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# Shepherd's VOICE

*"Depart from evil  
and do good;  
Seek peace and  
pursue it.  
The eyes of the  
LORD are on the  
righteous,  
And His ears are  
open to their cry."*

**Psalms 34:14-15**

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**"The eye of the Lord are on the righteous,  
And His ears Open to their cry."**

**A**s we begin the New Year 2024, I believe we should bring to remembrance this Bible verse: "The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their cry." Psalms 34:15. This should give us comfort knowing that Father God is watching over our lives from the beginning of the year to the end of the year. Knowing God is the protector, and He is the one who provides for us and guides us, this gives us the assurance of His loving care over our lives. In Matthew 6:25-34 Jesus commands us not to worry five times. Worry does not add anything productive in our life. God promises us that He will take care of us. I like the way Pastor Tim Davidson states it, "Look at the birds of the air". God feeds the birds without requiring them to plant their own crops. They simply do what God has required designed them to do. God takes care of them. He will take care of you, not by idleness, but by you doing that which God designed you to do." God will fulfill His Word over our life. From the beginning of the Bible all the way to the end of the Bible "trust in the Lord" is a major theme for His children. We want the Bible students and the children in our home to know that they can "trust in the Lord" to protect them, provide for them, and guide them.

**BIBLE STUDENTS:** The month of December was a busy month for outreach and our Bible students thoroughly enjoy this time of year because of the outreaches to the different villages. Preaching, drama, and testimonies are all part of the program. All the students participate in the outreaches this gives them experience in sharing their faith. This is also a real blessing to all the families and children in the villages. Two of our former students live in villages that are on the road that go into China. Our former students have been shining examples of what it means to live a life sacrifice. One of our former students Dora is the assistant pastor in the village which the students are doing the outreach.

**CHRISTMAS OUTREACH:** On Christmas Day we held our annual outreach to the children and the families that



*Before the Big Show*



*Gifts Ready for Christmas*



*Girl with Christmas Gift*



*Preparing Gifts for Outreach*



*Team with Gift Package*



*Some of Our Bible Students and Children Drama*



*Wonderful Drama Team*



*Students Burmese Dance*





Family Christmas Photo

**FAMILY:** Our family enjoyed the Christmas break. Jeremiah and Joshua are back in school. Jeremiah is on the 16-and-under basketball team and my wife is involved in a women's Bible study in the local church we attend. Pray for the renewing of my wife's Burmese passport as it has been a little more difficult than we anticipated, but I fully expect by the end of February that she will get her new passport.

**THANK YOU** for your continued prayers and financial support. We are blessed and honored to be your missionaries here in SE Asia. You can see us at [www.loveforburma.com](http://www.loveforburma.com)



*Tom J. Schumacher*

Tom, Elizabeth, Jeremiah, and Joshua Schumacher

live near our campus. In each of our outreaches we share the Gospel, have drama, and testimonies. We gave out 150 meals as well as gifts to all the children. Our day was filled with food, fun, and of course Jesus. The most important part of the outreach was my brother-in-law preaching the simplicity of the Gospel to all who were in attendance.

**THAI OUTREACH:** During the Christmas break my family and I went to the border area of Mae Sai Thailand and held an outreach for mostly refugee children and refugee families. Through our donors we were able to give 65 meals along with gifts for the children in 2 different areas of Mae Sai. We were also able to spend time with my wife's family.

**BIBLE SCHOOL:** Starting on January 8th the students returned to Bible School for the second part of the year. I will be teaching on Foundations, and we will also be having a few guest Burmese ministers. One of my former Bible students will be returning to our campus to help with some of our staff. Philip was not only a great student, but he has also planted a couple other churches in the Yangon area. Philip is a great addition to our staff and will be helping through most of the rest of the Bible School year.

**CHILDREN'S HOME:** Giving a child an opportunity and you will fill their heart with hope. This is what Victory Life Children's home is doing for those who have little to no opportunity. All our children come from poor and remote villages where there is little or no education. Our team on the campus provides a Christ-centered environment where God's love is expressed, and children are given an opportunity for a better education and ultimately a better future. We minister faith and hope and instill Christian values that help frame their future.

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