The Langteau Family
serving Christ in World Missions



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"knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ." - Colossians 3:24

JULY 2022 NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends and Family in Christ,

This Month's Newsletter:

1. Greetings! Returning now to Myanmar!
2. Introducing 6 Myanmar National Missionaries - World Changers!
3. ABC Bible College and Empower sign agreement for resources!
4. Established Chinese Discipleship now expanding in Thailand!
5. Published article on Sex Trafficking and Slavery read in over 50 nations, with a request for follow-up article now being researched.
6. Joseph and Ashley are moving to foreign mission field!

"For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong." - 2 Corinthians 12:10.

1. Greetings!

God has opened the door again to Myanmar! It has been over two years since Burma closed their border due to war and internal conflict. We are just waiting for a visa

application to be processed by the Burmese Government. James expects to depart in late July yet, or in early August. He will probably remain there through September, if able. It is still too unsafe for the family, so James will travel alone. There is so much going on in Myanmar and Pakistan that we have been involved in from the US, but it is important that we return in person to encourage our Brothers and Sisters in Christ there, and to see first hand there needs. Thanks for remembering this in prayer.

We are grateful for your partnership with us in missions! As missionaries, we are considered self-employed even though we serve through an official mission organization. As such, our entire personal and ministry budget is raised through donations. Your partnership puts food on our table and allows us to share it with others in Christ, and to travel to the darkest areas on earth to proclaim the Gospel of Grace.

"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

2. FIRST SIX MYANMAR NATIONAL MISSIONARIES ARE SENT!

Your donations made it possible for us to vet and send six (6) Myanmar National Missionaries to serve Christ within their own nation! Each of these six Bible College graduates are equipped in Christ to reach their nation, which is one of the most difficult to reach places on earth. The border was closed by the Burmese Army about a year before the military coup in February 2021. Though that prohibited our access to Myanmar, it does not stop these six "world changers" from ministering in this difficult place. The only thing these Christians lacked was the means to eat, but that is resolved because they are now partnered with us in ministry. Each of these six missionaries are accountable to seasoned indigenous national pastors, and now serve Christ to impact their nation. Prayerfully, these six represent just the first to be sent and empowered to minister within this troubled land.





Ah Lidia Sein graduated from Bible College, speaks both Burmese and Akha languages, and is called to serve Christ in orphanages and by teaching children. Pyu Pyu, the second woman, is from the Lahu people group in Myanmar. She speaks Burmese, Akha, and Lahu languages. She also graduated from Bible College, and she is called to evangelism among women. Both Ah Lidia Sein and Pyu Pyu are

serving in Shan State, northern Myanmar, where war rages among a population of less than 1% Christian.





Thona Ngon Tun, pictured with his wife, has served in very difficult places since he graduated from Bible College. Thona chose to live inside a slum area to be near the poorest of people, to evangelize and disciple those who are most unreached and often forgotten in Myanmar. He did not eat regularly, but chose to remain in ministry there for the sake of Christ. That is where James first met him. Thona speaks 8 languages that are indigenous to Myanmar. Pastor Thona occasionally teaches at ABC Bible College, and periodically takes students with him to engage in practical ministry in slum areas.
Kyan Aung (Zion), the second man, is from Chin State in northwest Myanmar. He speaks Chin and Rakhine languages from Myanmar. Since graduating from Bible College, Pastor Zion has been called by God as a Youth Pastor.




Shane Naing is married and speaks Burmese and Chin languages. Since graduating from Bible College, Shane is involved in working with youth and in teaching.
Thu Htoo Kyar lives and serves in Pyin Oo Lwin, located in central Myanmar. He speaks both Burmese and Shan languages. He teaches at a church and works with young people in ministry.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid" - John 14:27

3. ABC COLLEGE SIGNED AGREEMENT WITH EMPOWER

Empower International recently signed an agreement with Abraham Bible College in Yangon, Myanmar, to raise additional funds for desks, beds, and other resources to facilitate more effective ministry.

Abraham Bible College (ABC) in Yangon now consists of a modern two-story building with flushing toilets, dorms with showers, and facilities for teaching and for worship - because you our partners have donated to make it happen. Myanmar is one of the poorest nations on earth, and though Yangon is the largest city, many areas still lack basic utilities and infrastructure. The city has not yet hooked up electricity to this building due to the war and internal strife. The generator the school bought to supply power was recently stolen, yet the Believers rejoice that God is with them, and they move forward regardless.

Thank you for your continued prayers and partnership, as ABC Bible College equips the next generation of Christians for ministry.

Old Building:





James was a visiting teacher at ABC Bible College in Yangon from 2016 through 2020, before we raised funds to build their new school. The old Bible College building had a dirt floor, thatched roof, and no security.

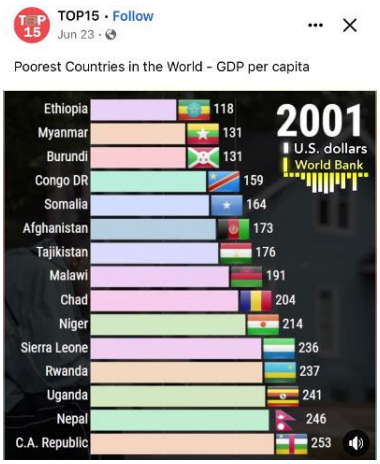
New Building:





This new building was completely funded by you! Your donations and prayers made it possible for us to design and pay for construction of a desperately needed new facility. You provided a safe and clean place for students and faculty to devote their lives to Christ in preparation for ministry in this challenging country. Thank you!





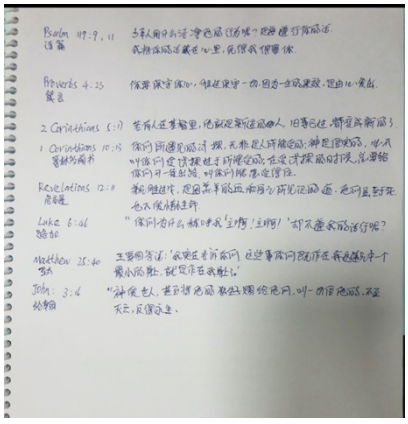
Students sleep on mats because of the lack of funds for bunk beds. Myanmar has historically ranked among the poorest nations on earth. Thank you for remembering in prayer our Brothers and Sisters who live and minister in difficult places!

"And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'" - Jesus, recorded in Matthew 25:40

4. ESTABLISHED CHINESE DISCIPLESHIP EXPANDS!

We rejoice over reports this month that the discipleship we established among a large Chinese group in northern Thailand has taken root and is growing, with Chinese Believers we previously discipled now evangelizing and discipling other Chinese people!





Last December James engaged a group of Chinese friends in studying and applying Scripture to life. Over the years we met frequently to share Christ and the walk together with these Chinese people in northern Thailand. They studied and memorized passages that were foundational to their faith in Christ.




This month, our Chinese friends share how they are now teaching and leading other Chinese people in discipleship! Rejoice with us in the fulfillment of the New Testament plan to raise leaders who in turn would raise new leaders. Thank you, Lord, for changing lives, transforming souls, and bringing many into the Kingdom!

"And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'" - Matthew 28:18-20

5. RECEIVED REQUEST FOR FOLLOW-UP ARTICLE

An article written by James and our friend Pastor Tim Dunham has been downloaded thousands of times in over 50 countries, according to statistics from the publisher. Now there is a call for a follow-up article to be written concerning the impact on the Church. The original article was published in the peer-review journal, *Journal of Statesmanship and Public Policy:*

Sex Trafficking and Slavery in Southeast Asia: to Free Captives

The article can be read here:

https://digitalcommons.liberty.edu/jspp/vol2/iss1/4/

Please pray as the new article is researched and written!

6. JOSEPH AND ASHLEY ARE MOVING TO THE FOREIGN MISSION FIELD!

Our oldest son Joseph, his wife Ashley, their daughter Hadassah and their unborn son are planning to move to the foreign mission field at the end of August. They are answering God's call to go and make disciples in difficult places, which God has placed on Joseph's heart since age 12. Initially they will go to Asia for several months of additional training before moving directly to the Middle-East where they will permanently live and minister. Please remember them in prayer as they step out of their comfort zones. They still need about $625 in monthly support to reach their required ministry budget, but are trusting God to provide it through His people.





Joseph, Ashley, Hadassah, and their unborn son expect to move overseas in late August. Thanks for your prayers for them, and for the Arab and Jewish people of Israel!

"But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled" - 1 Peter 3:14

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).

Each of God's people are called to place their lives on the altar in obedience to Christ, as He leads each of us according to His specific will for our lives. You may not be personally called to go to the 10/40 Window, but you are called to be willing to go! If a person is not

willing to even cross the street in obedience to the Great Commission, they certainly wouldn't go around the world to difficult places. May God find each of us obedient!

"Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted" - 2 Tim 3:12

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Thank you for your prayers for our family! James is returning to Myanmar within weeks, since the border is open for the first time in over two years. He is called to encourage our beleaguered Brothers and Sisters in Christ who have suffered much from war, conflict, and deprivation. These are uncertain and quickly changing times, and we appreciate your continued prayers. Please pray that each of us would glorify the Lord with our lives, hunger after the Word, and continue to grow in the image of Christ while testifying to the Gospel of God's grace.

2. Please pray for our oldest son Joseph (27), his wife Ashley, daughter Hadassah, and their unborn son due to be born in November. They are preparing to move permanently to the foreign mission field in late August, to ultimately serve Christ in the Middle East. Please remember them as they complete partnership development to raise the ministry budget required before they can move overseas.

3. Our son Noah (25) has begun his third year of medical college at Liberty University College of Medicine with an Air Force scholarship. Noah has been assigned to participate in rotations at a hospital in Mount Vernon, Illinois as part of his training, and will be tested weekly both on-sight and via distance learning.

4. Please continue to pray for the people of Southeast Asia and South Asia. Thailand is less than 1% Christian and is in need of both revival and serious discipleship. Myanmar is suffering from civil war, disease, hunger, and deprivation, and our Brothers and Sisters there are in difficulty. Most missionaries in China have been banished over the past few years, and China is increasing persecuting the Church. Vietnam and Laos continue to marginalize the Church, and Cambodia remains spiritually dark. Pakistani believers are fervent for Christ and seek to grow in Him, but are under constant threat. Pray that God's people will boldly speak the truth in love, and that the Holy Spirit will bring light into darkness.

5. Please pray specifically for Abraham Bible College (ABC) in Yangon, Myanmar. The small Bible College is poor but the students are committed to being equipped to serve Christ within their own nation. Please rejoice that together we have provided necessary financial support to empower graduates to serve in the mission field within their own nation, where they can impact Myanmar for Christ in these most difficult

times.

6. Please pray for the Chinese expat community in Northern Thailand, as we evangelize the lost and disciple the new Believers. Rejoice with us in how God has softened their hearts as they fervently responded to us in earnest desire for discipleship! We regularly receive correspondence from them, as they eagerly grow. Please pray that each person will go on to disciple others, and thus impact souls in this community and their home country. We miss them dearly!

7. Please continue to pray for Mohamed from Egypt who lives in Thailand. Mohamed moved into our old home in Chiang Mai! Please also pray that our friend Jim there is able to effectively disciple Mohamed as he grows in Christ.

8. Likewise, please pray that all Believers everywhere will obey Christ's command to make disciples, so that men like Mohamed and others may be intentionally engaged in powerful ways just as the Lord calls us to.

9. Pray that the audio Bibles which have been purchased will continue to be distributed properly and with godly effect throughout Southeast Asia. Also, pray for the souls of people who will hear Scripture from these audio Bibles. The audio Bibles are in various languages from China, Burma, and Thailand.

10. Please pray for all parties involved in the conflict in Ukraine, that souls would be drawn to Christ in repentance and genuine belief, and that the chains of bondage would be broken.

"But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." - Acts 6:4

THANK YOU!

Your partnership with us puts food on our table and allows us to share it with others. Thank you for your faithfulness with us as we journey through life together in Christ! May Christ be glorified in all things, may we be obedient to make disciples, and may each of us be found faithful in Him.

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

"By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin." - Hebrews 11:24-25