



## The Banfe's Newsletter July/August 2025



*"Yea, so have I strived to preach the Gospel, not where Christ was named."*

### **WORK UNTIL HE RETURNS**

War in the Middle East, war in Ukraine, an increasingly threatening Russia and China, revolutionary changes in our world order, economic instability, devastating floods, impending earthquakes, social turmoil in the US, an increasingly Godless world. What do we do? Well, we continue to do what we do. We are Christians and this is not a shock or a surprise. Rather than being a discouragement it is an encouragement. It is what our Lord prophesied in the Holy writ. And He is coming again. And He gave us a directive for us in this world, continue the work *"blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing."* (Luke 12:43). And who can be against us if He is for us! We have the victory and need to live the victorious Christian life, day to day, standing fast, being courageous and strong (1 Cor. 16:13). And remembering our battle is not with flesh and blood but against rulers of darkness and spiritual wickedness in high places (Eph 6:12). Our battle while in the world anticipates the world to come.



**The Program**



**The staff**



**A Few Of The New Graduates**

### **English as a Second Language (ESL)/ Bible School:**

We have begun our efforts to expand our student body by hiring a new administrator and advertising on social media. We have begun a new discipleship program and are meeting with graduates each week for a snack and Gospel discussion. We are attempting to answer all their questions from what they learned in the Bible portion of ESL, to find if they have made a decision for Christ, if they have a church and questions about serving. We also just had our graduation. A picture of a small group of the graduates is above. We had over 60 grads and over 200 students last year. This summer 2025 semester we have the largest class of Intermediate students ever, a 15 week intense course through the Gospel. One thing we ask as a requirement for graduation. They must attend live online classes with Sherrie for the girls and me for the boys each week. We have students from Burma, Singapore, Thailand, and Malaysia.

### **Pastor Conferences: Edifying the Saints-Teaching others Also**



The Hebrews conference with Burmese pastors was a wonderful success. We were able to teach pastors who come from a number of doctrinal perspectives, engaging one Burmese Calvinist in a lively productive discussion. In September we will be repeating our popular course on "Support for the Bible" and "Religious Cults". We should get over 50 pastors attending. But the much-anticipated conference for this year will happen in November in Mae Sot on Understanding the Book of Romans. We expect a full house. I have spent this entire year writing a commentary on this profound book, especially on controversial disputed sections in Chapters 7, 8 and 9. The commentary will likely finish to be around 200-300 pages. Pray for this conference on Romans to edify the saints, clarify Bible doctrine and dispel the claims of myths and error in Burma, and empower them to better lead their churches.



### **Publications and MTB Radio**

**Publications:** To the left is a delivery of our book The Deity of Christ: Declared, translated into Burmese. Also we are continuing to deliver Old Judson Bibles which we restored as well as thousands of our Gospel Booklets and tracts. The second picture is distributing Bibles to many who have never seen/owned one.

**MTB Radio:** For the 2nd quarter of 2025 we recorded over 1,503 unique listeners, listening for around 700 hours in over 66,000 individual sessions. Over 70 listeners stayed on for between 5 minutes and over 4 hours. The most popular track was our radio course on the Deity of Christ; a book I wrote. On the station they get Bible, Gospel presentations, Godly Christian music, preaching and Bible study. Praise the Lord for the witness of Radio.



### **Refugee Children's Ministry**

In the first picture you can see our refugee children's ministry is at capacity. The second picture is our night ministry for the children and their families in more remote villages which we can only reach with our 4-wheel drive truck. The third is our follow up ministry evangelizing the families. The fourth picture shows the parents receiving Gospel teaching at the Children's Ministry! The final is our youth discipleship program. God is blessing and the ministry is growing. PTL, there are so many refugee children. To expand our children's ministry in terms of children, days served and programs and teaching offered we are planning for a larger building.

*We the Banfes and those who serve at MTB thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your love, prayers and support for God's work.*

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