



# Myanmar Hope Christian Mission, Inc.

“You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.” - Amy Carmichael

Summer 2018

## Urgent Need

We are reprinting an article about the New Hope Prison Outreach because we really need your help with this vital project. The article describes the new ministry, a bit of history behind it, and why it is necessary.

After the article you can read an update of some of what has been accomplished there in 2018.

Summer is a time when donations go down for nearly all non-profit organizations, and MyHope is not immune to this phenomenon. It’s understandable: people are traveling, it’s vacation time, the kids are on summer break, and everyone is busy with so many things.

However, this summer we actually need donations to go up! There is a deadline of August 31st, by which time we need to receive the remaining funds necessary to purchase the land and house for the prison outreach.

### Matching Grant Challenge

A very generous friend has put forward this challenge: For every donation received for the New Hope Prison Outreach between now and the end of August, he will match it up to a total of \$2,000!

That would be an additional \$4,000 for the prison outreach if the challenge is met.

We need to raise a total of \$9,000 between now and the end of August in order to purchase the property for the prison outreach. If the matching challenge is met,

that would drop the needed amount down to only \$5,000.

Please help us meet the goal by sending a gift right away. Thank you!

Now, here is the reprinted article about the New Hope Prison Outreach:

## New Hope Prison Outreach

On the main road that runs north and south between Tamu and Kalay, located about ten miles north of Kalay, is a large prison called Mawlaikalay Prison. It houses approximately 2,400 inmates, of which about 400 are Christians or from Christian families (meaning they are not Buddhist or Muslim).

Many of the Christian prisoners are from villages and families that Palal knows well, and some are even close relatives of students at Hope Boarding School. Most of the men in the prison are there because of opium addiction, or because they were

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caught selling or carrying opium. However, some are in because of obvious miscarriages of justice, or because they were set up by malicious neighbors.

Palal has passed by that prison hundreds of times, and each time he thought about the prisoners and their families. However, last December, as he was passing by the prison, he says he felt such a strong urge to do something for the prisoners and their families that he had to pull over to the side of the road and pray.

The Lord gave Palal a vision for a new prison outreach that would serve the prisoners and their families. He meditated on



The infamous Mawlaikalay Prison

the passage from Hebrews 13:3, "Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the Body."

The villages where the Christian prisoners come from are far away from the prison. In addition, there are no hotels or restaurants nearby, and the bus from Tamu only passes by once per day. Since there is nowhere for visitors to sleep or cook food, the prisoners and their families rarely get to see each other.

Palal had the idea that if a guest house was made available near the prison for visiting families, where they could sleep overnight and have a place to cook food, many more families would be able to visit, and also bring food and clothing to the men in prison. (The conditions in the prison are very bad, and the prisoners do not get enough food to eat. Most of them rely on gifts from their families to sustain them).

It so happened that the man who used to be our van driver for trips along the main road, who is a Christian, owns an old house on a small plot of land, just a mile or so from the prison. Palal found out that he had recently put his land up for sale and moved into a house in Kalay.

Palal contacted him about selling his house to us for use as a guest house and headquarters for a new prison ministry. He was very encouraged about this and was happy to sell his land for such a purpose. He agreed to sell for \$20,000, which is less than the market price.

He also agreed to allow us to move in right away, but said he needs to have the funds no later than August of this year because he needs the money for his home and business. Myanmar Hope gave him a down payment of \$4,000, and is paying \$50.00 per month for rent in the meantime. We have \$7,000 in savings for this project, so we will still

need to raise \$9,000 by August 31st.

In preparation for the new outreach, Palal gathered the church leaders for a retreat, where they prayed and discussed the new ministry. He also went with some church leaders to visit the prison on a number of occasions, discussing his plans with the prison officials. While there he preached to over two hundred Christians gathered for a Christmas service. After the service, many of the prisoners thanked him for coming, asked about their families, and requested Bibles and other Christian resources.

In January, Pastor Sei Kho Lal, along with his wife and children, moved from their village near Tamu down to the guest house. They will be leading the New Hope Prison Outreach ministry. One of their first official acts as leaders of the new ministry was to begin distributing Bibles to the prisoners who had requested them.

Since January, many families have stayed at the guest house, from where it



Mr. Sei Kho Lal with Bibles for prisoners



Sei Kho Lal and Neng Ja Chin

is an easy walk to the prison. They are so very thankful to finally be able to visit their men (and women) living in the prison, and to bring them food, clothing, and other gifts. Some of them had not seen each other in several years!

Please pray for this important, new ministry. A small church has formed inside the prison, and they are urgently requesting more Bibles and training materials. As word is getting around to the villages that it is now possible to visit their relatives in prison, more and more people are coming.

**We need to raise the funds to purchase the land by August 31st. Please help us with this task, as we cannot do it without you! God bless you, and please remember to pray for the prisoners.**

Here are a few statistics from Palal about the Prison Outreach in 2018:

1. Installed a new well
2. Installed one water purification pump (from Kenneth Heng and Friends)
3. Distributed 189 Burmese Bibles to prisoners (will soon distribute 15 more)
5. Sharing the Gospel in the community (Personal and Individual Evangelism)
6. Visitation and Hosting:
  - 79 inmates have been visited and comforted, 23 inmates' family members



were provided meals while they were visiting the inmates, 21 people have stayed overnight at the house and were provided meals, 6 prisoners (3 local and 3 from India) were helped to get back to their villages.

Palal says, "We are praying for the needed funds to come in for purchasing the land. I know it is not easy but what I can do is continue praying for the response from God's people."

[Editor's note: Some time in the future I will write about why so many Christians are caught in the terrible trap of opium addiction. The situation is tragic, as thousands of families in Myanmar, India, and Thailand are caught in the crossfire of trafficking illegal drugs and guns around the world.]

## East/West Garden

Did you know that the tractor, which was purchased last year with funds received during the Ten Year Ministry Update Dinner, has been bringing income to the farm? That's right! Our farmers have been renting out the service of the tractor to other farmers in the area. They have been saving up that income, and this month they were able to purchase fifty new mango tree saplings for the farm.



Unloading the mangoes trees

Now there are ninety mango trees on the farm, along with dozens of banana, orange, and lemon trees. In a few years the farm will be bursting with fresh fruit!

Palal has even started trying to raise



Staking out the new trees

grapes. They aren't sure how well they will grow, but there is a big demand for grapes in Myanmar. It will be interesting to see how the new grapes work out.

Thank you for your prayers and financial donations for the East/West Garden!

## Piglets Project

Two more families are the recipients of piglets from our 2016 Piglets Project! The way this project works is that a family receives a female piglet. When the sow is full grown and has piglets, two females from the first litter are given back to the project, and these are then given to two more families.

So far about two dozen families have received piglets, and more are being added all the time.



## Hope Boarding School Update

The new fourth floor on the girls' dormitory building is complete!

In the Spring of this year, Mrs. Laura Crater organized another **#Move4Myanmar** with the students at Springfield Christian School. The goal was to raise \$20,000 to pay for the construction of a fourth floor and roof for the girls' dormitory building. More than 130 children and adults participated in the challenge, and the goal was met!

Construction began in mid-May and was completed just last week in mid-July. The new space looks great!



Some 8th grade students using the new space

This space was greatly needed, as HBS has become very crowded with fifty students, multiple staff members and, of course, it is also the home of Palal, Kikim, Solomon, Cherry, Noah, and Mary.

The girls in particular had no good place in which to study, and they were using their beds and footlockers as desks. In addition, the space on the third floor that was being used for group activities and worship services was very cramped. Half of the floor space was used up with a bedroom for some of our older female staff and Palal's office.

Now, the fourth floor and the third floor can both be used as study space and for group activities. And the open area for worship services is so much better.

We are all very thankful for the hard work and generous gifts from everyone



Some of the students showing how wide the new room is. It is over twice as long as it is wide, so this gives you some idea of how much space is available.

involved in the 2018 #Move4Myanmar! God bless you all!!

**Three New Students and Three Returning Students Need Sponsors**

We still have six students that need to be sponsored to cover their education and living expenses at Hope Boarding School. Because of the generous donations of many people, we have been able to keep the cost of sponsorship at just

\$50 per month for the past eight years, even though the cost of living in Yangon has gone up a lot during that time.

The three new students are Mr. Let Hao Thang, Mr. Lun Min Len Sei, and Miss Aye Aye Nwe.

The three returning students are Miss Hoi Kim Neng, Mr. Tong Hao Za Len, and Miss Lhing Nei Chin.

Please pray about being a monthly sponsor for one of these children. They come out of extreme poverty and your monthly gifts will literally change their lives both now and forever. Education is the surest way out of poverty for these children and their families!

**Sending Cards and Letters**

Cards, letters, and photos for your sponsored students, pastors, and families are very welcome!

Mail service in Myanmar is much improved over the past few years, and now it is much easier to send mail to Yangon and even to some of the more remote areas (the mail has to be hand-delivered out to the villages).

The students love receiving cards and letters from their sponsors, and they try to write back. They pray for their sponsors every night, so feel free to send them information that can make their prayers more specific.

They also love to see photos of their sponsoring families, and they put them up by their beds.

The pastors and families out in the villages also love to receive mail from overseas! They are very encouraged by your messages of love. They have lived very difficult lives, and some have even suffered persecution because of their faith in Christ, and it is very comforting to them to know they are not forgotten by the rest of the Church.

Please keep the topics of your letters focused on family, church, and such, and avoid talking about politics, the military, or government.

You can send cards and letters to our address in Spanaway, Washington, and we will forward them for you. Alternatively, you can send them directly to Yangon.

A one ounce card or letter costs \$1.15



Let Hao Thang



Lun Min Len Sei



Aye Aye Nwe



Hoi Kim Neng



Tong Hao Za Len



Lhing Nei Chin



Everyone loves the new 4th floor!



and takes four to six weeks to arrive. Birthday cards, Christmas cards, and cards in general are always welcome. If you have forgotten your student's birthday, give us a call or an email, and we can let you know.

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## A Visit from Kenneth

Mr. Kenneth Heng, from Singapore, found Myanmar Hope's Facebook page a couple of years ago, and since then has visited HBS several times. Each time he visits he brings gifts! One time Kenneth provided some really nice musical equipment for the students to use during worship services.



Presenting the equipment to the In-Charge Doctor

He visited again in June, and this time he wanted to go to the northwest and see the works that Myanmar Hope is involved with up there. He also purchased some much-needed medical equipment to donate to the new hospital/clinic at Bokkan!

The equipment that was delivered to

the hospital included:

1. Delivery Set
2. Fetal Doppler
3. Suction Machine
4. Oxygen Machine
5. Patient Monitor

Kenneth and Palal visited many of our projects in northwest Myanmar, and Kenneth provided water purification systems to some of our project sites.

We are very thankful to Kenneth and his friends in Singapore and elsewhere who donated the funds to provide the much-needed and much-appreciated equipment.

## Hope Preschool

On May 7th, Hope Preschool held its 6th annual graduation ceremony. This year thirteen students graduated and are able to start kindergarten. Twenty students returned in June for the new academic year, along with nineteen new students.



2018 Preschool Graduates



Some of the ladies at the New Pathway Home watching a video on the new TV

## New Pathway Home

Near the end of April, thanks to some generous donations, Palal was able to purchase a new TV and DVD player for the residents at the New Pathway Home.



The ladies really enjoy watching educational videos. They especially enjoy watching this show about animals (see the picture below).



## Family Support Program

There are still many families waiting for help. \$30.00 per month is all it takes to help feed a poor family.



This couple is waiting to be in the Family Support Program

Please sign up today!

Call us at 217-415-9187 or send us an email. Thank you!

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