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PRAYER REQUEST - Myanmar:

Dear Friends and Family in Christ,

Please pray about the urgent needs in Myanmar.

Also, thank you for your continued prayers for our family, and for outreaches and ministry to the 10/40 Window! God is doing great things even amid these most challenging times.

FRONT-LINE BURMESE MISSIONARIES:

Please join us in prayer for and support to empower the front-line indigenous missionaries in Myanmar who we already trained at ABC Bible College and other locations in Myanmar!

In the midst of civil war, high unemployment, and little financial opportunity, it is now nearly impossible for Myanmar ministry leaders to serve full-time in their own country. Will you pray and give, to help make it possible for poor but well-trained Burmese Christians to serve Christ in impoverished Myanmar?

Currently, with the border closed by the government, it is now also impossible for foreign missionaries to enter Myanmar. However, through this project, we can make a difference as a missionary force of Myanmar Christians is empowered to succeed in their mission to reach their people in their own country.

Some Important Facts:

- Myanmar's banking system is all but collapsed.

- Myanmar's border is closed to foreign missionaries.

- Myanmar Graduates from Bible Colleges are willing to serve in ministry for only $100 per month, just to sustain their lives while they minister.

- Myanmar Christian Bible College graduates can speak the languages and understand the culture, and are thus effective in ministry to Myanmar.

-Fully 100% of all donations for Myanmar missionaries go to the local missionaries, with nothing withheld for administration or overhead expenses.

Our Goal:

Our goal is to empower local Myanmar Christians to succeed in their mission to reach their own people for Christ. These qualified, local indigenous missionaries have already been equipped and

prepared in Bible Colleges and practical service, but live amidst a broken nation with little opportunity for subsistence.

These local Christian leaders will work alongside and be accountable to one of Empower Myanmar's existing churches and one of our seasoned indigenous pastors.

For a small amount, we can ensure qualified local missions increase in Myanmar!

Just $100 per month or $1,200 per year will empower a local Myanmar missionary to engage their own people full-time in an area no longer accessible to traditional western missions.

TO DONATE TO MYANMAR MINISTRY:

To donate by mail for Local Myanmar Missionaries:

Empower International
PO Box 4868
Chicago, IL 60680 USA
with "Local Myanmar Missionaries" in the memo

To donate on-line to Indigenous Myanmar Missionaries:
https://www.classy.org/give/394286/#!/donation/checkout




James was a visiting teacher at ABC Bible college in Yangon, before their new school was built and then the borders closed because of war. Our family still supports one local missionary, but the needs are greater than any individual alone can meet. The graduates want to serve Christ full-time in this impoverished and war-torn nation, and together we can see the nation impacted for Christ!

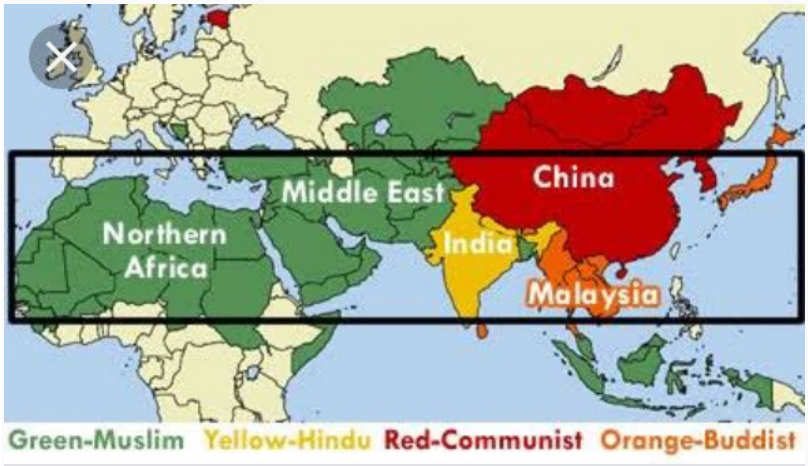



James with Thona (wearing red) in a slum within Yangon, Myanmar. Thona chose to live in the slum after graduating from the Bible college, so he could minister to unreached people in the worst areas within his own country. We had prayed together with him to reach people, to equip new believers, and for the Lord to provide him a godly wife. Thona just married in February this year! We rejoice, but because the border remains closed, we were unable to celebrate with him. If they can eat, they will continue to serve Christ in full-time ministry.

"Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus." - 2 Timothy 2:3

"When Christ calls a man, He bid him come and die." - Dietrich Bonhoeffer, The Cost of Discipleship

THE 10/40 WINDOW:



Less than 10% of missionary work is done within the 10/40 Window, where more than 95% of the unreached or least reached people groups live. Thank you for partnering with us! The New Testament model of ministry is to equip and entrust the Gospel to local Believers, "who will be able to teach others, also" (2 Timothy 2:2b).

"And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death." - Revelations 12:11

PRAY FOR TRAVEL PLANS:

James plans to return to Southeast Asia in June. He will continue engaging a large Chinese community as they grow in discipleship and as they become more confident in discipleship of others. Then if a visa is issued, James will travel on to Pakistan in August. While it is a blessing to communicate via social media, it is important to maintain personal continuity with indigenous groups to ensure consistent growth in discipleship. We miss people, people groups, and the relationships we've developed! Please also pray that the Burmese Government will re-open the border and allow for future travel to Myanmar. May Christ be glorified in all things, and may we be found faithful in Him.

Sincerely yours and His,
James and Sarah Langteau
- Isaiah, Elijah, Caleb, Nehemiah and Elisabeth

"But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God." - Acts 20:24

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-Remember, 100% of donations here go to the Myanmar missionaries, so they can serve full-time in ministry within their own country.