

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

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Greetings in Jesus

This edition of the newsletter was supposed to be our summer newsletter, but life has a way of getting in the way, so to speak. I'm sure you can all relate to that! That said, we had a busy summer with two successful art festivals and some unexpected health issues. We praise God that He is always faithful and He always cares for our needs.

As we come to the end of summer and we welcome the autumn season, we sense the changes in the air. We do not know what the future holds in store, but we know that God loves us, that He cares for us, and He will provide. I'm reminded of that old song that Palal and Kikim used to sing to us—"I know Who Holds Tomorrow" by Ira Stanphill:

I don't know about tomorrow,
I just live from day to day.
I don't borrow from its sunshine,
For its skies may turn to gray.
I don't worry o'er the future,
For I know what Jesus said,
And today I'll walk beside Him
for He knows what is ahead.
Many things about tomorrow,
I don't seem to understand;
But I know who holds tomorrow,
And I know who holds my hand.

- Chuck and MaryAnn Cherry

Palal and Kikim's Update

Here is the latest ministry report from Palal and Kikim Khongsai:

1. Sixty-two Baptisms this Year

So far this year, we happily report that sixty-two people were baptized into Christ Jesus from the following churches and locations:

- Hope Boarding School: 22
- Maingdongphai CC: 5
- Moldumphai CC: 9
- Thingnal CC: 1
- Kolkang CC VBS: 25

1 Wetinpauk CC & Community: 1

Hope Boarding School: Twenty-one students from HBS were baptized on July 20th, 2025. They all come from Christian villages, but they could not read the Bible, nor did they understand the assurance of salvation.

When they arrived in Yangon they learned how to read their bibles along with all of the students. They also hear the good news of salvation through our preaching at worship services every Sunday.

The students accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior and they asked for water baptism. They all confessed that "Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, who died on the cross and rose from the dead".

Wetinpauk Community: Mr. A Phyu Say is a 75 year old man who comes from a Buddhist background. He left his home in Rakhine State in 2020 because of the Civil War, and he moved into the



Baptism service at Hope Boarding School in Yangon

Internally Displaced Peoples camp at Wetinpauk. He finally accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior and was baptized into Christ on August 10th, 2025. Now he is living a life committed to the Lord Jesus Christ and is a member of Wetinpauk Christian Church, which we founded a few years ago. Praise God!



Mr A. Phyu Say is baptized into Christ

2. Award Day at the School: August 2nd, 2025

We are so grateful to share with you the great achievements of our students in the 2024-2025 academic year.

We celebrated Awards Day on September 2nd, 2025 at No. 1 Basic Education High School in North Dagon. Eight students from HBS received awards:

- Mr. Hao Gou Theng, Grade 9, Level "A" Award
- Mr. Mang Gin Thong, Grade 9, Level "A" Award
- Mr. Zam Kap Thang, Grade 9, Level "A" Award
- Miss Lhing Nei Ching, Grade 8, Fourth Prize
- Miss Dim Hoi Vah, Grade 9, Level "A" Award



(L—R) Hao Gou Theng, Mang Gin Thong, Zam Kap Thang, Lhing Nei Ching, Dim Hoi Vah, Kim Nei Hat, Tin Nei Hoi, Lhing Nei Theng

- Miss Kim Nei Hat, Grade 9, Level "A" Award
- Miss Tin Nei Hoi, Grade 8, First Prize
- Miss Lhing Nei Theng, Grade 7, Third Prize

I was appointed to the position of Vice Chairman at the Government High School in our town in 2013. I am still in that same position, and I continue to help the school with their needs, along with delivering speeches various ceremonies and meetings. I delivered an address to the parents, teachers, school board members, and other local dignitaries at the awards ceremony in August.

3. HBS Construction Update

We continue to make great progress on the construction of Hope Boarding School new boys' dormitory and ministry building.

We still need $167,000.00 to completely finish the building. That includes tiling on the floors and stairs, painting all of the interior and exterior walls and ceilings, electrical wiring, plumbing, water tanks and pump system, steel handrails, windows, doors, etc.

We do not know where this large amount of money will come from or how long it will take us to finish and relocate our students into the new building.

We completely rely on God's provision through our MyHope ministry partners in the United States of America and elsewhere. We have the strong conviction that God will provide this great need because this is His ministry. This building will help us to serve the people, to raise up and lead many young people to Christ and into His



New building under construction

Kingdom.

Scripture says, "The silver is mine and the gold is mine,' declares the LORD Almighty" (Haggai 2:8). We humbly continue to pray that God will put a burden for this great need into peoples' hearts so we can finish the work for the Glory of God. He has helped us so far! We believe He will continue to help us into the future.

God's timing is perfect. We demolished the old building a year earlier, on April 24, 2024, before the strong 7.7 magnitude earthquake struck our country on March 28th, 2025. If the old building was still there it would surely collapse and possibly cause the deaths of our boys. God saved us!

We really thank everyone who has generously donated funds for the construction. The former boys' building which we purchased in 2010, was very old and its walls and pillars were crumbling and eaten by termites. The windows, roof, etc., were all in bad shape, even though we did our best to replace and repair the bad parts. We used that former building for fourteen years and in it we raised many boys.

God knows the perfect time for us. With the prayers and financial support of many friends and ministry partners, we demolished the old building on April 24, 2024. We started the foundation piling work on May 27, 2024, with prayer and dedicated the project into God's mighty hand. We poured the roof slab on June 21, 2025. It took us one year and twenty-five days from foundation to roof.

God directed us to find a good and very skillful Christian construction company. We are so thankful to them because they do their best. They use the best construction materials and follow the architectural drawings very well.



Residents and some staff members at the New Pathway Home

We are so excited to finish the new building as our boys have waited so long for a new dormitory. Now they will have enough space for sleeping, studying, classes, social gatherings and worship services.

We really need your continued prayers and financial support to finish for our new building for MyHope's ministry activities. Thank you.

4. New Pathway Home Update

We currently have fifteen residents and three staff members living at the New Pathway Home. Thank you for your prayers and financial support for our widows! The NPH was established in 2017 to provide a safe and caring home where our elderly widows and widows with small children will have all of their needs met.

Chrisitan Horizon, Inc. (formerly known as Christian Home, Inc.) helped us to begin this ministry by providing the financial support for the first floor of the building and for our residents' needs for the first several years. In 2018, thanks to a very generous donation, we were able to add a second floor.

Last year Christian Horizons was forced to file bankruptcy and now they are out of business. We no longer receive the generous monthly support for the NPH that we used to receive. We are praying for others to help us to make up the difference so we will not need to rely on the General Fund.

Since we started this home we have helped twenty-nine widows who were in great need of physical, emotional, and spiritual help. They all love staying at New Pathway Home because they feel this is a safe place, they get plenty of food, and their needs are cared for. Moreover, they have friends here and they are comforted by the local Christian community.

Out of twenty-nine persons, three residents have gone to their eternal home to be with Jesus: Mrs. Tin Kho Lam from Valpabung (arrived on November 26, 2017 and reposed on February 12, 2018), Mrs. Neng Ting from Maingdaungphai (arrived on February 19, 2018 and reposed on May 11, 2019) and Mrs. Chin Kho Nem from Joljam (arrived on November 15, 2019 and reposed on March 30, 2025).

Eleven widows who left NPH due to the fighting around the compound were unable to return so far because of

the ongoing Civil War.

Local and Foreign Support:

Friends in the local communities around the home, as well as young people who work in other countries, sometimes send financial gifts on their birthdays and ask for prayer from our residents. When we receive their gifts we can save our budgeted funds to help pay for ongoing costs such as electrical bills, maintenance costs, water pumps, motors, etc.



A friend from Tulsa, OK, provided funds to replace all of the mattresses at the NPH

Staff and Caretakers of New Pathway Home:

Since we started this ministry God has appointed several young men and women to help care for our residents. Here are the names of our staff members and their periods of service:

1. Mr. Let Kho Sei (June 12th, 2017, to May 5th, 2019),
2. Mrs. Neng Nei Ting (June 12th, 2017, to May 5th, 2019),
3. Miss Vei Nei Them (July 10th, 2018, to Dec. 30th, 2023)
4. Mrs Hoi Kho Neng (June 15th, 2019, to 2025 till today),
5. Mrs Vah Hoi (August 1st, 2019, to 2025 till today),
6. Miss Dim Kho Nei (February 15th, 2024, to Jan. 15th, 2025) and
7. Miss Neng Dei Them (March 16th, 2025, to till today).

We really appreciate their dedication, service, and sacrifice for the widows at the New Pathway Home.

5. Prison Ministry Update

Ten Indian National Prisoners Repatriated: Ten Indian nationals from Mawlaikalay Prison have finally been able to return home to their villages in India because of the New Hope Prison Outreach team's intervention and mediation between the authorities in Myanmar and India.

All of the prisoners had finished their sentences two to three years ago, but because of the civil war the prison authorities were unable to return them to the India border. One of the prisoners, a woman, had a four-year old girl who had been born in the prison shortly after she had begin serving her sentence. Now she is home and could see her father for the first time in her life.

MyHope also spent $300.00 on food, drink, and new clothes for the released prisoners when they arrived in Yangon from Mawlaikalay Prison.

The Government of India paid for their travel expenses from Kalay to Yangon and then from Yangon to Kolkata.

MyHope also made arrangements with the Kuki communities in and around Kolkata to meet the prisoners upon arrival, to provide them with food and drink, and help arrange transportation back to their villages in Manipur state.

Timeline of the Repatriation

- December 25, 2024: Kikim and I met the Indian prisoners at Mawlaikalay Prison. They requested me to help them return home.
- December 31, 2024: I met Mr. Pathak of the India Nationals Affairs office and submitted an official request to the Indian Embassy to allow the prisoners to return home.
- March 26, 2025: I met with Mr. Ashih Sharma, the Deputy Chief of Mission at the Indian Embassy.
- May 28, 2025: The ten India prisoners were officially released from Mawlaikalay Prison and were transported by flight from Kalay to Yangon.
- May 28, 2025: I met online with leaders of the Kuki Students' Organization and the Kuki Worship Service and arranged for them to welcome the prisoners at the Kolkata Airport.
- May 29, 2025: Kikim and I met with Mr. Lalit Kumar, Second Sec-



Palal and Kikim with the Indian officials and the released prisoners, ready to fly from Yangon to Kolkata

retary-HRD, Mr. Pathak, India National Affairs, and Miss Lan Nun Mawii, Counselor Section to review and finalize the release and transfer of the prisoners.

- May 29, 2025: Kikim and I helped the prisoners at the Yangon International Airport with their check-in and helped to ensure a smooth and safe repatriation.
- May 30, 2025: The released prisoners landed at Kolkata Airport at 2:40 a.m. and were met by representatives of the Kuki Students Organization and the Kuki Worship Service.
- May 31, 2025: The released prisoners departed from Kolkata at 12:55 p.m. and arrived at Aizawl, Mizoram at 2:20 p.m.
- June 1, 2025: From Aizawl the released prisoners were transported to Lamka, in Manipur State, where they were met by their families and then returned to their villages.

6. Esther's Treatment Update

In our previous newsletter we shared the story of little Esther, who had been born with a severe birth defect which prevented her from eliminating her stool. MyHope provided funds for her original surgery to make a temporary opening in her abdominal wall. Earlier this year, we sent out a request for help so that Esther could get the additional surgeries needed to permanently solve her debilitating issues.

One of our good friends stepped forward and provided the funds necessary. It took Esther and her mother quite some time to make it to the hospital in Mandalay, as their village is very remote. Unfortunately, by the



Esther in her village

time they arrived in Mandalay, the great earthquake had just occurred, and most of the hospitals were closed and only treating earthquake victims.

Palal was in Mandalay at the time, distributing earthquake relief, and he met with Esther and her mother. He provided her with additional funds and arranged for her to travel down to Yangon where she could be treated.



Esther at the General Children's Hospital

They arrived in Yangon on April 9th, 2025 and consulted with a physician at Parami Children's Hospital. The costs at this private hospital were too high, though, so she was transferred to the Government Children's Hospital on May 12th.

She finally had a surgery on June 20th, and then was discharged on July 2nd. She went back to the hospital on July 11th, 25th, and August 4th for follow-up appointments.

Her final colostomy surgery is scheduled for the final week of September. Hopefully this will be the final surgery, and after she has healed she and her mother can finally return to their home!

We are so thankful for our good friend who donated the funds for Esther's surgeries. She and her whole family are praising God as they trust that Esther will be able to have a normal life soon, and will be able to continue her education next year.

We pray that she will become like Esther in the Bible, who helped save her people from destruction.

7. Hope Preschool Update

Hope Preschool is still open for the students in the poor community of Namihan, even though the civil war continues in that area.

We currently have thirteen students, four boys and nine girls. We have three staff member, two teachers and one custodian. It is not always safe for them, but we continue to keep



Current students at Hope Preschool

the school open at the request of the parents. They really want their children to go to school and requested many times to keep the school open.



Please pray for the safety of our teachers and students.

In Conclusion

Thank you, everyone, for your love, for so many prayers, and for your financial support for us during these difficult times in our country. Please also pray for peace in our country.

Palal and Kikim Khongsai
September 6th, 2025



Meet Our New Board Members

We were pleased to add three highly-qualified and very godly persons to the Myanmar Hope Board of Directors in 2025. Here are their photos and a little bit about each one:

Susan Cormeny



Susan joined the MyHope board in January of this year. She became acquainted with the Khongsai family in 2008 when her daughter, Jillian, attended preschool with Solomon Khongsai. Since then, she and her husband Tyler have been great friends of the Khongsai family and Myanmar Hope Christian Mission.

Susan, a former public school teacher, visited Myanmar in April of 2014 to help teach Conversational English to the HBS students. She created the curriculum for the month-long teaching session, which was an invaluable help to the other teachers and volunteers.

We are very glad to have Susan on our board!



Luke Crater

Luke joined the MyHope board in January of this year. Luke and his family first became acquainted with Palal, Kikim, and Solomon in 2008 through the Cherry's and the partnership with West Side Christian Church in Springfield, Illinois.

His whole family quickly fell in love with the Khongsai family and the many Christian brothers and sisters in Myanmar. Luke's wife, Laura, was actually the first of their crew to visit Myanmar and she has since returned two more times. Luke has also been blessed to visit Myanmar a couple of times. One of those trips included bringing their own two children, Adelyn and Jacob, who were in grade school at the time.

Luke very much feels that Palal and Kikim are modern day biblical heroes, and he is honored to consider them friends. He says that he is humbled to help serve on the MyHope board along with so many talented and God-honoring individuals.

In his day job, Luke serves as the General Counsel (chief legal counsel) to a major university system in Illinois. We are very glad to have Luke on our board!

Katy Palmer, ARNP



Katy joined the MyHope board in March of this year. She is the daughter-in-law of Chuck and MaryAnn, being married to MaryAnn's son, Luke Palmer.

Katy became acquainted with the Khongsai family through her connection with Chuck and MaryAnn. She

was able to visit Myanmar in February/March of 2020, where she experienced first-hand the extreme poverty and lack of proper medical care available to the people of Myanmar.

She skillfully applied her experience as an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner as she lovingly examined and treated many of our dear brothers and sisters in Christ. It was also during her attendance at our bi-annual Christian Convention at Namihan that she was healed (along with several other families) of infertility. Luke and Katy's son Jedediah James Nathan Palmer was born the following January!

Katy founded and operates Cardinal Clinic PS, a successful wellness and aesthetics clinic in Eatonville, Washington.

Here are rest of the MyHope Board, all of whom have been serving since 2010 or before:

1. Dr. Nehkholal (Palal) Khongsai
2. Mrs. Vahneikim (Kikim) Khongsai
3. Mr. Charles (Chuck) Cherry
4. Mrs. MaryAnn Cherry
5. Mrs. Mary Fern Phillippe
6. Dr. Chauncey L. Latimer, Jr.
7. Mr. Kevin Hughs
8. Dr. Saira Silas

Please keep our board members, and all of our ministers, staff, and volunteers, in your prayers. Thank you and God bless you.

Wetinpauk Christian Church

Palal and three HBS boys, Mr. Sei Min Thang, Mr. Let Chin Sei and Mr. Thang Len Sei, visited the Wetinpauk Community on September 7th, 2025, to attend church services with Wetinpauk Christian Church. This is a church that was planted by Palal and Kikim several years ago in the Internally Displaced Peoples' camp formed by families fleeing the war in Rakhine State.

The church is growing, both spiritually and in numbers. There were about sixty people in attendance, thirty-two of which are now baptized believers who received Communion. The people are all from the Mro tribe in Rakhine State and come from Buddhism.

Please continue to pray for their spiritual growth as well as their physical needs. They are still living as internally displaced people, which means they have no work or regular income, and most are still living in temporary structures, even after five years.

We also held a Child Dedication



Palal prepares to serve Holy Communion to the members of Wetinpauk CC.



Dedicating Hanah Hat Nei Ching to God

Service to the LORD for Miss Hanah Hat Nei Ching, born on May 25th, 2025. She is the lovely daughter of Pastor Thang Kho Lun and his wife Mrs. Zu Ze [from Namihan]. Pastor Thang Kho Lun is the senior minister for Wetinpauk Christian Church.

Pastor Thang Kho Lun is a hard worker! Even as Saint Paul made tents to earn a living, Pastor Thang Kho Lun has a small turkey farm. He is currently raising 26 turkeys. This will help his family income.

Thank you for continuing to pray for this new church and community!



Pastor Thang's Turkey Farm

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed."

– Proverbs 19:17



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Several ministers from Namihan, Tamu, Valpabung North and South churches, staff from Hope Preschool and New Pathway Home meet for the monthly prayer and love gift distribution meeting on September 7th, 2025.

Most Pressing Needs:

Boys' Dorm Rebuilding ..... Any amount
Disaster Relief..... Any Amount
Monthly Sponsorships:
- Palal and Kikim ..... Any Amount
- HBS Students $75
- Widows..... $50
- Individuals/Families/Disabled..... $50
- Pastors/Elders..... $75
- General Fund ..... Any amount
- Solomon's Education ..... Any amount
- Yangon HQ Budget ..... Any amount

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