



Shepherd's VOICE

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"Then I told them of the hand of the Lord my God which was good upon me; as also the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work."

Nehemiah 2:18

Trust in the Lord with All Your Heart

The scripture tells us in Proverbs 3:5-6 to, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths." After being here for about a year and four months, we are learning to trust in God and truly acknowledge His direction. Over the past year, my wife and I have been able to minister in some churches in Myanmar and locally here in Thailand. We have also been able to minister in a local Burmese Bible School that is run by an Australian pastor. We are grateful and honored that we can be an influence to these people in this area. We know that as we are faithful to do what God asks of us, He will increase our influence. This past Christmas, we held a Christmas party for a Burmese Children's home that my brother-in-law works with. It was very rewarding to see about 120 children have a good Christmas meal and a gift for each one of them.

The month of January we will be moving to a much more comfortable home (very thankful for that), which is long overdue for us as the place we lived in was not really suitable for us. I have also been asked again to minister at the local Burmese Bible School in January.

As for the near future, we have some goals in



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place these coming few months and I expect the Lord to direct me and supply the money for these goals. One of the goals is to do a three-month training this coming spring. The training will be here on the Thailand side of the border as we are not able to start on the Myanmar side yet. We are believing for 10-12 students. I have talked with a local Thai pastor (where I have ministered a couple of times) and I believe we will be able to secure the licensing for a school under their covering. We also have to be able to secure housing for three or four months at a time for the students.

The second area that I am asking for the Lord's direction is when, where and how many people to have involved in a conference for Pastors. This will be my first one in this area. Although I have had the opportunity to minister in four different churches, this will

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give me the opportunity to meet many more from the area. Most of the pastors that will be attending will be from the Ahka Baptist organization in Myanmar. This is the organization that my in-laws are currently involved with. A two-day conference like this will cost us about \$1500-\$2000 for meals and travel.



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The third area that I am asking for the Lord's direction is the property we have purchased on the Myanmar side. The

property is almost 2 acres and we had it licensed last May. We have also removed all of trees, lots of dirt from the hillside, and trees from the front part of the land. We will have to bring in fill-in dirt on the front side of the property as the property is like a swamp during the rainy season. Because of all the rain that drains on the land during the rainy season, we will need to develop a drainage system for proper run-off. My goal is to get a good portion of this done before the rainy season begins

again in May. At this point, I have not been able to secure any costs on this as I need to find an engineer who has a good understanding of what would be required for this. We have not put up a wall yet because the drainage should be in conjunction with a surrounding wall and a retaining wall. We bought the property a little larger than was originally planned because to expand the property in the future would be expensive as land prices keep going up. The goal of a Pastor's and/or a Bible school and a childrens' home required more space. We are truly grateful for God's faithfulness to preserve us, provide for us, protect us, and guide us.



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