

Shepherd's

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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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You Cannot Curse What God Has Blessed

One of my favorite comforting scriptures in the Bible comes from Numbers 23:19-20, "God is not a man, that He should lie,... Behold, I have received a command to bless; When He has blessed, then I cannot reverse it." Many times circumstances change and that has certainly happened with us as well as many other missionaries and many of you across the US and Canada, but one thing is steadfast and sure...the promises of God written in His Word.



Our Children's Home campus





Food Outreach to a Children's Home





Children's Home -

We are now in the month of October and school still has not started in Myanmar. Over the last couple months, Myanmar (Burma) has been hit very hard with Covid-19. This has caused the government to shut down schools and almost all activities. The borders between Thailand and Myanmar are still closed and we have no idea when the borders will open or return to any sense of normality. My sense from some of the people that I have talked with is that it will be quite a few months to come before Myanmar opens. But the good news is that the children have worked hard on our gardens and the campus. Our budget this last month was large enough to help some other children's homes. Some children's homes in our area of Burma are going through some very difficult times during this Covid-19 experience so we made the decision to extend ourselves and help them with some essential food supplies.



Elizabeth, Jeremiah, and Joshua and I have relocated to Chiang Mai, Thailand, where we have been able to get a Visa for myself and Elizabeth. Thailand seems to have handled Covid-19 quite well up to this point and the children are having face-to-face in classroom school. Going back to Myanmar was no longer possible and the Holy Spirit certainly led us to our current home in Chiang Mai.

Jeremiah is enrolled in an international school and Elizabeth has enrolled in an advanced English class which enabled her to receive an ED. Visa. Fortunately, we can run much of the ministry from here as all the finances are handled from here in Thailand. As for going back to minister in Burma, nobody seems to have any answers. So, for now, we communicate through Zoom. My brother-in-law Samuel runs the Bible school and my father and mother-in-law along with my sisterin-law Ruthie, direct the Children's Home. I have connected with some Burmese and other missionaries here in Thailand who also work in Myanmar, and we are also publishing some more Burmese materials.

We are grateful for your continued support and your prayers for our work in Myanmar (Burma). We are honored to be your missionary representatives here in SE Asia. We know... "Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think..." Eph. 3:20.

You can see us at **www.loveforburma.com**

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Tom, Elizabeth, Jeremiah, and Joshua Schumacher

Bible School -

Our Bible School started in mid-August and my brotherin-law Samuel and his wife Sarah are doing a great job. They have planted gardens on the rented campus and filled the ponds with fish, and are raising chickens as well. Because of the border situation, we are looking at different ways to have the Bible School. I will be doing a class by Zoom this month and probably more in the future. We are also using DVD's from the past for Bible School training. We are looking for pastors or teachers that would consider doing some special classes that maybe will only be a couple days (via Zoom) but it would be a wonderful benefit for the students.







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