



The Bernard Family

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Greetings fellow laborers

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Interesting facts

In 1900 the world's Jewish population was 10.6 million, in 1939 16.7 million, 1945 it was only 11 million. Today the Jewish population is 16 million.

The US holds 48% of the Jewish population followed by Israel at 45%. Next is France 2.9% and the rest scattered abroad.

Quotes

"Prayers outlive the lives of those who uttered them; outlive a generation, outlive an age, outlive a world."

"The Church is looking for better methods; God is looking for better men."

E.M. Bounds

Psalms 111:1 "Praise ye the Lord. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation." Our congregation is rejoicing for our new brother Myo Zin following the Lord in baptism. We wrote about his salvation in our last letter and now we are excited to report he is showing the fruit of his commitment to Christ. Although we cannot do an outside baptism at this time, over 60 people gathered around our makeshift baptismal pool in the church while we sang the Burmese translation of "How Great Thou Art". After a few questions and some explaining again to everyone present, he was baptized in the name of The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God has done a marvelous work in this man's life. Praise His name. Please pray for him as he continues to grow in the Lord.

Having the children's home and the weekly kids program, there is always something happening. We stay very busy! Children's program is supposed to be on Saturday but during the Buddhist holiday period Waso, the schools are closed on a random day each week and the kids have to make it up on Saturday. This goes on for three months. We have to rearrange our schedule each week to accommodate. The first week or two we didn't know which days the kids were off school so we thought to cancel the program but many children from the program showed up at Bro. Daniel's house on their free day ready to sing songs and learn from the Bible. Since then we have been more prepared and the kids love coming. I believe youth ministry is most impactful and important because the children are very pliable. Here in Myanmar once they become adults they stick to the traditions of Myanmar, but if we can teach them at a young age they will always remember God's Word. The kids are hearing the Bible stories, memorizing Scripture and getting the Word of God in their heart through song. We are excited about how this has grown. It has been a real joy.

With this new growth, it was time to add a church bus. Here in Myanmar, hauling lots of people is done in carry trucks. Knowing this need, I've been saving special offerings and saving our normal support for a long time. I finally found a good deal on a Daihatsu Hijet mini carry truck and it has already proved indispensable. We use it for the kids program and on Sunday for picking up members. Only one person in our church actually owns a car. Some have bicycles and some have no means of transportation. Bro. Daniel is going to driving school (as he has never driven) and he is learning to drive with our little truck now. It will be a vehicle for the orphanage as soon as he gets his license and confidence. It's been a great purchase and I am happy to be driving a truck (of sorts) again. Thank you all who have supported us monthly and for the special offerings.

Please continue to pray for the ministries here that we may better serve those whom The Lord has put under our area of influence. Also, pray that The Lord will work in the hearts of the people. All we can do is teach and preach, but God must prepare the hearts to be good soil. "For many are called, but few are chosen."



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Revelation 4:11