



# The Banfe's Newsletter February 2025



*"Yea, so have I strived to preach the Gospel, not where Christ was named."*

## **GREAT START FOR 2025: Prayer Requests**

We approach this year with expectation that God will bless His work at Mission to Burma. We have a vision but ask you to pray for us for God's vision to be our vision. Our vision entails both reaching the lost and edifying the saints. **REACHING:** First, we have hopes for a doubling of students in our ESL courses. We also pray that by increasing our effort in discipleship in the ESL/Bible school God will bless us with more sheaves to leave at His feet and *added to the church*. Next, we pray that we can continue to support providing Gospel material and Bibles to needy Burmese churches, missionaries, and Christians. We also pray for our radio program to grow and reach many for Christ. Finally, we earnestly supplicate at God's throne for more opportunities to reach youth and pray for His leading as we begin to seek His will for a children's Christian school for refugee children, to provide hope for those caught in a pit of despair. **EDIFYING:** We ask the Lord to help us as we start our new series of Burmese Pastor conferences this year to bring solid Bible doctrine to a land suffering from misleading voices and false doctrine. Please pray for us. What follows is a brief report:

### **English as a Second Language (ESL)/ Bible School:**



Good News! Our outreach has brought us close to 80 students for the Spring Semester 2025. These are 80 mostly young people, many college and high school students, some professionals, Buddhists, Muslim, and cultural Christians who don't know Christ. We have students in Indonesia, Malaysia, Burma, Thailand, Singapore in cities and villages where it is virtually impossible to reach but where there is internet. We have them for 15 weeks of the Gospel with online quizzes and exams, intensely learning the doctrines of our faith. What an opportunity. ESL programs are used all over the world to reach the lost. And this program is intense, using Moodle as an online platform (used by major US universities), with video, speech recognition, online class with me and Sherrie as teachers. We have already seen wonderful fruit and pray that our new focus on increasing our student body, praying with students and discipleship will bear much fruit. This program is quite labor intensive (we have 4 assistants) and we have no direct support for it. Any support the Lord leads you to give will be a blessing.



### **The Pastor Conferences 2025:**

We have two five-day conferences scheduled for this year. The first is on the book of Hebrews, a repeat of last year's successful conference on "Revealing the Mysteries of the Epistle to the Hebrews", in which we cover the entire book of Hebrews including difficult passages. I really enjoy teaching the epistle to the Hebrews. And in November I will be teaching "The Epistle to the Romans: A Theological Study", verse by verse. I have been preparing for this for months and will be ready to open this theological pearl in November.

### **Publications 2025: Just Completed**



PICKUP BOOKLETS AND TRACTS DELIVERED FROM WITHIN MYNMAR PAST THE MILITARY CONTROL POINTS!!



BIBLES, BIBLES, BIBLES GOD'S WORD INTO THE HANDS OF THE HUNGRY AND THIRSTY.

Left is the arrival of the new printing of 17,500 Judson Tracts and Gospel booklets we created, to be distributed to Burmese Pastors, evangelists and missionaries to spread the good news of the Gospel throughout Burma and nearby countries. We have been told that they have been very effective and helpful. To the right are new believers who have likely never had the Word of God in their hands in their lives, now blessed with our restored Judson Bible. We publish our Gospel literature in Burma where we use a clandestine Burmese Christian publisher, who prints these at his risk at a lower cost than we can get in other countries. Publications are costly. Please pray about supporting this ministry..

### **Children's Ministry: Praise for Sweet Fruit: Precious "July"**



What a wonderful story. Her name is July. She is from a Buddhist family. At one point she decided to attend a church in Burma, where she was sadly repeatedly sexually abused by one of the Bible teachers. Her life was in shambles. In the picture, left side, you see her and her mother relating the story to Pastor Moses' wife, weeping and broken. She had never even attended school. Then she started attending MTB's Children's ministry and was showered with love. In fact, one dear woman in our church in the US sent her money for school uniforms and a love offering for her family. God worked His perfect work, and her sorrow turned to joy. She was baptized and is now happily following Jesus. She is attending school now and bringing her friends to hear about Jesus.

*We the Banfe's and those who serve at MTB are so thankful for your love, prayers and support for us and for the lost in the uttermost.*

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