



Good News to the Burmese in NW Thailand

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Dear Beloved Brethren,

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We have you in our hearts and minds! What a blessing it is to be partners in the Vineyard of the LORD. Brethren, our hearts are with you as you go through hard times, knowing that when everything else fails ---God's Word is steadfast and sure. Blessed are the Christians who place their trust and hope in Him!

After several weeks in the Philippines we came back to the border with a fresh zeal to get back to the work. Although we came back a little bit sad because my eldest son (Amos Stephen) remained to finish his secondary level education. I miss my boy. Only Tyndale Lee and Jan Moore is. But this is the life of a missionary. We must be willing to leave behind anything to pursue God's higher calling. It is a small price to pay compared to what our LORD did at Calvary.

The Lord has challenged me with a powerful truth that He is not limited even when we are. This month we had the privilege of having Dr. Edwin Tan, Mrs. Tan, and 2 pastors to visit us in Mae Sot. The visit would fall on a Tuesday so planned to have a special service in the evening. Also on this night we decided to collect our mission offering for the national pastor (Pastor Yohan) who has a church inside Burma. But 2 weeks before I was told me that at this time of the year (harvest) most of the Burmese are busy. This was a concern. We prayed to the Lord about it. I must confess I was hesitant of holding the meeting. But I was persuaded that even if only 30 would come to the service God can still do a miracle with that group. The folks at FBC are simple people. There are no rich people who attend the church. In my lack of faith I thought that if we could just gather 600 or 800 Baht it would be good enough for Pastor Yohan. The prospects of a few attendees I was afraid I could not even get near that. You see 3 weeks ago we went to Laos for our Missionary Visa. Our funds were down to a trickle. Nevertheless we determined to make the visit of these pastors comfortable. We admire and love Pastor Tan and his wife. They are our leaders in the Philippines. We wanted to give to them the best.

The visitors arrived in the afternoon took them to the hotel and prepared for the service at 6pm. Lo and behold, the church was full of people! Praise God! I was so proud of the hard work of the folks at FBC. The pastors from the Philippines were especially enthused with the way the Burmese sing the Baptist Hymns. I introduced the guests, and the smiles of the Burmese brethren reflected the warm Christian kinship. Then the 2 pastors preached and what powerful sermons from the Word. There were 6 professions of faith and many came forward as the challenge to serve the Lord was given. We praise the Lord for these wonderful results!

At the closing I took up an offering telling the people that all of it would be given to our mission pastor who was present. I asked him to pray for the offering. As I closed the meeting thanking the visitors who came and also thanking the members who made the service a blessed one, my wife counted the offering. She called me with her eyes shining brightly. The people gave 1,504 Baht (\$50) for missions. The visitors from the Philippines did not really give so much because I told them not to. So this gift came from the people as a response to the challenge and as a rebuke to my small faith! As 2Cor 8:2-3 says *"How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves."* I handed the support to Pastor Yohan and boy was he overjoyed! He was able to buy a sack of rice and some more goodies. When we took him and his son to the river his wife was there to meet us. Her face was full of gratitude for this gift. But my joy was double to theirs! In reality I was the one to thank them! Indeed it is more blessed to give than to receive!

These national pastors inside Burma will serve the Lord without our financial aid, this despite and poverty and oppression. It is me who needs them because without them I could not go inside Burma. As he and his family crossed over to Burma I am thankful to be a part of his ministry. How many more are there inside Burma like Pastor Yohan who labor for the Lord who are overjoyed when they receive just \$50 dollars more? Isn't it ironic that there are Christians who will complain because their pleasure funds are now \$50 less? What has happened to seeing eternity's value?

Brethren these are the partners we are working with. There are still others more that are waiting. The Lord knows that even this month we don't have enough. The support drop was massive. But the Lesson of faith that I was taught of God on that Tuesday night revealed to me to never underestimate God just because we feel limited. In fact it is exactly the best time for God to show up-when we are weak and are nothing. To God be the glory!

Thank you for your sustained obedience in praying for us and financially supporting us. May the Lord bless all of you.

Your servant in the gospel,

Bro Moore and Sis Jane Montes



Dr. Edwin Tan and wife, Ma'am Edna. With Pastor Rod Nabua from Zambales, and Pastor Dennis Fundano from Sorsogon in the Philippines. Pastor Fundano preached on Titus 2 about the "Kindness and Love of God." And Pastor Nabua preached on "Waiting for the coming of the Lord." Both were mighty preachers of the Word.



The church was packed with people. The folks at FBC did a great job of inviting people to hear the preaching of the Word. The Lord gave us 6 souls that made professions of faith and many went forward during the invitation to dedicate their lives for the Lord. It was really an exciting night. We are praying that many more meetings like this would happen. We give to the Lord all the glory. Amen.



There were many first time visitors in this Tuesday night service. Several had to stand all throughout the service. The presence of the Lord's power was manifested in every part of the service. I was amazed at the working of the Lord. Saya Yohan was in the service and received a Love gift from the folks of FBC. A token of their faith in God and love for Missions.



The Lady on the left is Sis. Lay lay Win. I witnessed to her in her house and she received the Lord Jesus as her Savior. I then baptized her. She was a Muslim before but is now faithfully attending the church. Her husband is a Karen and is also now attending with their 2 kids. They are a blessing from the Lord.

"According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death." Phil.1:20
