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Dear Friends,

What an amazing start for 2015! I have just arrived home from Taunggyi, Myanmar where we experienced a strong presence of the Holy Spirit in our Pastors and Church Leaders Conference.

Myanmar, formerly Burma, is a sovereign state in Southeast Asia bordered by Bangladesh, India, China, Laos and Thailand. The religious make up of Myanmar is 92% Buddhist and only 2% Christian! This nation is wide open for the gospel. There are 15,000 unreached villages in the nation of Myanmar. In Taunggyi, located in the Shan State where we were ministering, the population is approximately 350,000. Incredibly, for that number of people, there are only seven Christian churches. Myanmar is the second largest producer of opium, second only to Afghanistan. The drug addiction there is twice of that in the United States. Human trafficking, as in many nations, is a major industry there. The pastors and church leaders work unwaveringly to preach the gospel and to reach the vast Buddhist population with truth.

Pastors with a Purpose



Here are our leaders, Pastor Khamh and his wife Ninni. They are a remarkable couple. They have a four year bible school that houses and trains forty students. As the students graduate, they are sent out as missionaries to various districts. Presently there are twelve missionaries/evangelists in eleven districts. While the challenges are enormous, Pastor Khamh and his staff are committed to training the future leaders who will reach their nation for Christ.

Bible School Students

That is right! You are not looking at junior high students, but young men and women from the ages of eighteen to early twenties who are studying to be missionaries to impact their nation for Christ. I was inspired by their passion! In all we had 153 pastors, church leaders and bible students participate. During the conference our leader told us he had many of the people come to him to tell him what an effect the conference was having on them.



Several pastors who were ready to quit the ministry gained renewed passion and vision to continue. Many of them said they had never experienced the presence of God in such a powerful way. Praise God! I had one young man tell me “Thank you for caring and talking to me. I love the kindness I felt when you looked me in the face.” This is what Gateway Missions is all about! Thank you to our friends and partners for making a difference in the lives and visions of the beautiful pastors and church leaders around the globe.





Khin Maung Win



Meet Khin, one of the bible school students who served us during meal times at the conference. I was so impressed with how joyful and attentive all the students were and how they worked together, everyone doing their job. Khin was born and lived as a slave until just recently. His family is from China and fled to Myanmar only five years ago. It is the first time in their lives they have lived as free people. Khin is studying at the bible school so he can return to his province to preach the gospel. In his province there is less than one tenth of one percent Christian. Khin fled slavery to gain his freedom. Now he is a bond slave for Christ, set apart for the gospel.

As I think of these young leaders, I am reminded of the young missionary William Borden (1887-1913), of the Borden Dairy Empire. While in his first year at Yale he began a prayer and bible study group. By the time Borden graduated he'd established several groups totaling one thousand of Yale's 1,300 student population. While on his way to serve as a missionary to China, Boren fell ill and died. It would seem to the average person that Williams' life was wasted. However, that was not the belief of Borden. Found written in the final pages of his diary were these words..."**No Reserves. No Retreats. No Regrets.**"

Our vision of Connecting People, Nations and Continents for The Great Commission resonates in the hearts of God's leaders worldwide. Over the past eight years, including the Myanmar conference, pastors tell us that the love and compassion demonstrated in the meetings always encourages them to continue serving God with joy and passion.

Thank you for partnering with us and for your generosity toward God's servants who serve in very difficult and lonely circumstances. Thanks also to Global Advance for the honor of networking with them to train and equip frontline pastors in Myanmar.

Running the Race to Win,

Gary & Jane Ann Casey

Please pray for Jane Ann and me as we travel to Tiraspol, Transnistria in February. This will be our eighth year to be with these pastors and church leaders. This year we are taking a team of fifteen people and will be partnering with Royce and Jennifer Riffin, founders of Water Hose Ministries. We will conduct a three day conference called Encounter the Cross. We will be ministering on a variety of topics designed to bring freedom and awareness to every believer in knowing and understanding their identity in Christ. We know the power of the Holy Spirit will deliver and heal many during our time there!