



# Tom & Jerilyn Kane

## Missionaries to the People of India and Myanmar



Spring Greetings, Friends and Family,

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**STATESIDE** – Jerilyn and I continue to add additional discipleship videos to our soul winning website and Facebook page ([WWW.NambikeTrust.com](http://WWW.NambikeTrust.com)/Nambike Baptist Trust on Facebook). There are currently 735 followers and folks from the USA, India, Philippines, and Myanmar who have visited. Pastor Matheson, pastor of our home church, is planning on preaching on the furniture of the tabernacle and how all point to Jesus. He knew we had done this in India several years ago, so I have taken on Moses' monumental tasking building the menorah, table of shew bread, laver, altar of incense and the Ark of the Covenant. I do a little at a time with my wife's encouragement and assistance. Others are tackling the brazen altar and the high priest garments. Victory Baptist is also participating in a local craft fair this weekend and our church will be setting up three canopies with children's games and a soul winning booth.

**INDIA** – The Lord has placed a hedge of protection around our churches in India. There have been no cases of Covid in **Nambike nor Niricksha Baptist Churches**. **Pastor Raju** reports that twenty-nine have been saved since January and Eleven have been baptized. Jerilyn finished teaching her course on "Questions God Asks" virtually at Didasko Baptist Bible Institute. Our living room was turned into a video studio with a large backdrop to project power point slides. Lights, Camera, Action! The average class attendance was thirty-one. Translation work on the Kannada Bible continues, as two work on typesetting the text. **Pastor Arun** continues to faithfully visit new families in Naubad and recently two trusted Jesus as their Saviour.

**MYANMAR** – Myanmar has been on the news the past two months. **Pastor Jacob** and **Pastor Palian** have been able to correspond with us by email and have shared what is literally happening out their front door. Pastor Jacob's December report for 2020 arrived the day after our last prayer letter, but I would first like to share that news before updating on the situation there now. Eleven were saved through the ministry of **Bethel Baptist Church** and all were baptized. Due to Covid, **Bethel Baptist Church** has one worship service instead of three; the Bible Institute students, orphans and staff attend. The Lord had opened up the opportunity to have this service on the internet. There are currently thirty-four students and fifty-four orphans/children. There are also eighteen pastors that have graduated from BBBI which Bethel supports. Bethel Baptist Bible Institute graduated four in February – two with a Bachelor of Theology and two with a Bachelor of Ministry. In December, funds were sent to help provide supplies to the church plants in Eastern Shan State and Rakhine, in the Western part of Myanmar's war zone.

**MYANMAR MOST RECENT UPDATE** – The following are quotes from messages we have received from **Pastor Jacob**. It was not until last week that we were able to get money to him, as banks were closed, and Western Union and Money Gram were no longer providing service there due to banking situation.

"At this time, I would like to emphasize the whole country's situation. I do know that you have heard about Myanmar. A recent development was the arrest of the chairman and secretaries of the election commissioners. They were detained for over two months. And now all of them have been released, but they are still not allowed to serve in the government.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April, a reporter from CNN was asked to interview in an area near our ministry In Yangon City. On that day I was in a long line to withdraw the remainder of my savings, which is about \$69 at the ATM machine nearby the City Hall. The CNN reporter just came to me straight with heavy security by army and police and asked, "How long have you been waiting?" (Anwer: For an hour) "How long was this crisis?" (Answer: About two months) Then she left and the camera man kept videoing as much as he could. The police and army security (intelligence) took so many pictures of me and every corner. By the evening, the news spread that the 3 people CNN reporter interviewed that morning were arrested. I just prayed and prayed that Lord would save me. Later, I also learned that there were about 10 people arrested and some were released.

The followings are just a few of the numerous and shocking facts about what is going on here in Myanmar.

1. If someone is arrested alive at night, his or her tortured beaten up dead body will be returned the next morning, which is so difficult to identify the face and body. In some cases, they won't even return the body of deceased. Su Vocational School principal (a school run by the lady ASSK) was tortured and killed brutally overnight.

2. If a medical doctor, nurse, and staff are found to be helping injured protesters, they are arrested and tortured or killed. Even private clinics that provide treatment to the wounded patients still could be abducted or tortured. Sandar and some of the Christian doctors operate an underground clinic.
3. Doesn't matter if someone stays at home or goes out to the street without protest, they can possibly get killed anytime without any valid reason due to random gunfire. A Muslim woman having a young child went to buy food and was shot dead on the road.
4. Doesn't matter if someone is a pregnant lady or a 6-year-old child, they shoot and kill in their own house without mercy.
5. Even if one is not protesting, they can be detained, beaten, tortured, and humiliated inhumanly anytime anywhere (day or night), even inside your own home or apartment.
6. One can be abducted, assaulted, or killed just for going to work or delivering food.
7. Now, mobile data has been shut down for almost 4 weeks. Wi-Fi broadband services were cut off a week ago. All the public Wi-Fi services have been cut off. The only remaining internet service is the fiber internet line. This will last until April 9. Even now the connection strength is extremely low and often no signal. Many apps and websites, such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Google etc., are blocked to suppress the spread of information and news.

The military junta regime has the guns and arms, and killed the protesters, the very citizens they have been sworn to protect and to secure the lives of the countrymen. Young people have stood up despite the shooting in the heads and killing innocent citizens. Yet the protesters dare to stand up before the gun and gave their lives for the future of the country to bring justice and freedom back to the democracy.

Despite all these, the ministry continues to the church members by personal visitation and telephone communications. The children's home continues to function as usual. The children's ministry meets through the messenger every Saturday and Sunday. The Bible Institute continues to function as usual. The youth women and church-planting ministries also continue.

Thank God that the elected government is preparing a new constitution. This is being done by the chairman and secretary of the election commission of 2020 who have been released.

Pray for Myanmar that:

1. Justice will prevail.
2. Fears of the people may be moved away.
3. The elected MP's (members of Parliament) and the people may work together with the lawmakers of the constitution.
4. Freedom and democracy may be restored quickly.
5. Bethel Baptist Church and its ministries receive the basic needs of daily Manna.

We were just notified that Pastor Jacob was able to receive the money we wired to his bank. They had cut back on meals at Bethel. We are grateful that this money went through. There is still the issue of getting food. Please bathe these folks in prayer.

Jerilyn and I appreciate your prayers, encouragement, and financial support. Healthwise, I had the second interventional radiological procedure in February. It was rougher to handle than the first. My chemotherapy was postponed for several weeks due to my bloodwork being dangerous low. Chemo was resumed this week with IV steroids. Jerilyn commented how "buff" that makes me! You gotta love her! I will be having a CT scan in June to determine the effect of the Y-90 and the chemo. Our hearts are in India and Myanmar and we pray that the Lord will heal and allow us to return physically.

Together, making a difference,

*Tom and Jerilyn Kane*

Psalm 109: 26, 27, *Help me, O LORD my God: O save me according to thy mercy: That they may know that this is thy hand; that thou, LORD, hast done it.*



Pastor Jacob baptizing. Amen



Pastor Jacob and students of Bethel Baptist Bible Institute



Pastor Jacob and Bethel Baptist Church



Pastor Raju and those recently baptized.