

## Shepherd's /OICE

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He also said, This is what the kingdom of God is like.

A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.

Mark 4:26-29

## The Burma Road

A couple of weeks ago I returned to northern Thailand from India where I taught faith for two weeks. One of my former students from VABC is doing a great job. I was so blessed to see the work that Joseph is doing. As for us here in Northern Thailand, we are in the middle of our sixth week of our Bible Training Center with the Burmese students. I am so blessed with the hunger of these students. We have great expectations for these students as they are the seed that we are sowing God's love into them. God has great expectations for them and so do we! Right now we are in our third quarter since we started the training center. Each quarter is made up of 12 weeks and we plan to expand this once we move to the Burmese side of the border. Many of you already know we have purchased land in Burma and we are in the developing stages. This is what I would like to share with you.

Over the past few weeks, we have been putting a wall around a portion of our land. The property is about 2 acres and was purchased to put a training center and a children's home on the land. We are now ready to begin the process with the children's home. Over the last few decades, the children of Burma have been raised in very difficult and desperate, unsafe conditions. We have purchased the property near a major city where the children (especially from the villages) will be able to receive a proper education, but more than that they will have a godly home where they will receive continual instruction in the Word of God. We are going to give these children a quality



Staff and students from the bible training center.

environment in which to learn about Jesus. I have decided to build the children's home first (the first building) and then build a quality building for the training center. **Now is the time for Burma** (official name Myanmar) and we are ready to move forward with this project. The property we have will be able to accommodate about 64-68 children and the training center about 32 students. The projected costs of the first dorm for the children:

Dormitory: 2030 square feet 32-34 child capacity Toilet facilities Staff apartment (1 parent per 15 students) Total price: \$35,000-\$40,000

Kitchen/Dining Area: 6 meter x 12 meter Total price. \$8,000 Shower and Laundry Area: 6 meters x 15 meters Showers and toilet facility Clothes washing and drying area Price: \$12,000

The second phase of this project will include the building facility for the student training center and also another dorm for the children. I will give these costs as the project is moving forward. We have already put up much of the wall around the property but have an additional \$7,000 of work to do to complete the wall.

We believe God will use this property where young children and students will taste of the Goodness of God and where they can be propelled into their God-given destiny!

Note: For those who would like to come and minister to our students, please let us know as we believe building leaders is our core mandate. Feel free to contact me.

Also, any check contributions for the project should be written to Word of Faith with a memo stating "Burma children's home".

Thank you so much for you prayer and support.

Tom, Elizabeth and Jeremiah Schumacher



Map of what the completed property will look like.





Recently finished wall around the property.

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