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Dear Friends and Family,

From our family, we bring Christmas greetings to you. May the peace and joy of the birth of our Savior fill your heart as you celebrate His birth. As we look back over the past eleven months of this year, we are so thankful to the Lord for all the wonderful things that He has done in our lives and ministry in Myanmar. We are greatly indebted to you for your faithful and fervent prayer for us. While providing a brief update, we would like to give you a synopsis of the year's activities.

## Church Planting

While the year 2019 was a year of strengthening the four missionaries we have sent out of our local church, our prayer for this year has been to be able to send out another missionary. The Lord has once again proved Himself faithful to us by enabling us to send



out a fine young man, Mr. Saw Michael, to evangelize and plant a Biblebelieving church in Mayan, a Buddhist town. There is a godly

lady in town who has been praying that the Lord would send someone in her town to start a church. She saw Michael come to know her through a friend of his father, who is also a pastor. Since his arrival there, this lady has been a tremendous help in the ministry there.

# **Training Nationals**

We praise the Lord for enabling us to continue equipping young men and women for the ministry and calling to which He has called them. In February, sixteen people graduated from our Bible school. Due to COVID-19, we were not able to resume the regular classes in June. Hoping that the pandemic would be over by the end of July, we prayed and waited on the Lord, that we would be able to welcome the returning and new students in August. By the last week of July, the Lord has made it clear to us that online classes would be the ideal option for training, and we launched our first ever online classes during the first week of August. The classes have been going well so far.

In order to strengthen the graduates, students, faculty and ministers, Pastor Armstrong of Tucson Baptist Church, Tucson, Arizona, was so gracious to host a ministry leadership

conference at the beginning of the year. Each of the thirty team members has made a difference in our lives through their Christlike service. The Spirit-filled messages of the



speakers have made a great impact in our lives. We are thankful to each of them and also to the members of Tucson Baptist for their contributions.

We have not been able to make much progress at the school building project due to shortage in



funds and COVID-19 lockdowns. Some workers have returned to the site, working on the mechanical and electrical systems.

Through the help of Dr. Jim Starr, we have been able to offer a correspondence course known as Truth and Freedom. The Lord has used this tool to reach out to over 700 people throughout the country.

#### Bible Translation

I praise the Lord for enabling me to spend some weeks doing Bible translation workshops. The project that I have been helping is called the Zokam project. Currently, the books of Psalms and Proverbs are being typeset for a trial edition.

### Covid-19 Myanmar

There has been a spike in COVID-19 cases. To date, there are 109,512 cases and 2,292 deaths. The hardest hit city is Yangon, where are serving. Like everywhere else, the pandemic has transformed the way we live, especially the way we worship the Lord on Sundays. Although Sunday worship services are allowed in some parts of the world, no religious gathering is permitted in Yangon. In spite of our inability to meet on Sundays, we are thankful for ZOOM, which allows us to have virtual worship services with our church members every Sunday.

# **Missions Trips**

During the month of February, I traveled to Taunggyi for a three-day mission trip. Taunggyi is the capital of Shan state, which is considered one of the least-reached states in the country. There, Mr. Colin Richards and I met with a dozen national missionaries to encourage them as they are doing evangelism and a churchplanting ministry among the heathen.

I also had the privilege of leading a team of ten men and ladies to hold a week of camp in the Naga Hills. Out of the 150 Goga Nagas who attended, 45 adults and 24 children received Christ as their Lord and Savior. Praise the Lord!



### **Family Front**

By the grace of God, everyone in the family is doing well. Rachel, Becky and Sammy have been able to take online classes. Little Ruth is growing well; she is very excited that she will become a big sister, Lord willing on March 4, 2021. Priscilla has been doing well with the pregnancy, so far. Please pray for a safe delivery.

Thank you so much for your prayer and support during this challenging time. We want you to know that our prayers are with you even as you are going through the uncertainties of the election.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a blessed Happy New Year,

Hung, Priscilla, Rachel, Becky, Sammy and Ruth







