



Myanmar Hope Christian Mission, Inc.

“You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.” - Amy Carmichael

Spring 2022

We Are Back!

It has been over a year since our last newsletter. As you know, since the military took over the government in early February 2021, we have been sending out monthly updates using an email format. However, with this issue we have decided that it is time to return to our normal (quarterly) newsletter format.

In this issue we will be focused on our annual ministry report, compiled by Palal and Kikim, and our annual financial breakdown, compiled by MaryAnn.

As always, we do not publish the actual dollar amounts of your donations to the general public, for numerous reasons. We are not trying to hide anything from you, our loyal partners in ministry, but from the prying eyes of those with nefarious intents. There are many people, both inside Myanmar and here in the US, who could/would cause a lot of problems for Palal and Kikim. We want to limit how much information they have access to in order to limit how much damage they could (potentially) cause.

We do provide the annual dollar amounts to our supporting churches and will provide it to anyone of our supporters who ask. Thank you for understanding.

God bless you, thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter, and we pray that God will shower you with blessings this coming year!

2021 Annual Report

By Dr. Nehkholal (Palal)

Greetings from Myanmar in the precious Name of our Lord Jesus! The year of 2021 was a year of discouragement, distress, fear, Civil War, and many more disasters in our country. We lived under the COVID-19 virus, the lockdowns, and then many of us were the victims of the Civil War starting in February 2021.

The Scripture, “Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thess. 5:16-18) is hard to put into practice in our physical and spiritual journey during this time of disasters and Civil War. Though we walk in the valley of death, Satan could not stop us from doing God’s ministry. God is so good, and He protected us during the whole year.

Here we list some of the major projects which were accomplished with your prayers and generous financial support in 2021. We hope you will enjoy reading about the projects, and we pray for you to see how great our God is and how He is moving forward His Kingdom ministry in Myanmar.

Six New Calves Born at the East/West Garden in 2021

Our herd is increasing year by year. In 2021 six more calves were born in our herd! They are a wonderful blessing to our ministry. Now we have twenty-five cows, bulls, and calves at our farm. We are raising them to provide meals for our conven-

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One of the many new calves at the East/West Garden

tion in the Northwest. Due to COVID-19 and the political crises we cannot hold our convention yet. So, as the number of our farm animals is increasing, we need to make more preparations for raising and feeding them in the future.

HBS Boys Dorm Renovations

We need to rebuild our boys’ dorm as most parts of the building are decaying. We are not yet able to raise the funds for this main project due to the ongoing COVID and political crisis in our country. In the meantime, though, we thought it would be good to renovate just some of the main parts of the decayed building to make it safe to live in.

We replaced some of the decayed structural wooden pillars with concrete. Now they are strong enough to hold the



Installing new windows at the Boys' Dorm

building for a while until we can rebuild. We replaced the steel roofing over the garage and the veranda.

We also replaced the old broken windows, which were installed over twenty-five years ago, with new aluminum frame windows.

After the construction renovation we repainted the whole building. Now our boy's dorm is looking very beautiful, and it is safe for now. This is a very old building and it has decayed over time, so we need to rebuild it eventually.

New Pathway Home Registration

It has been a requirement to create a bank account for the New Pathway Home's registration at the government Economic Bank in Tamu. The Ministry of Social Welfare in Tamu District informed us many times to submit the bank account paperwork since November 2020.

Unfortunately, almost all banks in the whole country have been closed because of the political unrest, and the government bank was only open secretly. However, even during the current political unrest, we were finally able to create a new bank account for the New Pathway Home on March 16, 2021!

Then, because of the political crisis, the Ministry of Social Welfare lost all of our registration documents. We re-submitted our documents a second time on December 30, 2021. We are still waiting to see how the government will

proceed with the registration for the New Pathway Home.

Disaster Relief for Fire Victims

Mr. Ngam Ja Thang and his family lost their house and all of their belongings from a fire at 2:30 am on November 18, 2020. They have five children and were not able to rebuild as they are very poor. We requested help from IDES to rebuild a new house for them. We are so thankful to IDES for the grant received to rebuild a new house for this family.



Disaster struck at 2:30AM

We finished the construction in the first week of January and they moved into the new house on January 7, 2021.

God turned their pain and sorrow into relief and joy! Myanmar Hope also provided them with rice, blankets, cooking utensils, agricultural tools, etc., from our own funds. The family are so blessed with disaster relief funds and the I.D.E.S grant to build their new house and for their new household items.



Delivering the food and other items to the family

Hunger Relief

In 2021 we crossed another remarkable milestone by distributing over 132

tons of rice to 17,710 people. Praise God!

The political crisis has caused a lot of violence and death to many civilians since February 1, 2021. Many people in the countryside were already struggling because of the COVID restrictions, and many people lived without knowing where their food would come from for their families.

Indeed, God heard the cries of His children every day. He kept His promise, found in the Gospel of Matthew: "Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?" (Matthew 6:26).



A mother taking food home to her family

We are so thankful to every individual and church for their compassion and generous donations for feeding the neediest people in our country. Over seventeen thousand people were relieved of hunger. May God bless everyone as they donated funds for the needy ones!

Elephant Foot Yam Project

In 2021 we provided thirteen acres of yam bulbils to nineteen families in three villages: Sulpi village, Khampat Town, and Thingpel village.

We purchased the bulbils in Mindat Town, southern Chin State, and transported them by truck to Sulpi village in



Yam bulbils ready to be picked

northern Chin State. It took us many days to transport the bulbils due to the COVID restrictions.

First we transported the bulbils from Mindat to Mandalay, then from Mandalay to Khamapat, and then finally to Sulpi.

On April 21, 2021, Kikim and I, along with our volunteers, went up to Sulpi village where we held a meeting with the villagers to organize and discuss the elephant foot yam bulbils distribution and planting. We distributed nine acres of bulbils to seventeen families in Sulpi village. We also agreed to allow them to cultivate two acres for the Sulpi Community Farm.

We also distributed one acre of bulbils to Mr. Pa Mang from Khamapat, and one acre to Mr. Say Khom from Thingpel village. In total, we distributed thirteen acres of bulbils to nineteen families.

This is a project which they wanted to start many years ago, but they could not afford to as they all are very poor and could not afford to purchase the



Clearing the land

bulbils. They believe this project will help them to increase their incomes for their food and living expenses. They need to wait two more years to harvest the elephant foot yams.

Thank you to all donors who sent funds to start this project for these families who live under extreme poverty. We are especially thankful to Mason City Christian Church, Mason City, Illinois, for their special ongoing donation for this project. We are going to expand this project to many more families in 2022 because of these love gifts.

Seeds of Hope Coffee Project

In January 2021, we began preparing coffee seedlings for our second year planting. Our two volunteers, Mr. Pa Mang and Mr. Pao No, organized all of the projects— constructing the shade shelter, planting the coffee seedlings, and distributing the seedlings to the villagers.



Planting coffee seeds

In July of 2021 we distributed 15,707 coffee sprouts to twenty-six families in four villages: Sulpi, Jonglon, Aishi and Khamapat! This is the second year of our coffee sprouts distribution in the Sulpi area. They were able to expand their coffee farms planted in 2020 and plant new farms.

Then in July they distributed 15,707 new coffee sprouts to twenty-six families in four villages: nineteen families in

Sulpi village, one family in Jonglon village, three families in Aishi village, and three families in Khamapat Town.



Mr. Pao No helps oversee our Coffee Project

Thank you to everyone who donates funds to our Seeds of Hope project! These new coffee farms will provide ongoing income to these families and will enable them to avoid working in the opium fields. Praise God!

You can learn more about the Seeds of Hope project at our website:

<https://myanmarhope.org/seeds-hope>

New Hope Prison Outreach

Our New Hope Prison Outreach (NHPO) committee visited the outreach and made a list of needed items for people staying at the Guest House.

They then went back and convinced the leaders from our fellowship of churches to raise the funds to buy the needed items.

The churches responded and in March of 2021 the committee was able to purchase:

- Four blankets
- Two bed sheets
- One rug
- One small table
- Five plastic chairs
- Two plastic storage boxes
- Four bamboo mats

- Four mosquito nets
- Six pillows with covers

Clean Water Projects

In 2021 we put in two new wells, one at New Kanan Church, and one at Homalin Church. The congregations from New Kanan and Homalin are very thankful for the clean water sources for their communities!

New Kanan Church Well

The water project at New Kanan took nineteen days, from April 29 to May 17. The team used a drilling machine to digging the well. They got clean water at 200 feet. Then they repaired an abandoned water tank that was built in 2008. It can store up to 1,500 gallons of water.



Digging the well at New Kanan

They use the church’s 12 hp generator to pump the water up to store in the tank. The villagers are so happy as they now can get water from the church campus and their abandoned water tank was able to be reused for water storage. This project was a great success!

Homalin Church Well

The new well at Homalin Church is a great blessing for the church and its nearby community. The well is 45 feet deep and was dug by hand. It took about three weeks to complete. It was completed on June 1st, 2021.

The Homalin congregation had been praying for a well for many years, but they could never afford to pay for a well by themselves. Now they have a new well and their prayers have been answered by God!



Putting in the well at Homalin

It is a great testimony for all in Homalin and New Kanan congregations. We thank God for His wonderful provision for the needs of His children. We are so thankful to I.D.E.S. for their grants for these water projects!

New Air Conditioners at HBS

We have installed four 2 HP Chigo AirCon units on the fourth floor of HBS. We use this room for our worship center and for large group activities.

The total for the floor is now 8 HP, which was recommended by the inspection team. The total cost for the installations was \$3,382. This cost included the prices for the AC units, installation charges, all accessories and parts, transportation, and some additional electrical wiring that was required.

We used HBS funds for this installation. We are so thankful for the AC installation on the fourth floor! We can’t wait to hold more worship services with our HBS students and staff when they arrive back in Yangon.



New air-con units installed

Please pray for our country to get back to a normal situation so that our families will be able to send their children to Yangon to attend school without fear!

Medical Care

MyHope provided the funds for three boys and one girl to receive eye care at the optical clinic in Kalay. They are Mr. Thang San Min Len from Mantou village, Mr. Sei Vang Len from Mantou village, Miss Hat Nei Lhing from Joujang village, and Mr. Pao Chin Hao from Phailen village.

Two of them were able to get their eyesight back. One will need further treatment when he is older, and one can no longer get back his eyesight.



Mr Sei Vang Len of Mantou Village

Mr. Thang San Min Len (12 years old) received good treatment for his left eye in Kalay and he received a pair of prescription eyeglasses. He is doing good with the medicine and his new eyeglasses. He can now see things clearly with his new eyeglasses! He is very thankful. The ophthalmologist told him that he will be doing good with his eyeglasses.

Mr. Sei Vang Len (12 years old) needs to have a cornea transplant when he is older. The ophthalmologist told us that Mr Sei Vang Len has a 50% possibility of recovering his sight with the operation. He will refer him to a hospi-



Miss Lhing Nei Hat of Joujang Village

tal in Mandalay or Yangon when he is older. He will need to get a cornea transplant from a deceased donor.

Miss Lhing Nei Hat took a three day journey from her remote village, Joujang, to the eye clinic in Kalay . The ophthalmologist examined her eyes and told her that she should have consulted an ophthalmologist five years earlier!

The Ophthalmologist prescribed a medicine, “Carofit,” and a pair of eyeglasses. With her new eyeglasses she is doing very well and she can see things clearer than before. Her eyes are feeling much better (reduced eye pain). She and her family are very happy that she could go to the ophthalmologist, as they have been praying for this for many years. Now her prayer was answered and she is so thankful to God!

Mr. Pao Chin Hao (16 years old) is from Phailen village. He went to Kalay



Mr. Pao Chin Hao with the new cows

in September 2021 and had surgery on his left eye, and then on his right eye. Unfortunately he could not regain his eyesight! The ophthalmologist told his family it was too late to save his eyes, and he will remain blind. They were very sad and feet very bad. He had hope for his future, but then he lost his hope.

Myanmar Hope wanted to show him and his family the love of Christ, so even after paying for all of his travel and medical expenses, we provided his family with more funds to purchase two cows. They will raise and breed these cows to provide Mr. Pao Chin with a future income. Now, he has a new hope for his future!

New Furniture for Hope Preschool

Our Hope Preschool teachers needed a cupboard to keep their educational papers and school supplies. In August we purchased a new teakwood cupboard and a small teakwood table for the preschool. Now they have a place to organize and store their books all the educational supplies, and the teachers have a new desk on which to do their work.

(Editor’s Note: In 2022 we are building a new building at the Hope Preschool Campus! See the story later in this issue.)

Oxygen Concentrators

As many COVID patients were dying due to the lack of oxygen in Yangon we thought it would be good to have an oxygen concentrator on hand in case another COVID outbreak occurs. We purchased two oxygen concentrators, one for Hope Boarding School in Yangon and another one for the New Pathway Home in Tamu.

My wife, Kikim was affected by the COVID in the second wave and it took her about three months to fully recover. Starting on February 4th, 2021, she was alone under quarantine for five weeks on the fourth floor. It made us so afraid

because so many people in our city had died and were dying of the virus every day. We really thank our God that Kikim recovered from the virus!

In the third wave of the virus, about two hundred pastors in Chin State, Sagaing, and Yangon died from the virus. Many families who live around us were affected and we were able to deliver food and vitamin supplements to them from our COVID Relief Funds.

One of the main causes of death was insufficient supply of oxygen. The military shut down all of the oxygen stores and companies and confiscated all oxygen tanks for their own use. Because families could not get oxygen, many people died.

Thankfully, NONE of our New Pathway Home residents or staff were affected the virus! Even though they are elderly and at very high risk, and even though the virus was killing people all around them, God protected them all.



People stood in line for hours waiting to get oxygen tanks re-filled. [Photo courtesy Myanmar Now]

We have the two oxygen concentrators on hand now in case of another virus outbreak. We pray that we will never have to use them.

Motorcycles for Pastors

In 2021 we purchased two motorcycles for two pastors, Pastor Tong Kho Jang (Vokso) and Pastor Hawl Ja Pao (Homalin) to help them in sharing the Gospel in the villages in the Homalin Area.

Motorcycles are used as the main transportation everywhere. This is one

of our most needed projects for our pastors in the northwest for their ministry service.



Pastor Alex with his new motorbike

Pastor Tong Kho Jang (Alex) is a new young minister at Vokso Christian Church. The late Mr. Dou Sei, formerly the pastor of Vokso, passed away on October 14th. Alex took over as pastor on October 30, 2021. Pastor Alex and his family moved to Vokso village on January 29 of this year. Alex and his family love to serve the church and the congregation at Vokso is very comforted by his dedication.

Pastor Hawl Ja Pao (Joel) and his family moved to Homalin from Tamu on October 27, 2021, in order to serve all of our churches in Homalin and Layshi Township. He assists Pastor Ngam Hao, our senior leader in charge of our fellowship of churches in the area. Ngam Hao is now an old man, and he greatly



Pr. Joel, wife Kimboi, and family preparing to move to Homalin to do the work of ministry

needs and appreciates the help of our younger leaders.

Our two co-workers, Pastor Tong Kho Jang (Alex) and Pastor Hawl Ja Pao (Joel) are very thankful for the new motorcycles for their ministries! They can easily visit the families and the churches in their areas with the new motorcycles.

East/West Garden

In April 2021 we added 200 new/additional banana trees at our farm! The local people called this variety "Brazil Bananas." Our workers prepared the land, dug the holes, and planted the new banana trees during April 22-29, 2021.

We love adding any kind of seeds and new varieties of fruit and nut trees. We now have bananas, mangoes, cashews, tamarinds, lemons, and many more.



Brazil Banana Trees at the East/West Garden

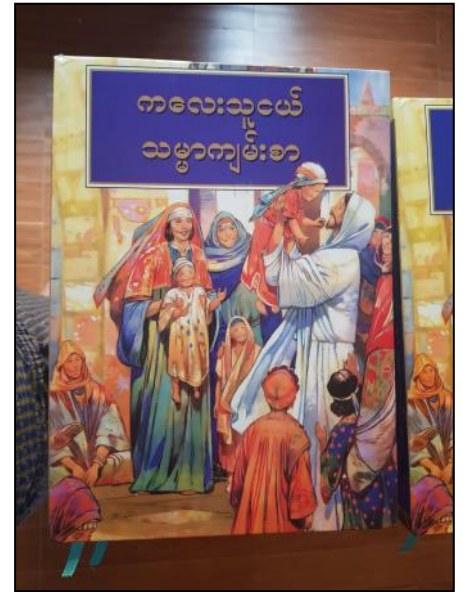
Childrens Bibles

We received a special donation from Adam and Annie Hamerlinck in honor of their lovely miracle daughter Miss Virginia Sue (Ginnie) Hamerlinck. She was born on May 6, 2021.

With these funds, we purchased 100 copies of "The Children Bible" in Burmese and many more adult bibles for the families at the Wetinpauk IDP (Internally Displaced Peoples) Camp.

We distributed the childrens bibles to our Hope Boarding Students living in their villages. Because of the virus restrictions our students could not meet in one place to receive the Bibles, so we sent them to their villages through our

volunteer network. We are praising God for Ginnie, and we are so thankful for the funds for the new Bibles.



Children's Bible in Burmese

We also shared some copies of the Children's Bible to the Sunday school teachers in some local churches in the northwest. As it was/is not safe to meet in one place, we sent copies to several locations through our volunteer network: Khampat town, Bokkan village, Tamu, Homalin, Maingdaing village, and Jangnoi village.

They are all very happy for these wonderful gifts! This project blessed our HBS students and many children at our local churches. This will help increase their knowledge of the Bible and help lead them to spiritual maturity.

2021 Village Christmas Meals

God is faithful to His children! Because of your donations we could provide Christmas meals for 203 (two hundred and three churches) in 2021! We are so thankful to so many generous friends who donated funds for this important project.

This year, everyone was living under great fear because of the Civil War. In the whole country churches were ordered to remain closed, and not many were able to gather together for Christmas. Also because of the virus re-



Celebrating Christmas together at one of the remote villages (name withheld for security)

strictions still in place, the people were living with great hunger.

So many congregations were in great need of help! The VCM project provided meals for over two hundred poor villages and their families.

Because of the unrest, most churches could not join for meals at church. In these places, the elders prepared the meat at the church and the congregations came one by one to receive their meals, which they took back home. They had their Christmas meals at their homes with just their family members. This is very different for us, as we usually all celebrate Christmas together as a church or village.

Because of the love of God and our many generous friends in America, so many poor families could have Christmas meals this year! Praise God. We are so thankful to all of you for your love and your love gifts for the Christmas meals. May God bless everyone and pour out many more blessings upon you all.

Conclusion

As Johnson Oatman wrote in a hymn:

"When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed, When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost, Count your many blessings, name them one by one, And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done."

All the blessings which we received in 2021 really surprised us! His blessings continually remind us that Myanmar Hope Christian Mission is His ministry. We know that He will continue leading and guiding us and He will be doing many more wonderful works in the future.

The Civil War has not ended yet. It will take many more years to settle all of the fighting, and we know that our people will be suffering more and more. Please continue praying for Myanmar Hope Christian Mission, that we will be able to help the needy ones in His Name, and that we will have open doors to continue preaching and teaching the Good News to all the people.

Thank you and God bless you all.

Nehkholal Khongsai (Palal)
February 2022

Hope Preschool New Construction

In early 2020, before the COVID hit, our preschool was audited and inspected by the local administrative authorities in Tamu. The preschool passed all of the inspections except for the amount of space we had for the number of children enrolled. The chief inspector said that we had to reduce our enrollment for the next school year.

Then COVID hit, and all of the schools were forced to close, so the next school year did not start. Then, in February of 2022 the military coup occurred, followed by the uprisings and Civil War, which is ongoing as we write this.

Fighting broke out in and around Tamu, and no schools in the area have yet to be opened. The opposition forces have warned all residents to avoid using any government owned or operated facilities, which includes schools. Anyone who violates their orders is liable to be killed, and many people have been.

Because of the fighting and the threats from both sides in the conflicts, most parents are afraid to send their children to any kind of school, whether or not it is operated by the government.



During this time of no school, we are taking advantage of the opportunity by expanding our facilities. We are constructing a new building on the preschool campus which will more than double the amount of space available for classrooms! We are hoping and praying that the schools will be able to re-open in June when the next school year starts. We will be ready to accept even more children into our preschool, thanks to the generous donations which are allowing us to build! Thank you and God bless you!

Hunger Relief

Even though the worst part of COVID is behind us, the Civil War has still prevented people from living a normal life. Even under normal conditions, most people in the northwest live in poverty. Now

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- Amy Carmichael



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many villages have been cut off and the people really suffer. In addition, we help hundreds of families living in refugee conditions with regular distributions of food and other aid. Hopefully in our next newsletter we can give more details about the great work going on in one large camp north of Yangon where Palal and Kikim distribute food, preach the Gospel, teach the Christians, and provide aid and comfort for the people.

From all of us at Myanmar Hope Christian Mission, we want to say "Thank you." We cannot say it enough!

God bless you all for your regular donations and especially for your many prayers. We could not be doing this work without you and your faithful partnership.



Your donations are helping to keep these families alive

Most Pressing Needs:

- COVID Hunger Relief\$30 per bag of rice
- Monthly Sponsors for Widows\$50
- Monthly Sponsors for Families\$30
- Monthly Sponsors for Pastors\$60
- Motorcycles for Pastors\$800
- Monthly Sponsors for Khongsai Family
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- Coffee Project..... Any amount
- Elephant Yam Project Any amount

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