

Myanmar

Sending Church

New Horizon Baptist Church

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Ben and Sara

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Interesting facts

The King James Bible was completed in 1611 following seven years of translation work by 54 Hebrew and Greek scholars.

Once the King James Bible caught on, it was virtually the only Bible used in the English speaking world for the next 300 years.

Ouotes

"The two enemies of the people are criminals and government, so let us tie the second down with the chains of the constitution so the second will not become the legalized version of the first."

-Thomas Jefferson



The Bernard Family

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Greetings fellow laborers for Christ

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Another hot season has come and gone and now the rains are here to stay until late October. This year's hot season had record breaking temperatures and even a few weeks longer than usual. Even though it was hot, the dry conditions made it easier for us to keep our construction underway. We were able to get truckloads of dirt to build up the new church property and then dig and brick our ditch before it became a mud pit. Laying a brick foundation for a fence around the land was necessary too and it all got done just in time.

We had an unexpected addition to the children's home in May. A desperate mother had reached out to the ward leader for help for her 10 month old daughter. She was homeless and abandoned by the father with no family or help to take care of her baby. The ward leader contacted us and arranged for the adoption of little Susanna. This baby girl is fully adopted by our house parents and will be raised as their own, not just a child under their care. She quickly became very attached to her new family and is already learning to speak and call for her mama and papa. Mrs. Zing is thrilled with the new baby since she has not been able to have any more children of her own because of her battle with cancer. Susanna is bright and happy and has quickly become the center of attention at the home and at church. We are thankful that we have good relations with the community leaders so that we were able to take her in. Now Susanna is rescued from a life of abandonment and hardship and instead is now being raised in a Christian home with a family to love her.

Speaking of babies, our family was also blessed with another son on June 15. Cyrus Elliot Bernard was born at 2:45am at the hospital here in Yangon. The last months were hard in the extreme heat but the Lord gave my wife the strength and health to deliver the baby with no complications. He is strong and healthy and Sara is recovering very quickly as well. Cyrus arrived on Saturday just in time for Fathers Day. I am so proud of the family God has given me and this is a very special gift from Him.

As for the situation all over the country, there has yet to be an improvement. The conscription/draft laws keep people in fear of being taken. New restrictions on internet usage has given more excuse to arrest and fine the people. They have created a firewall to keep people from using a VPN to cheat the system and they regularly stop people and search for banned applications. Jailtime or fines are given if they are caught. In northern states the war is more serious. Villages are being burned all the time sending people fleeing into the jungle to hide. Air strikes are a constant threat so those refugees cannot even light fires for fear of creating a target. We had an uncle from one of these areas contact us so we could get his niece out of harms way and into our home. They were going to try and come by bus but the roadblocks and more attacks nearby made this impossible. After three weeks of trying to get to an airport, we received 8yr old Deborah into the home. Please pray for the safety of Bro. Daniel's family still in Chin State. So many have lost everything and their lives are still in danger.

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Susanna a new member of the Lighthouse family.



Deborah the newest addition to the home. (below)





The completed brick foundation for the walls and completed drainage ditch.



Baby Cyrus our second child born in Myanmar.

