

Project L.A.M.B.S. International

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Greetings and Blessings to all!

Well, one could say that a lot of water has gone under the bridge since our last update. We had to walk through a variety of challenges and right now there is a lot of unknowns because of the spread of the virus. But I want to say right up front, thank you for all your prayers. God is filling our hearts with strength and peace.

Birthday:

On February 6th I turned 66 years young. We did go over to see our church pastor and he prayed a special prayer for us. That evening we did go out for supper and then had a quiet evening at home. We spent time reflecting a little on the past and what we do in service for the Lord at least till I am 70, 75 or 80 or so.

Church service at WCC:

When the trip got cancelled to China the door open up to speak the following weekend at our home church here in Chiang Mai. It is a Kachin church and the people always make us feel at home. They have also been a blessing to us, and we are blessed to have such good connections with the leadership. The Friday before our pastor headed off to Japan for three months to help pastor a Kachin church over there.

Book Printing:

Thailand:

Right now, we are publishing 2000 “Thai Bible Information” books that will be used by various pastors and church leaders and some Christian schools.

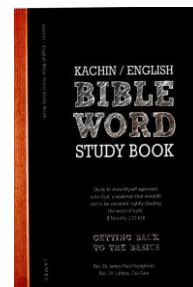
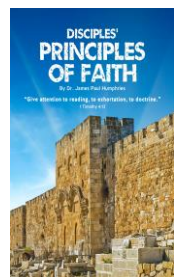
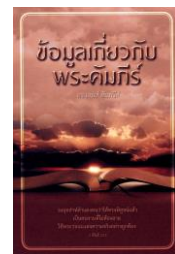
We are also publishing 50 copies of the “Disciples Principles of Faith” book in English. It is 308 pages of material, giving teaching and insight into the basic doctrines of the church. This tool will be put in a variety of Bible schools and Christian school libraries. It will also be given out to a number of pastors and church leaders as a resource for the ministry that they do with God’s people.

Yangon:

In Yangon we will publish the “Kachin / English Word Study” Book. This book is to help the pastors to understand key theological words. The book is both in Kachin and English and is crossed reference to Dr. Ola Hanson Kachin Dictionary and Strong’s Concordance. It is about 145 pages of valuable resources and we are printing at this time 1000 copies.

Hospital:

Early on Valentine’s Day, around 2:15 AM I woke up with some severe pain and sweating. At first, I thought it might have to do with food or with gas that I sometimes get. I took some medicine and pain killers, but things only got worse. A little later I got Hkaw Win up and we decided that there was really something wrong. We live next to a hospital and I thought with Hkaw Win’s help I could walk to the hospital emergency.



After entering the emergency doors and giving the front desk my passport things became almost a blur. Here is a quick overview:

- Blood work / Ivy, morphine for pain
- Ultrasound
- put in a room on tenth floor of hospital
- CT scan
- X-ray and EKG
- Seen specialist and told about what would happen next
- Hospital Administration came to tell me the estimated cost and ask how I was going to pay.
- 6:30 PM I headed for surgical floor and prepared for operation at 7PM
- Back to room around 10 PM Ivy's tubs and pain but all seem well
- Next morning things seemed better, but I was weak. Hkaw Win slept on the couch in my room. The nurses and staff were in often to make sure this old guy was fine
- Things seemed OK on Sunday and the specialist said I could go home. He prescribed four different medicines which the hospital gave to me with all their English write ups.
- At the time of leaving it was now time to go to the accounting office, to pay up. We paid some but would have to go to our bank at the mall that is between our apartment and hospital. They sent a nurse's aide with us to make sure that all money was transferred to the hospital. After, I waited at the mall, Hkaw Win went back to hospital and got all the receipts. She also received a gold card that would give me a discount for next time when I need a hospital. Amazing, I never thought I would have a preferred membership card to the hospital. I am not sure what that may mean.

By late afternoon, I was in bed at our apartment weak but doing alright. I believe that through so many people praying, that God was walking with us each step of the way.

Family Sickness and Death:

But it was not yet time to relax because that night and next morning Hkaw Win started to get phone messages concerning the following events.

We learned:

- Hkaw Win's Mom had fallen - they think on Saturday and could not walk or move and was in bed.
- Her Aunt in Singapore went in the same day I did, to have a biopsy and they came back after the test and told her aunt that she had stag 4 lymphoma cancer.
- She also found out that her uncle, who just lives down the street from her mom, had fallen and broken his leg and had undergone surgery.

A few days later she got a message from another family member that another uncle fell off the roof of his house while making repairs and died.

You can imagine what Hkaw Win and I were going through. There was lots of tears and prayers. Since then her mom is up and now walking again. Aunt is getting



chemo, and her uncle with the broken leg is recovering. There is a silver lining to all this and that all her family members are strong believers in Jesus Christ.

Christian School – Northern Thailand

Now it was two weeks after surgery, and I was scheduled to do a weekend of ministry at a church and school five-hour drive from where we live. I felt strong enough and I thought I could with God’s help drive up to our friends, Ton place.

That weekend I preached with a translator at Sunday morning church service. Then that night we shared how Jesus said, “I am the light of the world” with a youth group. Then early, Monday morning, I spoke to the school leadership and staff. By 9:30 AM we were on the road home. Five hours latter we arrived in Chiang Mai at our printers’ shop to look at design and cover lay out. It wasn’t till 6:30 in the evening that we arrived home. I was a little weak and tired, but God was surely with us and His word touched many people hearts.

Dictionary:

Since then we have been working with a team of people to continue to work with a Flex program in conjunction with Wycliff and SIL. The goal is to finish the Bible Dictionary and Concordance in English, Kachin, Burmese languages. This is a unique program that can become a template to other languages. Plus, this program can then be upload onto Wycliff’s Webonary site. Please pray about this. We are working with a team of six people in three different countries.

Website / Face book Postings

Another ongoing project is our Discipleship Empowerment website. Each week we post a variety of things as resource that can be downloaded by pastors, leaders and teachers. It is also a place for people who want to become stronger as disciple of Jesus Christ in their faith. You can find pictures, updates, books, word studies, sermon outlines and more. We are grateful that people are going there and are downloading free materials to help them in their Christian walk and service for our Lord.

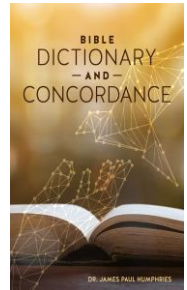
Please go and have a look at discipleshipempowerment.com. Join up and if you have time leave us a message.

Prayer needs

Health and protection during the spread of this virus. Schedule and programs are constantly being changed in the country. More restriction are being added daily. Some people are becoming stressed and fearful in the country. In some parts of the country there is panic buying. Each day the death toll and the numbers of sicknesses continue to rise. But we believe we are doing what God has called us to do and He will give us the strength and needed wisdom to push on through.

We will also need prayers for a short trip to Laos to do what is called a “Visa Run”. This over and back trip takes about 24 hours, but this allows us to stay in Thailand for another three more months. We need God’s travelling mercies and favour with the immigration office on both sides of the boarder.

Please continue to pray for our translators and proofreaders who are so faithfully serving the Lord with us in this ministry. Pray that God will give them much



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wisdom, knowledge and understanding as they prepare Bible tools for the body of Christ in their languages.

Also pray for the printing companies in Thailand and Myanmar, that they will be able to complete things on time and get the books shipped out to a variety of locations.

We also ask that you pray for our Kachin artist who draws all our pictures that we use for book publication, Facebook teachings and for visual aids for when I teach.

One last thing for now is that God would continue to put a hedge of strength and protection all around our family members and fellow servants in this ministry.

Well that it for now. Thank you again for all your prayers and support. We are grateful that we can work together for Jesus Christ in His Kingdom.

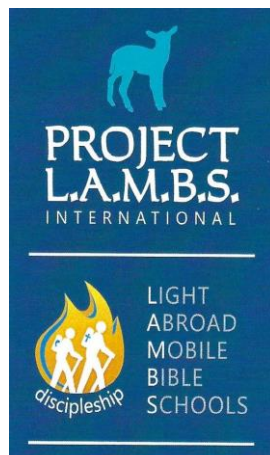
With Much LOVE!

Fellow servants in Christ Jesus,
James and Hkaw Win Humphries

**The trees are now
flowering in Chiang Mai.**



After a hard day at school.



**Thank YOU for all love
and prayers.**



**Anyone need a clothes
basket?**



Well it is time to Go.