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# The Bernard Family

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Greetings fellow laborers for Christ.

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### Quotes

"Nothing in the world is worth having or worth doing unless it means effort, pain, difficulty... I have never in my life envied a human being who led an easy life. I have envied a great many people who led difficult lives and led them well."

Theodore Roosevelt



As we begin the new year I would like to say thank you brothers and sisters in Christ for all the prayers in the last year. It was only by God's grace that we were able to make it through all of the attacks against our church and family. Once again I have been amazed by how God can take a bitter trial, and turn it into a blessing for the better. False brethren meant much evil against us, but God meant it for good. Now our relations with the local government and "the powers that be" are better than before. The church building is secure, and the church family is growing in faith. The members of the church all have a sense of unity that we never had before. By God's provision we have a new team of dedicated teachers for the children's home. Also, God has placed new children in the home, and each one seems to be handpicked by Him. Every time we have had a need, God fills the need at the time we need it filled. Many times we desire things to happen quickly, but looking back God's timing has always been better than I could have thought. Please continue to pray that things will work together in harmony so that God is glorified and we can do more to help people in His name.

At this time in this ministry we are on new grounds. Since we no longer have a native pastor, I have been pushed to step up in my language learning efforts. Upon arrival in December 2019, we had plans to attend a language academy. To our disappointment, Covid-19 shut down all language schools. After that the Coup took place and they remained closed and now there are not language schools as before. Not many foreigners desire to learn Burmese. For me 90% of my language learning has been self study. Even though I speak Burmese out and about, and I can get around just fine, I had never preached without a translator. I have had to get out of my comfort zone and start preaching in Burmese. I said my first sermon would only be 5 minutes as I wrote out everything I wanted to say, but it ended up being about 20 minutes. Each time has gotten a little easier and I'm just praising the Lord that everyone says they understand what is spoken.

As a matter of prayer. Due to the conflict in the middle east, Myanmar has passed new laws in order to conserve gas. Cars with even number on their license plate cannot drive on odd number days and vice versa. The penalties are jail time so we need to find a way to obtain some kind of exemption papers in order to drive freely on our ministry days. I use my bicycle for almost all business during the week but we pick up a lot of people in our carry truck on Sundays, Saturdays and Wednesdays. As we've said before it's only God's continual provision that keeps us here and that preserves us during these tumultuous times. In addition, because of what had happened in Venezuela and the US involvement in the matter, some government and military leaders decided that US passport holders would not be granted visas any longer. They went as far to issue a statement to the embassy here. If this had been confirmed in the government here, it would be impossible for us to serve the Lord here at home in Myanmar. Thankfully, they withdrew this within a matter of days and are still allowing Americans to apply for and renew their visas. We never know what might happen next but with God on our side, we can be sure that He will work all things for good, but we do request to the Lord to continue here.

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Revelation 4:11



For Christmas we fed around 500 people at our church. Also we gave bags of rice, oil etc.. We gave donations to children as well.



Above: on our weekly outing with the children's home



Above and to right: or new staff for the church and home. Miss Rose who can play and teach the children music and basic education. Miss Regina who worked for us in the past, was thankful to return upon the opportunity.

