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Shepherd's VOICE

"We know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called to His purpose."

Romans 8:28



God's Faithfulness During COVID-19 Lockdown

Many of you know I am part of a larger Missions Organization called Living Word Ministries International from Tucson, Arizona. If you would like to give through this organization, I have enclosed an envelope for this organization also. Using either envelope, the donations will go to our ministry in Myanmar.

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On March 26th, the Border between Burma and Thailand was closed! That is the first time in my memory that I can ever remember that happening. Thousands of Burmese workers living in Thailand were forced to go home, and many of them, if not all of them, had no home, and no income. My family and I had just come back from a conference in northern Thailand and had to make a decision, do we stay in Thailand or go back to

Burma. Because our banking is done in Thailand, we chose to stay in Thailand even though our visa was coming to an end. We went under quarantine in Mae Sai, Thailand, and Thai immigration graciously extended our visas for a longer stay. Our decision to stay certainly helped our campus as well as some poor families in villages near us. The Burmese lockdown was much more difficult than Thailand's and that could be because the medical facilities are not at the same standard.



Thailand-Burma Border Bridge

Hands and Feet for the Lord

In the middle of April, my mother-in-law contacted us and told us, because the villages were also on lockdown, our neighboring villages were lacking food for their families and were starving. I had mentioned this to another missionary couple, Peter and Joan Vaughan, who are friends of ours living in another area of Thailand. This couple told us there is an organization and church in America that wants to help. They sent us funds to help feed 150 plus families in villages there that are close to our campus. There is nothing that fills



All is well with myself, Elizabeth, Jeremiah, and Joshua and we are honored to be your missionary representatives here in SE Asia. We sincerely appreciate your prayers and offerings. We know that God is faithful to His people and that His promise to us is steadfast and sure. *“We know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called to His purpose.”* Romans 8:28. You can see us at www.loveforburma.com

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Tom, Elizabeth, Jeremiah,
and Joshua Schumacher

our hearts with more joy than to know you are helping people. Our team were the hands and feet for the Lord. Some of our families, Bible students, and children helped pack the meals which included eggs, rice, and oil. After getting permission from the local authorities, the team went on food delivery service into our neighboring villages. Our team was so happy to know that they were helping people in need and we are so grateful to the organization and church in North Carolina that made this possible. We are also very grateful to our family, friends, and churches back home that have helped us continue to be a blessing in this area of Asia.



Bible students and children loading meals for distribution

Schools

Our schools here have also been on lockdown and in the middle of May, Jeremiah’s school opened up but with only school online. A good learning experience for Jeremiah on how to navigate Google classrooms. Also, Burma will be limiting the number of students in a classroom that also includes our Bible School. Right now we have a few Bible students with us as they have been doing some extra work

around our campus getting some much needed work finished. Believe with us as God gives us proper direction concerning the next couple of months as we open our bible school and possibly add some children into our children’s home. We have His promise, *“The steps of a good man are established by the Lord and He delights in his way.”* Psalms 37:23.



Finishing some work on campus during lockdown



Jeremiah studying school online

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