



## Banfe Family Newsletter Nov 2023



*"Yea, so have I strived to preach the Gospel, not where Christ was named."*

### **Special Report:**

We are truly thankful for your faithful prayers and support. We could not do any of this without you. This newsletter is a report of some of our major year end events which we have been preparing for since last year. I pray you are encouraged.

### **Pastor College 2023- Preparing the Shepherds:**

We planned on 30-40 pastors, but we had over 60 pastors at the conference at the border town of Mae Sot, Thailand. And, to our surprise 24 Christian workers and pastors from Burma put their lives at risk and attended. I heard stories of interrogation and intimidation by the Military at the border. The civil war rages on and churches have been burnt, pastors killed and village razed to the ground. But these saints were not deterred, Lord bless them. At the conference they were taught to face the cults entering their country, to defend the Bible, and to understand the person and work of the God the Holy Spirit in this post Apostolic era. There was a phenomenal working of the Holy Spirit uniting us as brothers and sisters in Christ. It was my honor to teach them. If these young pastors are the future of Burma, I am encouraged. Lord bless them.



### **Youth Camp 2023- Reaching the Sheep:**

This was a unique outreach. None of these youth had ever experienced anything like this. And we were astonished to find out 60 youth planned to come. Close to 80% were unsaved. Most were Buddhist, animists, and Muslim. They knew little or nothing about Christ and our faith, and they had never been to a camp like this. Many were from poor refugee families. But God blessed in amazing ways. The entire camp was about Christ, the Gospel and the Word. They did devotions when they got up and before they retired. During the day, preaching, Bible memory, object lessons, messages. Of course there was time for fun. There were smiles everywhere. But the central focus was Christ. We were impressed by the zeal of these unsaved kids. Every single youth was dedicated to learning and memorizing the Word of God. During apologetics night, 62 separate students asked amazing questions. These young lives will never be the same. We preached Christ and His amazing love. And now they need to know Him. We have already begun discipleship and praying for a rich harvest. With God as our captain, next year we have plans for something even more ambitious for the youth and for His Glory.



### **AGAPE FARMS Food for The Body and the bread of life for the soul.**

We just finished painting our building and now have selected tenant farmers to farm the land to grow produce and fish for our evangelism with the destitute Burmese refugees. This will be an amazing new facet in our ministry at MTB.

### **Publications: Only by His Mercy: 15,000 Bibles Distributed in 2023 under the Noses of the Military Junta**

The Lord made this possible. We distributed in private vans and clandestine channels. One load had to wait at a bus station in one area until the fighting abated. But not one shipment, not one Bible was confiscated! Praise God.

### **Myanmar Lifeline: Outreach**

We continue our ministry to the Forest people, the Trash Dump families, rural Burmese. Most are illegal refugees. There is incredible poverty, substance abuse and hopelessness. But we bring them the hope, and the mercy and the Grace of Jesus.

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE CRITICAL NEEDS:**

1. We desperately need a used **4WD truck** for our outreach to the Forest people, the Trash Dump Rural refugees and Agape Farms. Cost is about **\$10,000**. Please pray for God to provide. The rain makes the roads impassable much of the year.
2. We need to **print more Bibles and 50,000 more Gospel Booklets**. We are in a battle for souls and these are our weapons.

**PLEASE SEND ALL DONATIONS TO MACEDONIA WORLD BAPTIST MISSIONS. Pls label as "4WD truck" or "Publications".**

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