

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

I (we) Must work the works of him that sent me (us), while it is still day! (John 9:4)

No one can deny the acceleration of the works of darkness under construction by the inhabitator of darkness, "the prince of the power of the air" (Eph 2:2). This spirit clearly "now worketh in the children of disobedience." The time is approaching when "the night cometh, when no man can work". We can sense this shroud of darkness, the blackness of sin, spreading across the world. But God does not tell us to lament it, shrink in terror, or give in to it. We are to WORK. While the enemy wants all the world to be veiled in darkness and ignorance of sin, we are to be a light, consuming that darkness in truth. We are to continue, stand fast, fear not, trust fully that all things will work together for good. We are to do it all in a consummate unwavering hope in the faithfulness of our Saviour.. We are so indebted to you, our Christian brothers and sisters for continuing this fight, lifting us in prayer and supplying resources for the battle.

Pastor Conference: Edifying the Saints

The Book of Romans: 1-8 Raw and Uncut

Our Conference attracted over 60 Burmese pastors from Burma, Thailand, and Malaysia. The third picture is of Pastors who risked their lives coming across the border from Burma to attend.



We labored verse by verse through the first 8 chapters of this Epistle, for close to 20 hours, a book many say is the most theologically dense, in the NT if not the Bible. I didn't shy away from difficult issues but faced them head on, revealing sound doctrine. I told them the truth we would reveal might anger some. We had an ex-Buddhist monk convert there who contended that he got all the answers he needed about Christianity from the conference. There were ex-Buddhists, Calvinists as well as Pentecostals. Incredibly, at the end of the conference many had reached a new understanding of difficult scriptures and of their faith. In end, there was remarkable consensus among the attendees and a very sweet and teachable spirit among them. They yearned for more. We will do part 2 Romans 9-16 this year. We also plan a repeat on zoom of our successful Hebrews conference in the next couple of months. What an incredible opportunity to teach sound doctrine to Burmese pastors.

English as a Second Language (ESL)/ Bible School: AMAZING START TO THE NEW YEAR!



God has provided us with 80 new students for our ESL beginning and intermediate spring semester. We weren't expecting this and it has really put us to work registering all of them. But praise God that He provided such a bounteous harvest of students, Buddhist, Muslim and Christian to concentrate on learning English through the Bible.

Beginning students will be learning 15 weeks on the Gospel, the doctrines of our faith. Intermediate students will take an intense journey, scripture by scripture through the book of John. All must take and pass quizzes, midterms and finals on the Bible and on the English language. Praise the Lord for this truly wonderful ministry. We have taught over 1100 students and counting.

MTB Radio

Our radio is still reaching Burma and other surrounding countries with the Gospel, Bible teaching and Godly music. Between October 1 and November, we registered 42,000 sessions, 461 hours of listening, and 713 unique listeners. And the most listened to program was our course on the Deity of Christ. Praise the Lord.

Refugee Children's/Youth Ministry

First of all let me tell you about the 10 baptisms in our youth ministry including two parents. We put them through 2 two-day sessions with our Gospel/ Discipleship program, through the Gospel from Genesis to Christ's return, using our Gospel booklet. Then we did another two days. At the end of the 4th days, 8 youth and 2 parents trusted Christs as their Saviour. It was truly a day of celebration on earth and in heaven.



We then held a Gospel party for the children in which I made probably over 100 balloon animals. ☺ Most importantly they received a clear presentation of the Gospel verbally, in video, and in song. We finished the Christmas seasons with a huge outreach, reaching out to the refugee families with gifts of food and toys as well as a clear presentation of the Gospel in the towns and villages.

Living Waters Ministry

We just purchased bottles for our "living waters" ministry to supply fresh water to the Burmese immigrant families, especially during the rainy season when typhoid is rampant. We are hoping this will not only endear the to us and see Christ in us but will bring them to us so we can present the Gospel to them. We've been blessed with a professional filtration system by a Christian group in Thailand.

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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