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Myanmar Testimony



My dear faithful partners in mission,

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all of your prayers and support! I couldn't have done it without you! Our mission team of 9 people were in Myanmar from 7/7 to 7/22, and including flight, it was about a 17 day journey. We had the privilege of sharing the gospel to orphans, school teachers, elementary and Jr high students. The host took us to visit the sick and we laid hands and prayed for them and sang songs over them. We also got to train the youth in the local churches about praise and worship. All in all, it was an amazing trip with amazing adventures, and everyone on our team learned so much from it. So many great things happened, but there's no space for all the stories, so I will just highlight three things that were important to me during this trip.



On the way to a children center in the mountain. What a beautiful scenery!



A gospel worker (man standing in blue) lives in a small corner room so he can serve these mountain kids every day.

First, I realized that ministry in Myanmar takes time. It takes time to sow the seeds of the Gospel in the hearts of the people, and most of the time, it takes years to see spiritual fruit. So I really admire the pastors and the local workers who dedicated their lives to a place to sow seeds for 10-20 years. Like workers in the orphanage that dedicate their entire life to raise up 50-100 kids (maybe 15 kids at a time). Therefore, short term teams are really there to learn about the work and experience the culture. We can be an encouragement to the workers, but in terms of serving the children, we have limited contribution. It is the long term workers there that are making the big impact in their lives. They are like spiritual moms and dads to the young people. Praise God for their dedication!



Second, I saw that the Myanmar people are a beautiful and kind people. They are friendly and hospitable. They help each other with genuine care when someone is in need, even if they were strangers. This kind of culture is lost in many parts of America and China. Overall, I enjoyed the culture, the food, the traditional clothing, the history, etc. Most of them are economically poor, but they are content with what they have. They get very delighted when you greet them in their heart language: "Mingarlabar!" which means "hello"! When we were in Yangon, we asked the local host if we need to be very careful with our bags and money. They said "no, in this city, even if you carry a big bag of cash in a transparent bag, no one will rob you." I was very surprised by their answer. They said that because Myanmar is a Buddhist country, the citizens have a strong sense of right and wrong. Interesting isn't it?

We visited the local market where they sold fresh meat and vegetables. The locals are very friendly, and this lady posed for our picture. "Mingarlabar"!



Lastly, we spend 3 days getting to know the elementary school teachers. These teachers are very young, some as young as 18 years old. A few of them teach elementary students in the morning as a full time job, and then they go to high school during the afternoon because they are full time high school students too. It amazes me how different our educational systems are. One of my favorite moments was when I received a text from one elementary school teacher, Victor, whom I have been witnessing to. He wrote: "I think I am falling in love with Jesus". Wow! I showed his text to my team and we were greatly encouraged. He was a Buddhist, but he is finding Jesus in a very real way.

Victor, an elementary school teacher who is learning to love Jesus!

I hope my short stories give you a taste of ministry in Myanmar. I pray that, if God willing, we can go on another adventure together and labor together for the gospel!

In Christ,

KC Liu

PS. Here are some other key moments in our mission trip:



Gospel Pig Project: We give piglets to poor families to they can be self sustainable. Then local workers visit the family and prays with them.



Our team had the chance to visit some of the local believers for prayers and encouragement.



KC preaching the gospel to a group of kids from the orphanage. They are precious in God's eyes!



Pastor Shih preaching to 600 students. He was funny and energetic, the kids loved him!

*"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them
in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." – Matt 28:19-20*