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The Boy Everyone Had Given Up On



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At 12 years old, Saw Moo* was already experimenting with drugs, alcohol, and cigarettes. Three years later, he stood in a baptismal tank, publicly declaring his faith in Jesus. How does a transformation like that happen?

Saw Moo grew up in a small village in Myanmar where Buddhist traditions shaped daily life. His family survived through farming and fishing, and his father was a respected community leader. But as a young teenager, Saw Moo began making choices that put him on a dangerous path. Seeking acceptance and adventure, he became involved with friends who introduced him to smoking, drinking, and drugs. Few people saw much promise in the rebellious boy he was becoming, but God saw something more.

When Saw Moo and his older sister enrolled in ASAP-supported Hakhalang Gyat School,* the teachers quickly learned about his reputation as a troublemaker. He frequently resisted authority, broke the rules, and he showed little interest in spiritual things.



Dormitory life was difficult for him. The schedule, responsibilities, and worship services felt restrictive. Later, Saw Moo admitted, "For the first six months, I suffered. I secretly continued my bad habits whenever I could."

Yet while Saw Moo resisted change, God was already at work. Every day, the students attended morning and evening worship. Saw Moo listened reluctantly. But over time, the Bible stories, worship songs, and prayers began to reach his heart. What is more, his teachers never gave up on him. They prayed for him, listened to him, encouraged him, and treated him like family.

As Saw Moo learned more about Jesus, one Bible story especially touched his heart, the story of the prodigal son. For the first time, he understood that God's love extended even to someone like him.

Slowly, his life began to change. The cigarettes, alcohol, and drugs that once controlled him started losing their grip. Through daily worship, caring teachers, and the work of the Holy Spirit, Jesus was transforming his life from the inside out.

The change soon became so obvious that when Saw Moo returned home during school breaks, his parents were amazed. Their rebellious son had become respectful, thoughtful, and cooperative.

Then, in 2023, at just 15 years old, Saw Moo made a decision that surprised many people around him and was baptized. Some of his relatives opposed his decision, and even his older sister initially criticized the changes he made after becoming a Christian. But as she watched his life transform, her attitude softened. Saw Moo remained committed to following Jesus.

Then tragedy struck. During the following school year, his mother became seriously ill and passed away. This loss devastated him. To make matters worse, some villagers blamed her death on his decision to become a Christian. Their accusations cut deeply, and grief overwhelmed him.

Once again, God knew exactly what Saw Moo needed. He sent his school principal and teachers to surround him with support, prayer, and encouragement. Their care helped him endure one of the most difficult seasons of his young life.

Unfortunately, the challenges did not end there. During the next school year, Saw Moo's family faced great financial hardship. To help provide for the household, his older sister was forced to leave school and work alongside their father. Despite these difficulties, Saw Moo refused to let go of his faith.

Saw Moo lovingly shared with his father about Jesus and the hope he had found in Him, but his father was not ready to accept these new



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beliefs. Even so, Saw Moo remained faithful, praying that one day his family would come to know Christ for themselves.

Now, Saw Moo dreams of graduating from Myanmar Union Adventist Seminary and dedicating his life to God's service.

Stories like Saw Moo's don't happen by accident. They happen because faithful supporters choose to invest in mission schools, teachers, dormitories, and students who might otherwise never hear the name of Jesus.

Today, thousands of children and teenagers across Southeast Asia are still waiting for that same opportunity. Many live in communities where Christians are few and where they may never hear the gospel until someone intentionally reaches their village. They are waiting for a teacher who will care and a school where they can discover hope and purpose.

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