

# From the Golden Shore

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Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

God has been very gracious to us in the past two months since our last prayer letter. He has given us more opportunities to serve Him and others. He has even begun expanding our ministry and influence throughout Myanmar. Much has been invested into this startup missionary endeavor over the past decade which includes four and a half years of deputation and six years in country. I have been often reminded that God is an investor. I recently came across the parable of the talents in my daily Scripture reading. *“And he called his **ten** servants, and delivered them **ten** pounds, and said unto them, **Occupy till I come.**”* (Luke 19:13) Each of you who have invested your time in prayer and your money in your local church’s missions program are shareholders in this and many other missions works around the globe. Then begs the question, “How have the answers to prayer and the funds been used? Is there some profit of souls and churches to show for all the precious investment?”

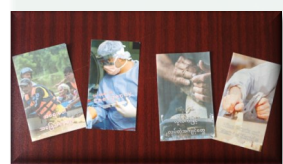


Last year, we gathered many Bibles and books for a container. Last June, after overcoming some obstacles, the container was shipped out. Then in August, the container arrived in Thailand and sat at the Burmese border for about six weeks. But on October 6th, the truck with our books, a large printer, and a paper cutter arrived on our little dead-end street. It was such a joy to receive these much anticipated things. Our eldest, Naomi, was especially excited to have new books to read. Within a few hours, we had everything in the house, and we began organizing and separating the books. We have given about half the books away to pastor friends, churches, and schools. We still have more to pack up and ship out. But many people are already very encouraged and strengthened by these books. My pastor friends will be better equipped to pastor their people.

Our goal when we arrived in Burma six years ago was always to be mentoring and church-planting missionaries. Following Paul’s example, we would mentor men to pastor and help them start churches. Of course, our first term was focused on getting our family established in the Burmese language and culture. Having a strong, grounded family and being able to personally speak Burmese were the main goals. Now, although we are not fully fluent, we have enough of a grasp of Burmese to reach people and preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. Ever since we got back from our furlough last year, I have kept my eyes and ears open to opportunities God might bring our way. Currently, the Lord has given me five local men to help reach their potential. They are all on five different levels of spiritual growth. Some speak some English, and others do not speak any at all. But they all love the Lord and are excited to grow. We also have some other friends around the country whom we help as we are able.



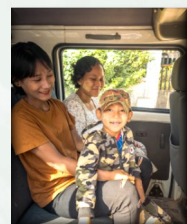
About two months ago, I met a man named Gideon. Without knowing anyone in town, he and his family moved to Mawlamyine in June to start an independent Baptist church. We first met at a coffee shop where I got to know a little more about him and his burden. He was taught good Baptist doctrine and believes like we do, but he lacked some experience in the practical areas of ministry. So two months ago, we helped Pastor Gideon start the Bible Baptist Church, this being our first church plant. We started taking him out soul winning twice a week. He and I have had many lengthy conversations about different aspects of the church and pastoral responsibilities. This has also grown my own Christian walk and dependence on God. He and his wife, Helen, have really enjoyed and are learning much from some of the books for preachers and their wives. Although we see people saved out soul winning every week, it took a while to get our converts to church. This past Sunday, this two month old church had thirty-eight people total with twelve visitors. We started the church with a Sunday morning service. After the first of the year, we will be adding a Sunday school hour. In a couple months summer will start and school will be out. This will be a good time to reach kids and their parents through the use of an English class.



We also translated and published two Gospel tracts. One of them is titled “The Works of Men’s Hands” and outlines from Scripture how salvation is not of works but wholly by grace through faith. I grew up using this tract, and many thousands of people in New England over the years have trusted Christ to save them after reading it. After studying Buddhism before coming here, I knew I needed to get it translated into Burmese. These tracts have sat in my desk for over five years waiting to be translated. To start, we printed 5,000 tracts at a cost of \$200 and in the last month have already handed out over 2,000 of them. Eventually, we want to make these tracts available to any Baptist church that wants them.

Would you please pray for Bible Baptist Church with the upcoming Christmas services and Pastor Gideon’s family? His wife is due with their second child next week. They also need God’s protection. Now having two gospel-preaching, independent fundamental Baptist churches in this city of nearly half a million surely angers the Devil. Please also pray for God to give Annie and I His love, wisdom, and power as we seek to help get this church off the ground and start many more churches. *“And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and **give it to him that hath ten pounds.** For I say unto you, **That unto every one that hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him.**”* (Luke 19:24&26) We have tried to diligently use all the wisdom, knowledge, love, prayers, and finances, *etc.* that have been invested into us to be profitable in the Lord’s economy. We have not just wrapped it all up in a napkin for safe keeping. God bless, and have a merry Christmas.

Yours for Souls,  
*The Davis Family*  
Matthew 4:16



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