

## Project LAMBS International

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### Greeting and Merry Christmas.

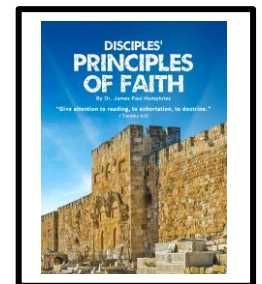
I have so many things to share, it like a whirlwind of miracles. Our goal is to be led and walk in the Spirit of God each day. To have our eyes and ears open to what He is doing through us and around us. Right at the very beginning I want to thank all of you for your prayers and support. Without us working together under the headship of Christ much of this testimony would be impossible.

What I want to share is just a quick overview and snapshot of what has been happening.

### Thailand Nov 4<sup>th</sup> to Dec 2

#### Chiang Mai

- **Set up Apartment:** It took us a few days to find an apartment and get moved in. It's basically two large rooms but it meets all our needs.
- **Ton:** We traveled up to Chiang Khong to meet with many friends at a Christian lead school. They have over 450 students. We spent Saturday and Sunday with them and on Monday I taught the teachers and leaders. One reason why we were there was to pick up our car. They have been keeping and using it for us. When we got the car back, it had all new tires, new battery plus some front-end work done on it. What a blessing to us and the ministry. Thanks Ton!
- **SIL - Tim:** It was special again to connect with Tim and the family. He came to our place to hear our vision concerning the dictionary and concordance for English, Kachin and Burmese languages, we also wanted to see if it could be a template for other languages too. Plus, he invited us to an American thanksgiving meal, that included my favorites: turkey, mash potatoes and gravy with stuffing and to finish it all off pumpkin pie. Since then he has come to the apartment twice more. It looks like the Flex program can handle everything and can print out the information the way we need it. Praise God.
- **Discipleships:** Principles of Faith book: We continue to update and improve this resource tool that is now over 300 pages. The English is almost revised and now we need to translate the extra material into Kachin and then lay the book out for printing. This will be an exciting new resource for the Kachin pastors and leaders.



### Myanmar December 2 to 15

#### Yangon Dec 2 to 6

When we got to our hotel we moved in all our luggage and prepare for several days of meeting both planned and scripted by God.

- **Money exchange:** Usually the first thing one does is to exchange US dollars into Myanmar kyats. This is not always easy and especially this time there was long line up and they had run out of money. This meant travelling back there three times over two days which finally



led to success. \$1500.00 USD gets us \$2,255,000.00 kyats depending on the day. Here, we are finally millionaires.

- **Zami:** She is a wonderful servant of the Lord. Her and her two brother are faithfully servants in the church and the body of Christ. She works with us as a translator and interpreter in the Burmese language. Her home church is Burmese people who have come to know Christ as their Lord and Saviour and we have been invited back to do more discipleship training at the Church. This is always an exciting time to see these new believers sit for 6 to 7 hours a day and take in all you can give out concerning the Word. Right now, we met with her to do some proof reading and translation work and then we will print a small booklet to use over the two days training. The training starts Dec 28 and through to the 29<sup>th</sup>.
- **Eye exam:** Well things have gone full circle. The place where they discovered the problem with my right eye took place, we had now gone back to have thigs checked out. They wanted to check everything out again and it look very good. Then they could change the lenses in my glasses which made things clear again. Thank you, Lord!
- **Chin teacher:** Again, while walk downtown of a city of 6 million, we go to get on an elevator and here is someone who new Hkaw Win. They had gone to school together, now she was also in full time service. After visiting she will take 50 of our Burmese Bible Information books and hand them out in the ministry she serves with. Amazing!
- **Myanmar Bible Society:** Another amazing event that took place was with the store manager. We already have two workers that help us with materials and app building but now they want to have the Bible Information in Burmese in the store to give to the pastors and new Christians who come for Bibles. They feel this will be a great tool. We left 300 copies. It looks like we need to print another 10,000 copies for the coming year. The demand for this tool is very great.



*Here looking at you!*



### **Myitkyina Dec 6th to 15**

- **Church Dedication:** This church has started as a vision many years ago and some of the seeds were planted through a local nursery school ministry. We have been watching these seed grow each year and have walked along with them. Now on December 7<sup>th</sup>, the building was full and dedicated to the Lord Jesus Christ. I also wanted to say on dedication day that the church building was completely paid for. We had a wonderful time of worship and praise, special music and dance and a message from Dr. Samson.
- **Grampa's Funeral:** Funeral can be a challenge, but they are also a gathering place for people to meet, share testimony and get reacquainted. This grandpa was special to me personally. I met with him often to discuss things in the Bible plus he would tell me stories



about world war two when he was a tank commander. He truly loved God and His Word and I will miss our times of fellowship.

- **Uncle's, Mission Outreach:** One of Hkaw Win's uncle is an evangelist and teacher (He is 71 years old and this is how he will spend his Christmas). We visited with him and he told us that he is about to go on a 25-days tour throughout the mountains. He told us that he would first travel by motorcycle and then boat and then they would walk for 12 days visiting different churches. It is a joy to work together. He hands out the Kachin Bible Information and the book of Matthew which we have printed. He will also take clothes to various pastors. The mountain people have little, but praise the Lord many have a deep faith in Jesus Christ.
- **Theology Teacher - elephant flew:** The elephant flew has been killing a lot of people and those who make it through are often sick for months at a time. This professor is a special friend of mine. He is also the one who wrote a recommendation for The Disciple's Principle of Faith book which we hope to print over 5000 copies, in Kachin for the pastors and leaders. He had been sick for over three months and hospitalized a number of times. We also are so thankful to all who has made this project possible.
- **Youth for Christ Drug Rehab:** We stopped in a tea shop in the afternoon and Hkaw Win thought she knew the person at the table beside us. He was a professional singer but when Hkaw Win decided to approach the men at the table she soon found out that they were now running a drug rehab centre. Then conversation move to Bible resources. They then exchanged phone numbers and that we would give them 50 Bible information in Burmese to help them to train their students.
- **Putao Teacher and Clothes:** When we arrived by plane in Myitkyina Hkaw Win saw someone from Putao. After talking for a few minutes that lady knew of another teacher who would be going back up in a few days. Why this was so important because we have been given about three suitcases full of brand-new clothing for the IDP people (Internally Displaced People – because of war they are in camps.) to hand out. The suitcase got sorted and within a few days they were on their way north to help bless the Christians there. Again, God by His Spirit is connecting people together.
- **Nightly Prayer in the Home:** Each night, seven days a week, everyone usually around 8 o'clock, meet for family prayer. We sing a hymn, read Scripture, pray (different person each night prays and all are expected to pray outloud) then the Lord's prayer is said and then have a closing night hymn.
- **Birthday Prayer Service:** People gather a lot to celebrate birthdays especially children. Many, many come and there are hymns, prayers, preaching, dedication prayer and thanksgiving. This meeting was about 100 people. One of the reasons for this is because children are





often attack by various sickness and die. So, we want to celebrate as often as we can, They often have a number of children, because you may lose one or two along the way. It also shows to the children that they are supported, and part of a big family and community of believers.



- **LAMBS Graduates:** I just wanted to say that almost anywhere we go we meet Project LAMBS graduates serving as pastors, teachers, deacons and a host of other ministries. Thank God for the vision of Dr. Samson for calling us and for the Project LAMBS board for sending us along with so many churches and fellow disciples.
- **Lawk Cell group: prayer and Christmas Gathering:** We have different gathering for prayer. The local church is divided up into lawks and our church has 5 of them. This is their way of keeping connected with each other and the church locally. Again, it is a time of hymn singing, prayer is given several times and can be 10 - 15 minutes long, and a message with a closing song and prayer. I also met a young lady there who knew me when I first came with Hkaw Win. She was a child in my grade "O" Kachin language class. Now she is older and married, and was very excited to meet me again.
- **Hkaw Win's Preaching – Home church:** It was a blessing to me to see Hkaw Win's preach in her home church. She preached on Christ as the True Light of the World. It was a real answer to prayer for me because I believe she will be doing a lot more of this type of ministry in the future. Then after the morning service she then shared at the woman's service. So many church leaders came up after and were blessed by Hkaw Win's messages.



***After all this ministry that God put together, all the Bible Information books in Kachin and Burmese are now all gone. So many are using this book, we are told for sermon ideas, teaching Sunday school classes and even in-home devotional at night and most of all to grow in their personal faith in Christ Jesus.***

We always see. That everything is about relationships: There are so many divine moments that took place as we are out and about each day. God is a God that leads and also connects people together at the right time and place. He speaks to us than then moves on them and at the right appointed time, a connection is made, and a relationship is established. It just amazes how God does it each day, He personally walks with us by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thank You and the Lord bless you. We are grateful to work together for the Glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. The harvest is truly ripe for discipleship ministry. People are hungry to be servants of the Lord and want to get equipped so they can go out and serve others.

*PS. It's time to go to another prayer service. I am often asked to do the praying which a great honour and privilege for me. James Paul the prayer warrior for Christ.*

***With much LOVE!***

*Fellow servants in Christ,*

*James and Hkaw Win*



**Clothing and hat give away at IDP Camp**

