



KHOPANG NEWSLETTER

NORTH BURMA CHRISTIAN MISSION

Now serving in Thailand
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Dear beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is that time of the month where we send you an update on what is happening over here on the mission field. Despite all that is happening all over the world by God's grace we have been able to continue sharing the Gospel to many people and areas. Though we have been on lockdown since the first week of April, and large gatherings and church gatherings have still not opened up, we have been able to have church live-streaming every Sunday morning. Here at our local Lisu church in Chiangmai we have been able to upload sermons of the Wednesday and Saturday evening services onto the church website and on YouTube. We thank God for modern technology, that we can use it to the advancement of God's Kingdom to reach many people who otherwise cannot come to church or are sick or stuck at home.

Churches on both the Thailand side and the Burma side have been closed down for a while now, but we just heard that on the Burma side (*not where there is shooting and warring going on*) there are a few churches that have been allowed to have short services again.



Here you can see Pastor Saithoon leading a church service in the new church that was completed at the end of 2020. In Asian churches, choirs and special songs are a big thing. It is a



special offering of their gifts and talents to the Lord. We always enjoy the songs and the time and effort it takes for them to practice together and serve the Lord with songs of praise! During the week, Pastor Saithoon continues his evangelistic trips and ministers to many in need, whether these people need prayer, transportation, food or just to sit and share the Gospel on a one-on-one level of teaching and explanation of the Salvation story. Praise the Lord that he has been able to travel again and continue to pray for him and his family as they carry on the great commission!

Update on our son Jesse's situation

Not much has changed on his overall health situation. He was tested for COVID-19 and the test came back positive. We asked how he could have gotten it and it turned out someone at work had it so several others tested positive as well. He felt really sick, but he was not hospitalized. He did not have respiratory issues either. We thank God for His

goodness in helping the case to be light and not too serious! Though he ached all over and had horrific headaches, he has come through it. He is now back at work since Monday, June 28th. He is still weak so please continue to pray for strength and complete restoration. Pray for his faith and trust in God to see him through all these trying times. We know God has a plan and a purpose for his life. Please continue to pray for healing and removal of all the tumors as well. We thank all of you who have so lovingly kept our family, especially Jesse and his family, in your prayers. We thank you for your letters of encouragement and letting us know you are thinking of us. That means so much to us! May God bless each and everyone of you.

P.S. We continue to lift up the individuals, families, and couples who are going through the tragedy and loss at this time there in Florida. We pray for God's mercy and that He will send special angels to keep the trapped people oxygenated and fed special food from heaven. May He give them comfort, ease their pain, and give them peace until they are all found!

Love in Christ,

Joel and Marilyn Khopang