



Shepherd's VOICE

December 2017

*"A land for which the
Lord your God cares; the
eyes of the Lord
your God are always on
it, from the beginning of
the year to the
very end of the year."*

Deuteronomy 11:12
NKJ Version



Sweet December

Here in Burma, everybody celebrates Sweet December, our students and the children from our children's home put on quite a show on December 1st. We invited the village where our children's home and school is located and more than 100 people showed up! We sang Christmas songs and put on some dramas (mostly about the birth of Jesus). I was so elated to see how well our children and students did with the whole show. They came up with the ideas and dramas by themselves. Of course, we capped the evening off with homemade soup for everybody! It was the biggest pot of soup I have ever seen over an open fire.

Children's Home

My wife, Jeremiah, and I have located ourselves to the property. Our apartment on the property is a little small for us (we left a decent sized home in Thailand) but we are blessed that we are finally on the property. As I look back over the year at what the Lord has done, I am so amazed at the wonderful progress that has been made. Of course there is much that needs to be done, but we are grateful to see the hand of God on what has been accomplished. We currently have 10 children in the children's



home and we will take more of them in at our ability to care for them, starting sometime in the month of May. The dorms are built big enough so that when the day comes, we can have up to 68 children.

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Bible School

Our first semester is almost finished and we will be starting the second semester in early January. We will have a couple of guest speakers during our second semester. That gives me a welcome break as I tend to do most of the teaching ministry, although my brother-in-law is now getting quite good in this area of ministry. If you have a desire to come and minister to students or pastors, please let me know as we are always looking for ministers who have a desire to impart into the Burmese people.



Project Update

Although we have seen great progress, there is a lot that needs to be done to make the compound completely safe for the children. There are areas of the wall that goes around the compound that yet need to be finished. Our second dorm, although finished, still needs to be paid in full (about \$7000-8000). Our water drainage area needs to be covered as it could be quite dangerous for the children. The drainage system looks great but needs to be covered with some iron and steel

which our students will weld. Also, the dry season is here and I am believing God that we will be able to begin the work on our kitchen for the children (right now we use an outdoor one made of bamboo) in the near future. We will need a proper water filter for the water system as we are operating without one right now and it is not the best health-wise. We are grateful to represent you on the mission field and we are honored by your support. We have great expectations for 2018. Thank you for believing in us, you can see us at www.loveforburma.com.

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