law Eh Htoo (18), has been attending Sabbath services since a child along with her family members right there in Jawk Taing. She lost her father when she was young and her mother some years ago. She is still going to school and has the opportunity to finish high school in Thailand. She continues to be faithful in her life and now has God’s Holy Spirit to help and guide her.



Front Ctr. Clockwise: Daw Htoi San; Ah Jar with her sister's baby; Daw Ngai Nu; her daughter San Mai and LaShiNaw.

2023 Pastor's Visit to NaMawn, Kachinland, Burma

Seng Aung was excited and charged up to visit his home town, Na Mawn, in early February. LaShiNaw, for many years, has regularly led the small group (which has grown to 10). Seng Aung did a week-long Bible class teaching daily the doctrines in the Bible using a UCG study guide. With a lunch break in between, he taught two hours in the morning and again in the afternoon. Some learned them for the first time, some already understood the doctrines, and others learned them more in depth. LaShiNaw hopes Seng Aung will do classes every year.



L to R: Myo Dan Hkawng (AhJar's boy) and Sut Seng Hpring (SengMai's boy) being blessed by Seng Aung. Both of their fathers are working in Jade Land.

Bi-Monthly Visits to Church Brethren

Previously, the church brethren had potlucks after Sabbath services. Nay Bloo Htoo (a motivator and one of our young Legacy graduates who also holds Nurses Aid and Pharmacist Aid Training Certificates) presented an idea to her pastor's wife, Seng Pan. The entire older youth class will go to one member's house. The program consists of: Seng Aung or Pan Aung giving a short sermon or a message of

encouragement, two special music pieces, and a prayer for the family. Then the visited family provides something to eat for all. I asked Seng Pan if they had enough money to feed that big group and her response was, “Yes, they want to give from their willing heart.” This idea was discussed, then implemented twice a month, and now this works out even better! Neighbors and other children nearby also come and are quite happy to join. All are truly excited to be visited and look forward to their turn. Nay Bloo Htoo told me that some of the very little children were asking when they will be coming to *their* home. The way it is now, all members will be visited three times a year.



Youth walk through the rice fields on a narrow path, where motorcycles also dare to go. Seng Pan, Pan Aung and Ja Seng Ing.



A visit to Boo Moo Htoo's home. Special music by Naw April Paw and Naw Zar Ni Hlaing.



Visit to Lay Aye and Takwe Paw's home. They have two children. Remember this couple was baptized two years ago.



7 November 1980 – 9 February 2023

Sum Lutt Seng Aung's Death

Leon and I were in shock when we heard the news of Sum Lutt Seng Aung's death. He was getting better, getting stronger, and even putting on some weight. Then, just recently, his wife Seng Hpa contacted our pastor's wife in Jawk Taing for three days, requesting all of us to pray due to his difficult breathing. We are truly very sad. S. L. Seng Aung was only 43 and leaves behind his mother, wife, and three children: Surachai (18), Seng Moon (16), and Caleb (13). Please pray for our loving Father to comfort and give much strength to them and the rest of the family, as He knows exactly how. His family lost his younger brother due to a motorcycle accident some years ago. Both brothers were Legacy graduates. Leon and I wanted to go right away to be there with them; but instead, Seng Aung, our pastor, went immediately to see them. Our hearts are with each other as we go through pains in this life. We ALL will see Seng Aung Sum Lutt again!

Burma Coup Update in a Tiny Nutshell

It is constant! It is relentless! We continue to read from the Free Burma Rangers and other sources. Heavy fighting in both Karen and Karenni States continues to destroy homes and displace thousands. Those are not the only areas of gunfire, air strikes, mines, and all that goes with fighting; and remember the weapons are more sophisticated. The tension weighs very heavily! Chaos and pressure are enormous knowing that an all-out war could at any moment break out. Even now the very necessary needed supplies of every kind are getting harder to come by, since expenses have almost doubled. In early April, 10,000 fled across Thailand's borders due to very heavy fighting.³

³ [Thousands Flee Myanmar Amid Heavy Fighting Around Shwe Kokko – The Diplomat](#)

Special Need and Request: House for Utaiwan

Utaiwan has been with us since 2000, and has been an employee for Legacy since *before* we started the school. It is hard to think about Legacy without Utaiwan. She has been a Mae Baan (House Mother) all this time. A Mae Baan is someone who is in charge of keeping things clean and in order. She takes care of the Legacy Office.

Now she is getting older (72) and has a lot of physical difficulty, being crippled with Rheumatoid arthritis. She is a widow with no family here in Chiang Mai. She does receive some family support for her living expenses. She still lives alone in a small rented apartment, but we are not comfortable with that. It is hard for her to get around and we are hopeful to put her right next to us on the same land we live on to be near us.



Utaiwan Han

What Utai needs is a small house (two main rooms: kitchen-dinette and a bedroom with a bathroom). She will have twice the space she has now in her tiny place.

We are requesting special donations for this house to be built for Utaiwan. We ask that your assistance for Utai's home will be in addition to your normal contributions.

A house for Utai will cost US \$10,000 plus. Then she will have those she can trust next to her and be right beside the Legacy office.

She still is able to be the Mae Baan and do most of what she used to do—sometimes just slower or asking us for help. We also give her every Wednesday off now. Recently we took Utai to Leon's doctor, who is a neurosurgeon with a license in natural medicine. He gave her CBD oil and it is amazing what that has done for her. She has less pain in her fingers and knees and can move about better. It is her feet that still have much nerve related pain.

We have NOT told Utai about this house, because we do not want to get her hopes up and then be greatly disappointed. We are excited about this possibility and will make it a *surprise* when we have the full amount. We have already purchased a kitchen sink and other supplies. We will continue to buy items as they come on sale.

Remember to note on your donation: "UTAI's HOUSE." With much prayer and gratitude in advance!

We know that we are moving toward end-time prophecies. We live in God's plan for mankind. We can feel it! We can sense it! We groan! We know nations are coming together—especially in the East. We know the world currency is in trouble. We know the genders are at stake! We know about the promotion of Satanism! We know about the killing of unborn babies! We hear about an "unstoppable" AI and transhumanism. We know about nuclear. We know about Big Pharma. We know about GMO's and so much more! The handwriting is on the wall—that is TWO "handwritings"! **One**, that mankind would destroy himself, and **two**, that The Almighty Father will send His Savior Son to be King of Kings and Lord of Lords! We are on the very path of His choosing. He will never leave us, never forsake us, and will see us through. We stay strong and will not waver in faith, hope, and love! The Kingdom is Coming!

We are praying for all of you and all our brethren around the world as we all go through different trials and JOYS that make us ready for what God has in store for us—His future kings and priests. What a crown of glory **to** God we will be wearing!

Again, and always, we are most grateful for your willing and giving hearts in continued support, which we call the “*monthly miracle*” that God keeps bringing through all of you for God’s work in Burma and Thailand.

We will write again, God-willing, before the Feast. Until then, God be with you!

In Christian love,



Leon and Gloria Sexton

Pictures of the Days of Unleavened Bread



Leon Sexton, Stelle, and his father, JoTu.



Khawn Ye and Naw Naw.



Gum Seng Aung



L to R: Ganya, Owen, EhTu, Utaiwan, Gloria, Leon, Stelle, JoTu, Hser Nay Say, Naw Mya, DtaDta, Lotte, and Famke



Sann Mi, Naw Kanyaw Paw, Naw Bwe Basaw Wah, Ar Mi Chaw, and Ja Seng Ing.



Naw Zar Ni Hlaing, Naw Bwe Htee Paw, and Naw Nin Pale.