

Light Shines Bright in Myanmar!

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Students in Mission Training School are thankful to have Bibles to use.

A few months ago Pastor Richard in Myanmar submitted a proposal for our help in funding a Mission Training School. The purpose is to make disciples of believers and equip them to return to their home villages to share the gospel among the unreached. Several years ago he had a similar training program that was forced to close due to lack of funds. Pastor Richard sees reaching the lost for Christ as the greatest need in this region. He desired to begin with a three month program for forty students. After much dialog back and forth, we were able to commit to providing \$1,000 per month for the months of February through April. This will provide very basic needs for twenty students. The school will be held at the Agape Children's Home campus where they share space with the children.



Working in the garden.

When we received the initial report and pictures, we were surprised to learn he accepted forty students, all eager for the training. He assured us they are doing everything they can to keep the costs at a minimum. The children at Agape as well as the Ministry students are working to grow vegetables and do all they can to help with the project. In his first report, he pleaded for Bibles as very few of the students even had a Bible to study from. We were

able to send \$600 right away and they now have Bibles, not only for the students, but also for the children at Agape. They read together every morning and will read the entire Bible this year.

Another urgent need was for electrical power so the students and children have light at night. Since the army coup took over the country last year, electricity has been greatly reduced. With funds we provided they were able to install solar panels and were overjoyed to have a couple of lightbulbs to use at night. Unfortunately, just a week or so later, one of the solar



Solar equipment destroyed by fire.

panels caught on fire and all of the solar equipment was damaged and unusable. We then provided equipment to use with the generator we purchased last year which is now able to provide light, pump water from the well, and even use for cooking.

To continue with the ministry school it will be important to purchase the adjoining land and build separate rooms for the male and female students, a kitchen, and a dining hall which will be used by the orphans as well as the students. The first step is to purchase the land that is available at a cost of \$4,500. Any gift towards the operation and expansion of the Ministry Training School is an important investment in the kingdom of God! The light of Jesus shines bright in Myanmar!

While reminding us they really need more help for the forty students Richard says: *"We have nothing to say except thank you for all your support and help."*



Children are excited to have light again.

Farm at House of Refuge



Fresh milk for the children!

In June 2020, Global Outreach sent \$25,000 to Pastor Cyrus in Myanmar for the purchase of land to be used for a farm and other agricultural projects. In January 2021, we sent an additional \$5,000 to launch a chicken project. Unfortunately, on February 1, 2021 the Myanmar military launched a coup and took over the country which continues to the present time. This



Six cows and 3 calves are the start of the dairy farm.



Pastor Cyrus with farm cart.

caused much difficulty and for a long time Pastor Cyrus did not have access to the bank account with the farming money. Thankfully, he has now been able to access those funds and rather than a chicken project determined that raising cattle would be more beneficial.

They have built a small bamboo house for the caretaker of the farm and a shed for the cows. They now have the start of a nice herd with six



Children at House of Refuge enjoy a cup of fresh milk.

cows and three calves. In addition, they have fenced the land so the cows are secure. We recently provided \$1,500 to purchase a cart to transport the milk to market as well as gather food for the cows. They are using the milk for the children at House of Refuge and selling the excess to provide the cost of feeding the cows and the caretakers salary. As the herd increases, they expect to begin to make a profit which will be used for House of Refuge expenses.

We are always encouraged when our Global Ministry Partners take the initiative to begin projects that will help them become more self-sustaining. While we have invested a considerable amount of money in the dairy farm, we are expecting it will reap substantial benefits for the children and entire House of Refuge family.



Update: Just as we were ready to print the newsletter, we received email from Pastor Cyrus with the disturbing news that the farm caretaker was in an accident on the cart while gathering feed for the cattle. He was injured, but has

been treated and released. The new cart sustained much damage but they are working to get it repaired soon.

Update: Pastor Jeremiah is still waiting for his much needed heart surgery. He is now scheduled to go to Nairobi on March 10th for treatment. Thank you for your prayers and support for Pastor Jeremiah.

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