

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

Winter/Spring 2024

Greetings

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus our Messiah.

The latest news out of Myanmar is not good. Last week the military government issued a statement that the Mandatory Military Service Law, passed in 2010 but never really enforced, would now be enforced.

This law states that any male aged 18 to 35, and any female aged 18 to 27, is required to serve in the armed forces for at least two years, but up to five years. Evasion of the law is punishable with a prison sentence up to five years. Specialists (doctors, engineers, etc.) can be conscripted up to age 45.

This new announcement has sparked widespread panic among the people. Since the civil war began there has been a flood of young people leaving the country to work in other countries. Now the flood has become a torrent.

Up until now an official job offer letter, a valid passport, and a visa were required to leave the country to work elsewhere (mainly Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, and Japan). Now, the government has informed employment agencies and agents to stop all foreign recruiting efforts. I think they will soon also stop approving visas and passports.

Any young person who does not already have a passport, visa, and offer letter in hand are now forced to remain in Myanmar. This means that the thousands of young people currently attempting to leave the country for work, but are too poor to afford the bribes required to get out illegally, are now stuck and are prime targets for conscription.

How does this affect Myanmar Hope? Obviously, many of the students now attending Hope Boarding School, and many of our former students, are in danger. We don't know what will happen, and so all we can do is pray for their protection.

Will you, too, pray for them? Please pray that the HBS campus will be surrounded by a strong hedge of protection to keep out the agents of the enemy. Please pray that our young people will be surrounded by holy angels of God to protect them when they have to leave the campus, while they are away from the campus, and while they return. And please pray for them every day if you can.

Thank you and God bless you.
Chuck and MaryAnn Cherry



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2023 Year In Review 1

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Palal and Kikim Khongsai

Palal and Kikim's 2023 Year in Review

Dear MyHope Friends and Supporters,

We are so happy to give you our 2023 year-end report. We confess that this is the Lord's Ministry. MyHope is a ministry based on faith and hope in Christ. We strongly believe that God knows our needs and He is providing for all of them. We humbly confess that we are devoting our hearts and lives to serving others and are extending our hands to the needlest ones in His Name.

This year, though we walked through the valley of death because of the civil war, God has kept us safe and continues to use us to serve the neediest poor families in Myanmar. In 2023, by God's grace and with His and your help, we were able to accomplish many wonderful things. We



Vokso Christian Church—Village Christmas Meal

would like all of you to know that our prayers have been answered and we have seen them with our own eyes.

Village Christmas Meals for 156 Villages

The annual Village Christmas Meals (VCM) project has been a great blessing for our local congregations and villagers since we started this project in 2007. This year, we received VCM funds for 156 villages! Praise God. We tried very hard to connect with the most needy churches and villages across the whole country.

We distributed Christmas meals funds to 156 churches and villages. We helped the most needed congregations and villagers from Yangon Region, Mandalay Region, Magway Region, Sagaing Region, Irrawaddy Region, Shan State, Karen Sate, Chin State, and Nay Pyi Daw.

Some of the churches received their VCM funds while they were living as war refugees in India. All of the people in Myanmar and India were so thankful for the extra help they received at Christmas for food. It was a glimmer of light and hope for them in these dark times.



Zedy Church Dedication

Seven New Church Buildings Constructed

We are currently partnering directly with thirty-two churches in our country. We support them with financial love gifts for the pastors and elders each month.

Besides supporting pastors and elders, our churches need to rebuild their old and ruined buildings. These were constructed with lumber and bamboo which does not last. Many of them have rotten floors and walls, the roofs are leaky, and the wind and the rain comes in very easily. Another problem with the old bamboo and wood buildings is that they can be destroyed by the government very easily, and they are also very susceptible to the many fires which ravage our villages.



Monjong Christian Church

Unfortunately, our congregations are too poor and they cannot afford to rebuild the churches on their own.

Last year we were the glad recipients of funds from Woodlawn Christian Church's GlobalFest project. With these funds we could rebuild seven new church buildings, and we are still waiting to rebuild two more.

We must wait for the civil war to end or to settle down enough that we can safely begin construction for Bokkan Christian Church and Homalin Christian Church.

The names of the seven churches which we rebuilt with the GlobalFest funds in 2023 are the following:



Shwepyita Christian Church—Old Building

- Munnomjang Christian Church (dedicated on 5/7/23)
- Shwepyita Christian Church (6/8/23)
- Mongjang Christian Church (6/28/23)
- Vokso Christian Church (8/20/23)
- Maingdaungphai Christian Church (10/15/23)
- Zedy Christian Church (11/3/23)
- Wetinpauk Guest House/Parsonage (11/12/23)

Our congregations from each church are praising God and they are growing in faith every week as they worship God in their new buildings. They see that God is able and He has answered their humble prayers. Hallelujah!

Hope Boarding School Forty-One Current Students

One of our main goals is to educate the younger generation from the poorest families so that they might escape the chains of extreme poverty and embrace God as their LORD and Savior!

Since we started HBS in 2010 we have helped and educated one hundred thirty-eight students from forty villages in the northwest region.

One dozen students began attending Dagon University and Kalay University, but they could not continue their education due to the ongoing Civil War. Many of them left Myanmar and are now working in the neighboring countries of Singapore and Malaysia and are supporting their families back from their



Hope Boarding School—Class of 2023-24

incomes. One of our former students worked very hard to study and learn the Japanese language and culture, and is now working in Japan in a very good position. Another of our former students is currently working toward the same goal.

This academic year (2023-2024), we have forty-one students and six staff at Hope Boarding School. We have just a few former students, but mostly new students. Because of the COVID lockdowns, and then civil war, they were unable to attend any schooling for over two years. During that time of suffering and fear, they grew a lot physically, and they also came to understand the great value of attending school. So some of them, who might have been difficult students in the past, are now studying diligently and are very dedicated to achieving an education.

They study very hard and most of them pass their tests with the highest marks, at the "A" level. We pray that they will be successful in their studies.

We are doing very well with our cur-



Replacing the roof on the Girls' Dorm

rent students. We give thanks to you all for supporting our students and staff.

Physical Renovations

In the Girls' Dormitory we replaced the roof. The former construction team did not install the metal roofing correctly, and because of that it was leaking in many places. We prayed and waited patiently to replace it. God answered our prayers and thankfully we could finally replace it. We began the installation on March 10, 2023 and finished it on March 17, 2023. It took us eight days! Praise God.

The unstable power situation in Yangon has caused many problems for electrical appliances. We frequently experience brown-outs, black-outs, and power surges.

The unstable power damaged our refrigerator's compressor in the Spring of 2023, rendering it unusable. We finally found the right compressor in the first week of July and replaced it on July 7th. Now it is working again!

The frequent flooding in our community damaged two air-compressor pumps which we use to pump the water from our well up to the water tank on the roof of the Girls Dorm. Thank God that we were able to purchase two new air compressors to replace them.

In our HBS Worship Center on the fourth floor of the Girls Dorm we usually have about eighty worshippers every Sunday. The HBS campus is used for prayer meetings and as a gathering place for the Kuki people living in Yangon. We did not have enough chairs to accommodate everyone, especially when there is a special meeting. (On Thanksgiving there were over 250 people attending.) We were able to purchase one hundred additional plastic chairs for our worship services and social gatherings. Now we have enough chairs for our worship services each week.

Wall Fans Installed

In July we installed ten new wall fans for our students and staff:

- Four fans for girls quarters
- Three for boys quarters
- Two fans for the dining hall
- Two fans for the third floor of the Girls Dorm building

Girls Dormitory: Renovations Needed

There are still several items of renovation that are necessary to be completed in the near future.

Replace Ceiling on 4th Floor—because of the leaking roof, parts of the ceiling need to be replaced, and the ceiling and parts of the walls need to be repainted. Cost: \$800.

Outdoor Toilet Facility for the Girls—the indoor toilets are not adequate for the number of girls we house in the dormitory. We need to build an additional outhouse to accommodate all of our female students. Cost: \$850.

450 gallon water tank—a new water tank is needed to accommodate the girl's toilet and the washing machine. Our current water tanks do not hold enough water for all of our needs. Cost: \$650.

New Well—we need an additional well to be drilled on our campus property. Our current well is insufficient to supply all of our water needs, especially

during the dry season. Cost includes the drilling, installation, air compressor, plumbing, etc. Cost: \$1,700.

Total amount needed for all renovations: \$4,000.

Boys Dormitory: Complete Overhaul Needed

Our Boys Dorm/Kitchen/Garage building is very old. It was the original building which we used when we started HBS in 2010. It was in very bad shape when we purchased the property, and we did what we could at the time to stabilize the structure and make it safe and livable for our students and staff.



The original HBS building in 2010

Since then we have made continual repairs, renovations, and expansions as we were able to. However, the building is so old and unstable that we are concerned that it might not survive a whole lot longer. We are especially concerned that it would not do well in the event of



The foundation is crumbling.

an earthquake.

Another big problem with the building happens when it floods in North Dagon, something that happens more and more often as the city infrastructure continues to degrade because of the war. Each summer during rainy season we experience floods, and the foundation level of the old building is not high enough to keep the water out. This causes problems for us in many ways—our dining room and kitchen are on the ground floor of this building, as are the refrigerators and freezers. The flooding also causes problems with our well pumps.



Flooding in the Boys' Dorm

We have been thinking about and praying about what to do with the Boys' Dorm for many years. We are still praying and thinking about it. The building needs a complete overhaul, or better, to be demolished and rebuilt from the ground up. This would be, of course, a very expensive undertaking.

Would you please pray with us for this project? It is not something that we can start and work on a little at a time; we would need to have at least the majority of the funds on hand before we could even think about starting such a project. God has been very faithful to supply all of our needs in the past, and we know that He will continue to supply what we need. We trust that in His proper time the necessary funds will be made available to us.

Thank you for praying and trusting God with us about this project.

Hope Preschool: Fifteen Current Students

The parents of the preschool-aged children in Namihan Community (in the hot war zone) requested that we reopen Hope Preschool. So we did that June 12th, 2023, for the new school year of 2023-24. Fifteen students enrolled for classes.

The Government school in Namihan has remained closed because of the civil war. We are very thankful that we could re-start our preschool in June and complete the semester in December. Praise God for His protection!

We are also thankful to our two teachers: Ms. Lucy and Ms. Hoi Kho Neng, for their dedication and for loving, protecting, and teaching the children during the several attacks on the community during the semester.

When fighting breaks out near the HPS campus, our teachers will calmly lead the children to a safe place and wait it out. For example, they sometimes take shelter in the office building underneath the large bed in the guest room. When they are sure that fighting has ceased, they go back to the school



Hope Preschool Class of 2024

room and continue their classes.

Family Support Program

MyHope is supporting 104 poor people every month. It is a great blessing for those who do not have any job nor income for their living. They are widows, widowers, disabled, the sick, and the poor families. They use the funds mainly for their food, and sometimes they use the fund for buying medicines when they get sick. Beside from our monthly support for 104 persons, we also helped others, who asked us for food as a one-time gift.



Miss Pa Hat receiving Family Support

It is safe to say that the Family Support Program has kept many people alive who would long ago have died from hunger, disease, or exposure.

For example, Miss Pa Hat, who suffered from polio as a child, was dependent on hand-outs from friends and neighbors in her village, all of whom were themselves living in extreme poverty. She has a lovely singing voice, and friends would carry her around to different churches to sing, and hopefully get some rice or a few dollars with which to buy food.

We brought her onto the Family Support Program early on, in 2007. Every month since then she has received either food or funds, along with occasional other gifts provided by her sponsor. One time she received a new mattress for her hut, and the entire village celebrated with her. She was the poorest among them, yet she was the first to ever have a mattress to sleep on!

She is strong and healthy now, and except for the fact that she cannot use her lower body, she is in good shape. She is one example among hundreds that we could share about who has been helped by the Family Support Program.

Pastor/Elder Support Program

MyHope is serving thirty-two local churches in Myanmar. We provide financial assistance for forty pastors and elders (twenty-eight pastors and twelve elders) each month. Local congregations try to support their pastors and elders, but they are so poor themselves that they cannot support them. MyHope adds an additional amount of money for their monthly love gifts.

These love gifts enable the pastors and elders to spend more time doing the work of the Lord: preparing sermons, visiting the sick, caring for their flocks, etc. If not for the additional help they receive, they would have to work long hours in the fields and would have no time or energy to do the things that pastors and elders are supposed to do. They and their congregations are all extremely thankful for the help they receive.



Tamu area pastors and elders praying over the

Hope Theological Seminary Land Purchased

We are so thankful as we finally were able to purchase the land for our future HTS building in December 2023. In 2019, we started Hope Theological Seminary (HTS) to train and equip the younger generations to enter the leadership ministry of the Church. We used the Namihan Christian Church building and campus for our classes and dormitory as we did not have any property or buildings yet for the seminary.



Our first class of students at HTS

Our primary reason for opening the Seminary is to train and equip younger generations to serve Christ and His congregations in the future. We are currently serving over thirty local churches in Myanmar. Many of the current ministers are in their older ages and the churches need younger men and women who can continue the work of ministry in the future.

We have enough funds left from the land purchase to put a brick fence around the property. This will be completed sometime in the near future; right now there is a lack of building materials available because of the civil war.

Funds for Medical Treatment

Mr. Jang Kho Len and Mr. Sei Kho Kam from Jangnoi village both needed emergency medical treatment for severe infections. They could not get proper treatment because they are so poor.

With the financial help from MyHope they came down to Homalin on October 20th. Both went under surgery by the Orthopedist in Homalin from October 20th to November 3rd. They are so blessed as the operations went very well. They went home with great joy, praising God for His goodness and thanking all of the donors for their financial support for our medical funds.



A terrible foot infection

Mr. Jangsei of Joljam Village had cataracts in both eyes and was nearly blind. He could not go to the ophthalmologist because of his extreme poverty. With fund from MyHope donors he came down to Homalin from Joljam Village. From there he took a flight to Yangon and then to Monyaw. There he had cataract surgery on both eyes and now he can see very well! He is so happy and praising God for regaining his eyesight.

In Yangon, we host many people who are sick and are preparing to go to a hospital, and also those who have been released from hospitalization. The Hospitals in Tamu, Bokkan, and Khampat have all closed due to the Civil War. Because of this many sick people have no place to get medical treatment. Those who have very serious cases sometimes scrape together enough money to come to Yangon for medical treatment.

In 2023 we had many patients from Tamu, Khampat, and Layshi towhships who came down to Yangon and asked us for help with arranging medical appointments with the doctors, meeting with the specialists, getting their treatments and medicines, and for their operations at Pinlon Hospital and Children Hospital in Yangon.

As I am usually so busy all the time for our ministry, my inclination is to deny hosting them; but as they do not know anything about health care in Yangon, we just help them as we are able. We also help them by providing food and transportation along with a place to sleep and rest.

Among the many sick, I just list here a few of their names, villages, and the periods of their staying with us in Yangon.

- Mr. Hem Khan Son, from Bangala (Jan. 14-March 11, 2023)
- Miss Tin Hoi Vah from Namihan (Jan. 18 to March 15, 2023)
- Mrs. Dim Kho Nei from Khampat (Jan. 31 to April 4, 2023)
- Daw Lhing Ja Neng from Jonglon (April 1 to April 15, 2023),
- Mr. Sei Kho Let from Twidimjang (April 6 to 18, 2023),
- Miss Neng Khen Chin from Valpabung (Sept. 18 to 29, 2023),
- Ms. Dim Hoi from Namihan (Nov. 30, 2023 to Jan. 7, 2024),
- Ms. Dim Kho Nei from Khampat (Dec. 7, 2023 until today, Jan. 10, 2024),
- Ms. Lam Nei Chong from Twidimjang (December to January 2024)
- Ms. Neng Nei Kim from Twidimjang (December to January 2024)
- Mr. Dou On from Namihan (October 11st, 2023 to until today)
- Ms. Nem Za Chin from Namihan (October 11st, 2023 to until today)

Among the many sick, I just listed some of their names and villages above and the period of their staying at HBS in Yangon. Many others who come to Yangon stay at rental houses or apartments, but they still come to us for help with other things.

New Pathway Home for Widows

This year, we have eleven resident widows and three fulltime staff mem-

bers at the New Pathway Home. Last year, when the fighting around the home was the most intense, some of our widows left as they were afraid of the attacks and the bombing.

Eventually many of them returned, because they realized it is actually safer for them to be at the NPH than back in their villages. Also, they could not get the kind of love, care, and support in their villages that they receive at the NPH. Unfortunately, two of the widows died after they returned to their villages.

Another thing that has happened since we opened the New Pathway Home: many Christians in the Tamu area have taken it upon themselves to help provide for and care for the ladies at the home. Every month people make donations to the home in honor of their birthday, or some other special event in their lives. They will donate food, money, furniture, or some other items that the ladies can use.

Other groups come to the NPH and conduct Bible studies and worship services with our ladies. It is a very wonderful thing to witness. The New Pathway Home is the only home of its kind in northwest Myanmar, and many Christians and non-Christians are aware of it and are very happy to help support it.

New Steel Gate

Using funds donated locally, we could install a new steel gate with concrete pillars. The former gate was constructed with wooden pillars, a wooden frame, and very thin corrugate tin. It was decayed and did not work properly.



New gate at the New Pathway Home

With this new steel gate, our residents and staff feel much safer.

We hired Mr. Khai Jong, our choir director/stand-up comedian, to paint the lettering on the sign. His trade is stone cutter and sign painter, and he is very good at what he does. He has done other good work for us in the past.

New Hard Wood Floors

The NPH floor was just bare concrete covered with a very thin linoleum. With local donations, we purchased hardwood lumber in 2022 and then left it to dry for one year. In 2023 we hired expert workers to cut the boards and install the hardwood throughout the ground floor.

This new floor is much safer and more comfortable for our residents and staff. Also it is very beautiful to look at.



New hardwood floors at the NPH

Housing Refugees

In January of this year we began allowing several refugee families to stay at the NPH as they were forced to flee their homes due to fighting. They are all very thankful for the safe place and for the food they are being provided with while there.



Refugee families at NPH

Drinking Water Projects at Three Villages

Thanks to a grant from International Disaster Emergency Services (IDES), over two hundred forty people from three villages, Thingnel Village, Kolkang Village, and Manly Village now have access to clean water for drinking, cooking, and bathing! Praise God!

At Thingnel Village we hired masonry workers, who used stones instead of bricks to build the water tank. The stones work well, and are easy to obtain. Bricks are harder to purchase and transport now because of the civil war.



Fetching water at Thingpel Village

They laid the rocks and stones carefully and secured them with sand and cement, and in this way they built a new water tank. Using PVC piping, water is transported from a nearby stream which fills the new water tank. The villagers (nine families) go to the water tank and fill up containers which they carry back to their homes for the day.

At Kolkang Village we hired masonry workers who used the same process to build a new water storage tank for the village. The villagers (twenty-seven families) now have easy access to clean water!

At Manly Village, we hired a team of men who make their living by hand digging wells in that region. They dug down fifty-seven feet! The well is on the land belonging to Manly Christian Church. The congregation of Manly Christian Church,



Well diggers at Manly Village and all families surrounding the church, are able to get clean water from this well.

Harvest of Talents H.O.T. Grants

We have been so blessed by the IDES Harvest of Talents every year. Last year, in 2023, we received \$10,800 to feed the hungry. Because of the Civil War—firefights, bombings, land mines, targeted assassinations, and so forth—most villagers are too afraid to go out into the fields to work their farmland. In addition,

many people fled from their homes to villages and illegal refugee camps in India. They have lost their homes, their jobs and incomes,



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and their sources of food.

In 2023, with the H.O.T. funds combined with funds from MyHope donors, we provided over forty thousand meals to over two thousand one hundred people in twelve refugee camps, villages and villages. The H.O.T. funds also help us feed the children at Hope Boarding School in Yangon.

Hunger Relief from Mason City Church

In 2023, we provided about seventy thousand meals to the refugees and starving villagers from thirty villages with the funds provided by Mason City Christian Church and the MyHope Hun-

ger Relief funds.

A few years ago, under the leadership of Adam and Annie Hammerlink, Mason City Christian Church began supporting our Yam Project on a monthly basis. That project was doing very well until the civil war hit the region. After that, the villagers were too afraid to go outside of their villages into the fields to care for the crops due to the many landmines which were planted by both sides in the conflict. As a result, the yams have all died or gone wild.

The people still needed help, though, even more than before. Now the funds from Mason City are combined with the funds from our Hunger Relief Fund and are used to provide much needed food and supplies for these and other villages.

The ongoing Civil War has caused so many people to be in desperate situations. Many people are hopeless and full of despair. They are facing attacks and killing every day in the whole region. Many of these people, especially young children and the elderly, would starve to death without the help we are providing them. They have no other source of help from any agencies, NGOs, or their government.

God bless the congregation of Mason City Christian Church for their generosity and faithful dedication to helping the poor in Myanmar.



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Solomon's Education at Johnson University

We are so thankful to God and to Johnson University, Knoxville, Tennessee, for giving our son Solomon a wonderful opportunity to advance his education! The university accepted him and even offered some financial scholar-



Solomon Khongsai at Johnson University, Knoxville, Tennessee

ships for his study at JU. He is taking a dual four-year program, Bible/Theology and Business Administration.

Solomon left Yangon on December 6th, 2023, and arrived in Seattle on December 7th. Before he left us we held a goodbye party and prayer service for him with Hope Boarding School's students, staff, and many friends in Yangon on November 27, 2023.

After arriving in the USA, he stayed with Chuck and MaryAnn for a few weeks. He and MaryAnn then flew to Tennessee on January 3rd, 2024. They stayed at the home of our good friends Tim and MaryFern Philippe, which is about two hours from the campus.

On Sunday, January 7th, MaryAnn, along with the great help of our friends Philip and Nancy Eubanks, helped Solomon move into his dormitory. Classes began the next day, Monday, January 8th.

His coursework at Johnson University will be a great help to Myanmar Hope in many ways in the future. He will be very well-equipped for the ministry: biblically, theologically, and in business administration.

New Hope Prison Outreach

Jesus said, "...I was in prison, and you came to visit me, ..." Mt. 25:36, and Hebrews 13:3 says, "Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison." These two bible verses motivate us to reach out and serve the prisoners.

Pastor Sei Lal and his family live in our prison ministry house. They are ministering to the prisoners and their families whenever the opportunity opens for them. Currently, because of the civil war, the prison itself is off-limits to civilians, so Pastor Sei Lal cannot go inside to minister directly to the prisoners. However, he is still able to help them stay in contact with their families, to bring them gifts, and to help their families with housing at our guest house when they come to visit.

Recently he was able to help three prisoners who had been released, but had no family to pick them up, and no where to go.

Mr. Hol Kho Mang of Twidimjang village was released on August 16, 2023. Mr. Jam Kho Son of Manly village was released on December 26, 2023. Mr. Gyi Win of Khameitk village was released on December 27, 2023.

They all stayed at the New Hope Prison Outreach Guest house as they had no place to stay after they were released. Pastor Sei Lal counselled them, preached the Good News to them, and prayed for them. They all were so happy



Pastor Sei Lal sharing the Good News

because they found a place to stay near the prison and they heard the Gospel.

Pastor Sei Lal uses a very simple, five color method for sharing the Gospel with the prisoners. Black represents sin, red represents Christ's blood, white represents forgiveness of sins, green represents Christian life, and gold represents the Heavenly Kingdom.

Transporting the Body of a Deceased Indian Inmate

A foreign prisoner, Mr. Jam Kho Pao of Changpol village in India, died at Mawlaikalay prison on September 15th, 2023. On September 16th, his family and relatives went to Mawlaikalay to retrieve his body, but the prison would not allow them to take his body. Someone from the



Pr Sei Lal receiving official paperwork

prison would have to accompany the body to the India border crossing and officially turn the body over to the Indian authorities. Because of the civil way, the road to the border crossing was partly controlled by the armed resistance groups, and the prison officials would be killed on sight.

Thankfully, the prison authorities reached out to Pastor Sei Lal and asked him to help return the body to India. Even though it was very dangerous for him as well, he agreed to do it.

On September 17th, they handed over the dead body and the official documents to Pastor Sei Lal, and he transported the body in an ambulance from the Mawlaikalay prison to the border crossing between Tamu and Moreh. In an official ceremony, he handed the body over to the Indian authorities and the family of the deceased.



The transfer ceremony at the border

The authorities from both countries and the family members of Mr. Jam Kho Pao really appreciated our prison ministry and Pastor Sei Lal for his sacrifice for the prisoners and their families.

East/West Garden

The farm is still in operation, but not as busy as in the past, because of the fighting in and around the Bokkan Village area. So far our farm families have been kept safe, though they have had to leave the farm on occasion to get away from the fighting.

The cashew orchard (over 650 trees) is growing well and the fruit should be ready for harvesting in a couple of years.

The mango orchard (over 200 trees) and the banana orchard (over 200 trees) are also doing well and supplying many families with fresh fruit. We are not exaggerating when we say that Myanmar mangoes, fresh from the tree, are the best tasting mangoes in the world!

Why we do all these works?

When we established Myanmar Hope Christian Mission in May of 2007, we had a very strong and clear missional convic-



Cashew Orchard (650+ trees)



Mango Orchard (200+ trees)



Fresh mangoes from our farm

tion. We are following the Bible and we take very seriously the teachings of Isaiah 61:1 and John 14:12 into our lives and into our mission. We take Isaiah's proclamation as part of our mission:

"The Breath of Adonai YAHWEH is on me, for YAHWEH has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent



Some of our cattle at the East/West Garden Farm

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me to comfort the brokenhearted and to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound." (Isaiah 61:1) We also follow the teachings of Lord Jesus Messiah, when He said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father." (John 14:1)

Thank you, Thank you!

We can't say "thank you" enough to everyone who prays and supports Myanmar Hope Christian Mission. Your prayers and financial support have reached the unreached, saved the lost, changed many lives, fed many starving people, helped many prisoners, cared for the widows, widowers, and disabled, and healed many sick. We humbly request that you to continue partnering with us in His Kingdom ministry in Myanmar as we follow Jesus' teachings and do what our Lord wants us to do in His Name. I would like to conclude my report with a verse from the Matthew's Gospel:

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:6)

For His Kingdom and Mission, Palal and Kikim Khongsai



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