



Shepherd's VOICE

April 2018

The Lord is a sun and a shield: The Lord will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly. O Lord of Host, Blessed is the man who trust in you."

**Psalms 84:11-12
NKJ Version**

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Some of our 2018 graduates.



Team from Texarkana, Texas.



John and Deb Berglund came to minister our group.



Shirts for the children from the Texarkana team.

Graduation 2018

At the end February we celebrated graduation for our students who completed their two-year diploma. We had an awesome month of February as we had a Ladies' Conference with Pastors Terry Purvis and LaNell Miller with her team from Texarkana, Texas, and also a Children's Outreach with them. The last week, we had Pastor Scott and Yvette Debreccen teaching on leadership. We finished the week with our first graduation. It was great to see nine of our students graduate with a diploma in Biblical Studies. My wife and I proudly watched the ceremonies as I thought of the students when they first arrived at our school. Wow...the progress of these students has been tremendous, as well as the growth of my family as they serve as the staff members of the school. Our staff was really serving double time as we were getting the children from the children's home ready for their final exams. We were stretched with our time, talent and treasury! But we know we are sowing into another generation for the Lord Jesus. Burma is entering into a season where the preaching of the Gospel has much more freedom than over the past few decades. In the beginning of March, we were blessed with Pastor Hendrik Voerster as he spent a couple days speaking to our students on church planting.

THANK YOU for your support as we are grateful to be your representative on the mission field here in SE Asia. We are believing this promise for our friends and partners in 2018 that God will *send a plentiful rain, whereby You confirmed Your Inheritance, ... Psalms 68:9.* You can see us at loveforburma.com



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Tom, Elizabeth and Jeremiah Schumacher

Summer Months

During the summer months (March and April), our children return home to their parents for a few weeks before the school year starts again. Our children come from very poor villages and poor families where the children are not able to get an adequate education. Our staff speaks at least 3 languages as well as English. This year, we may be taking in an additional 5 or 6 children. But to do this we would certainly need another vehicle as the one we have now is quite old (1994 Toyota) and does not have the capacity for 16-17 children. Believe with us that we will be able to obtain a new vehicle for the Children's Home.

Project Update

We are in the process of putting up a skills and office building. Right now we use a dorm room (each dorm building has two dorm rooms) as a chapel and one dorm room as an office. The 2nd floor of the new building will serve as a home for my family. The directors of the Children's Home my brother-in-law and his wife, will then move into the end apartment in one of our dorm buildings.

Many of you may know that my wife is pregnant and is due the end of July or early August. We have put roughly \$7000 into the new building and we would like to move to the 2nd floor by the end of May if possible. We have come quite a way on the building and would like to have the roof on before the rainy season. The total cost of the building is roughly \$38,000 and completing the 2nd floor is the most expensive part of the building because of the roof. Believe with us to be living on the 2nd floor by the end of May.



Skills and office building construction.



Our compound.

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