



Golden Land Baptist Missions

"There is gold, and a multitude of rubies: but the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel."

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Dear Pastor, Friends, and Co-workers:

We arrived home on Christmas Eve after 37 days in Myanmar and Thailand and are still rejoicing in the wonderful things God did while we were there. Nearly one thousand souls turned to Christ in villages, schools, factories, hospitals, and on the streets of those places where the Holy Ghost went before us and gave us an open door to preach the Gospel unhindered. As many of our friends partnered with us in prayer and fasting, we became very aware of their intercessions, sensing an unparalleled power and authority to preach Christ's love and grace to the Burmese Buddhists and Muslims.



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In village after village, sometimes in a bamboo hut, a business, or along the road-side, people came to hear about forgiveness of sins and the free gift of eternal life through the world's only true Saviour. Most of these people had never heard before, not even one time.

An old woman lay dying on a bamboo mat and her Buddhist family begged me to pray for her. Her body was literally skin and bones. Her fingers were bent backwards and her blackened teeth protruded through lips that she could not open to eat or speak. She was blind and we were told that she might be deaf. I asked one of the young ladies in the Bible Institute to explain the Gospel to her in her own language, as though we believed she could hear and understand every word. This woman was literally hanging on the precipice of Hell and we don't know if our arrival was too late for her or not. But her family heard the Gospel also and believed.



"BaGyi, promise me that you'll come back and see me. Please don't forget me!"

Peter Judson and I traveled overland from the Thai border to reach the **city of Malawmyine** where he and his family plan to start a new church when they return to their homeland later this year. In the middle of all our activities there we discovered a **hospital for lepers**. The staff was away for the day but the groundskeeper told us that we could visit the patients and they welcomed us warmly. Soon we gathered them all into one room, singing and preaching the Gospel. Every leper in the hospital prayed with us, turning from all other hopes they had, calling up-

on the Lord Jesus for salvation. Among the crowd was several Muslims and two red-robed Buddhist monks who also turned joyfully to Christ. A man had come to visit a friend of his who was a patient. While I preached and explained the Gospel of Christ, this man paused outside an open window to listen. When I gave the invitation he stepped inside and asked if he also could be saved.



These are your new brothers and sisters in Christ and fruit to your account!



This crippled man peddled several miles with his hands to hear the Gospel.

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When we reached the city of Yangon (old Rangoon), we rendezvoused with Crown College's Dr. Peter Banfe and immediately began visiting GLBM pastors and churches. We took a Burmese bus seven hours to the village of Aunglan where we visited **Pastor Htein Win Ei**, his church, school, and orphans. We arrived at 4:30 in the morning and it wasn't long before the children woke, greeting us with much excitement. They quickly began their morning chores. Some of the girls started a fire to cook breakfast while the boys swept the grounds. Then they divided into groups for morning devotions. Htein was my first contact in Myanmar in 2008 and he has built a strong ministry in an area that was closed to all foreigners since 1962.



Crossing the world-famous Irrawaddy River, the Mississippi of old Burma, we visited **Pastor Ba Htoo** and his faithful people who serve the Lord in a hard place. The village of Thayet is definitely more primitive than its sister community across river and the authorities were much more interested in our presence there.



After several days in Magwe Division we returned to the city of Yangon and began visiting other **GLBM pastors and church-plants**. These men and their wives are renting small primitive dwellings where they live and hold church services, many times also housing and feeding widows and orphans. They are selfless heroes of the faith and my friends. They desperately need our help!



Back in Mae Sot, Thailand we continued to visit Burmese villages along the border and to work with GLBM's **Missionary Emmanuel Sinoy**. We helped his church celebrate their 10th anniversary with a huge tent meeting, bringing bus loads of visitors from nearby neighborhoods and villages, people who had never before been in a church service or heard the preaching of the Gospel. On Saturday, December 20th 750 Burmese Buddhist and Muslim children filled the tent. The next day the tent was bulging with people again and many were saved. Some were immediately baptized and added to the church.



I will return to my beloved Burmese people as soon as possible because most of them will die and drop into a devil's Hell without ever hearing about the grace of God one time. But first I must raise the funds to train and send preachers, build churches, teach our children, and feed the hundreds of orphans. Thank you for helping us! We need you! If you are not yet partnering with GLBM in some way, all I can say is PLEASE!



Your servant for Christ's sake,

Balgyi Bob

Thank you for your gift of faith and love!

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