



Ben at "Pole Barn War-Casualty Orphanage"



Ayeyarwaddy River Slum.....bathing, brushing, washing clothes, and drinking!



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Dear FIPartners,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and was a most blessed time as God allowed us another truly "Accountability Trip into 3 countries of S.E.Asia. We Pastors, Missionaries and a few ladies in Lashio, Shan State, Myanmar, visited numerous new and current FIP "House Churches" and preached to many of their members regardless of the time of day or night of the week!

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Savior Jesus Christ. The II Quarter of 2016 AWESOME (and only God is Awesome) taught two extended Bible Conferences (87 State, Myanmar and 67 in Kalaymyo, Chin supported church-planters in their village

The greatest ministry need in Myanmar is support for an additional 30 missionaries we have obligated FIP to assist, mostly in Shan State, the most spiritually dark. One of these is church-planter Naing Lyne Aung to whom God has entrusted thirty "War Casualty Orphans" from just over the mountain. These children's parents have died in the "territorial war" between the Padaung and Kachin tribes of that area. The picture above is the "Pole Barn" he has constructed in which to house these orphans. He has NO regular support and needs our help. He is our kind of guy because He is already evangelizing and discipling the new believers in 12 surrounding villages and has trained two "Timothies" (converts from Opium addiction...remember, we are in the Golden Triangle here!) to help him in this work.

Another great need we have is support for Bro. Thang Kam Lian who has answered the call to start a new ministry in the Ayeyarwaddy Riverside Slum (pictured above) which is one mile long with ten thousand Burmese people and not ONE single evidence of Christianity, not even the smallest cross or sign of the Fish...NOTHING but Buddhism. God stumbled me into this area last November. These people literally live out of the river with no running water or electricity. They make their living loading and unloading the small boats that dock there.

If you have not received the email updates I sent from the field, I will be glad to send them to you if you will send me an email with your email address attached. We can send you several sets of pictures and written reports from our missionaries.

In "Overview," our 31 men in Myanmar (we have increased to 48 in Quarter II!) reported evangelizing 111 villages, starting 22 new Home Bible Studies (embryonic churches) and witnessing 686 professions of faith! Our seventeen indigenous Indian Missionaries collectively reported evangelizing in 145 Villages, establishing 52 new Home Bible Study Groups (embryonic churches) and witnessing 1,002 Professions of Faith! Viet Nam reported 27 villages evangelized, 24 new Home Bible Study groups started and 28 professions of faith. We are still waiting for the reports from the Akha and Lahu Hill-tribe missionaries from northern Thailand. The mail doesn't run there every day. © During the previous quarter they evangelized 29 villages and witnessed 54 professions of faith. That makes a grand total for FIP's 10/40 II Q 2016 Outreach of 312 villages evangelized, 157 House Churches started and 1,710 professions of faith. NO ONE gets the glory "...but God that giveth the increase." ( I Cor. 3:7). Our men are following up on these new converts with new House Churches leading them to follow Jesus in believers' baptism and spiritual maturity to glorify God the Father and His Son with their lives, service and corporate worship in Jesus' church (Eph. 3:21; 4:11-16).

Isn't it great knowing that God chooses to use the likes of us, not the Angels, to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and help mobilize the others in third-world, limited-access nations, "...for how shall they preach except they be sent?" (Rom. 10:15)

Please continue to pray for these Missionaries regularly as we all know the necessity and effectiveness of our prayer life as Christians (Eph. 6:18-20) lest we end up trying to do the work of God in the energy of the flesh. I often think of Jesus' custom of getting up "a GREAT while before day" (Mk 1:35a) to begin His day in lengthy prayer. How much more do we mere, sinful mortals need to spend time in prayer??? And He didn't just get up and sit in His Lazy Boy Recliner... "He went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed." (35b) I know I 'm "preaching to the choir" and it's because I need to be reminded of this as much as anybody. As one African Christian observed, "I've got grass growing on my path"...to my solitary place.

Feel free to forward this and future ministry reports to your church members, family and friends. Help spread the word!

Your Missionary to the 10/40 Window,

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