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Running Toward God



The sound of boots on the dirt road sent fear racing through their hearts.

Fear was part of daily life. For San Aung and Su Mon, it surfaced in the sound of boots on dirt roads, the raised voices of soldiers, and doors forced open at night. Fear was that uneasy feeling whenever an unfamiliar noise broke the quiet of their village.

Their home lay beside a main road in Myanmar; their village once a place of connection and commerce, was now a strategic corridor claimed by opposing forces. For years, they had lived peacefully, running small businesses in rubber and bamboo shoots. They had worked hard, earned a steady income, and imagined a future marked by stability and hope.

Then civil war tightened its grip. A military camp was established nearby, and opposing forces moved in. Overnight, their village became a no-man's-land, claimed by no one, feared by everyone. Suspicion filled the air, villagers whispered, and every knock on the door felt dangerous.



One afternoon, while San Aung was tapping rubber trees, word spread quickly: "The soldiers are coming!"

Soldiers had come to their village before, but this time was different. This time, they came as a force that destroys.

By the time San Aung and Su Mon returned home, the road out of their village was completely blocked. For seven days, they were trapped in their house. Soldiers roamed about freely, breaking into homes, seizing food, shouting threats. Each night, the couple lay awake wondering: "Will our house be next? Will we survive the week?"

Then one morning, just before dawn, they ran but found they had nowhere to go. The couple had fled with nothing, but no one would take them in, not even relatives. Yet even when they could not see it, God was already preparing a place for them.

Following directions from a stranger, they reached the Central Myanmar Mission campus, one of the places where ASAP was providing support for refugees. By June 2025, intensified fighting had already driven nearly 80 refugees here. Emergency shelters had been built, and food was being shared. Christian and non-Christian families were welcomed alike.

San Aung and Su Mon had never lived among Christians before. They arrived weary and uncertain, but what they found was kindness. They were given shelter, food, and small jobs around the campus. Slowly, strangers became neighbors. Neighbors became family. No one pressured them. They were simply loved. "I never imagined Christians would care for us like this," Su Mon whispered.

ASAP local missionaries visited regularly, listening, praying, and gently sharing scripture as trust grew. In the midst of loss and uncertainty, peace began to take root. Bible studies followed, and their hearts were softened.

But the journey was not easy. When Su Mon's mother learned of her daughter's growing interest in Christianity, she strongly disapproved. Torn by fear and family pressure, the couple returned briefly to their village, hoping to resume their businesses.

That very night, the soldiers came again. Doors were smashed, and homes were looted. Screams filled the darkness. In that moment, Su Mon prayed desperately for God to help them. Their house stood beside the road, but somehow, the soldiers passed them by. Deep within her heart came a quiet prompting: "Do not stay here. Leave."

At dawn, they fled once again, back to the Central Myanmar Mission. This time, they were not running in fear. They were running toward God.



*Proclaim good news
to the poor...liberty
to the captives...sight
to the blind...set at
liberty those that are
oppressed.*

Luke 4:16-21



Soon after returning, San Aung and Su Mon gave their hearts to God, and fear gave way to peace. Though her mother still disapproved, Su Mon responded with gentleness, saying, "When the fighting ends, I will give you my Buddha statue and shrine, but I am going to share with my village the God who saved my life."

Today, the couple who arrived frightened and empty-handed are now filled with hope and a calling. When peace returns, they plan to return home, not just to rebuild their livelihood, but also to plant a church and share God's love that found them in their darkest hour.

Across Myanmar and Southeast Asia, your generosity allows ASAP to meet the urgent needs of God's Work in Dangerous and Oppressive Places. Like Jesus, ASAP's local missionaries are reaching out to meet people's physical needs, and then introducing them to the God who loves them.

Join us in raising \$1,595,760 to support God's Work in Dangerous and Oppressive Places.

Please prayerfully consider how God may be inviting you to respond today, knowing your partnership makes an eternal impact in places where few can safely go.

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With heartfelt thanks,



Darryl Hosford
President, ASAP Ministries

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