

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

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Greetings

It's been a while since our last newsletter, so we hope to get you caught up with the latest news from Palal and Kikim.

The civil war stretches on, even though a new government was recently sworn in. There is a lot we could say about that, but we will hold our comments for now.

The recent war in the Persian Gulf has had a severe economic impact on Southeast Asia in general, and Myanmar in particular. Prices of everything are skyrocketing again, including fuel, of course. Again, the poor are the most vulnerable to these events, and your continued financial support is crucial to many of the families, individuals, churches, and villages that we help support. Thank you, again, from the bottom of our hearts. We could not do what we do without your help.

Without further ado, here is Palal and Kikim's update:

Ministry Update by Palal and Kikim

We truly appreciate your continued prayers and financial support for the HBS Boys' Dorm construction. We are currently focusing on the finishing stages of the building. We still need funds to complete the actual construction, and then we will need funds to pay for all post-construction fees, such as inspections, permits, and taxes.

We are in great need of your prayers and financial support to complete our dormitory project. Our goal is to finish construction as soon as possible, ahead of the new school year opening in June 2026. Please let us know if you are able to help us reach this goal. Please contact MaryAnn Cherry for the amounts needed. We truly appreciate your consideration and support!

Boys' Dorm Update

1. **Electrical Wiring**: Completed on the 1st, 2nd, and 6th floors. Work is still required for the 3rd, 4th, and 5th floors.

2. **Toilets**: Initial installations are complete. We are now proceeding with the remaining units, including doors, basins, and plumbing.

3. **Windows**: Aluminum frames have been installed on all six floors. We are currently awaiting the installation of tempered glass for the remaining windows.

4. **Doors**: Teakwood doors have been ordered.

5. **Handrails**: Steel handrails have been installed on the rear emergency stairs from the 1st to the 6th floor. Installation for the front stairs and verandah is pending.

6. **Painting**: One coat of paint has been applied to the left and right exterior walls; a final coat of pearl white is still required. The front and back walls still need to be painted. Interior putty has been applied on the 1st, 2nd, and 6th floors, while interior painting for the 3rd, 4th, and 5th floors remains.



7. **Floor Tiling**: Tiling is complete on the second floor. We are waiting to begin tiling on the remaining floors. Thank you for your partnership in this project!

See page 7 for more construction photos. Also, we post pictures regularly on our public Facebook page (no account needed to view). Please check there for all the latest photos.

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HBS boys in their new uniforms, paid for with a Christmas gift

Baptism

What a joyful news! I baptized Mr. Hlah Kyaw at HBS on October 19, 2025.He is a twenty-five-year-old from Wetinpauk who has come to believe in Jesus as his Lord and personal Savior. After waiting for this day, he has now publicly declared his faith.

He left his hometown in Rakhine State, having lost all hope. But now he has found hope and a new life in Christ. Praise God! Please pray for Hlah Kyaw and his wife, Mrs. Aung May Phyu, who were married on April 17, 2025. His wife was already a Christian. Please join me in praying for their spiritual growth as a newly married couple.

Village Christmas Meals

We received donations for 247 village Christmas Meals, averaging approximately $300 per village.

To ensure the funds were used effectively, we allocated resources based on the number of families and individuals in each location, as well as the specific budget requests we received from them.

Our team coordinated this effort through an extensive number of phone calls and direct messages using both Viber and Facebook Messenger. Most funds were transferred directly to the villages using KBZ Pay (a Myanmar-based electronic payment platform), despite the platform's transaction limit of $250.



Enjoying a Christmas Meal

In total, we were able to distribute funds to **297 villages and churches across the entire country**. The recipients expressed deep gratitude for the meals during this difficult time. See page 7 for photos.

Christmas Gifts

We are incredibly grateful for the Christmas gifts you sent for our family, for the staff and students at Hope Boarding School, for the New Pathway Home, the New Hope Prison Outreach, and Hope Preschool.

We praise God for the opportunity to serve those in need—including widows, prisoners, the disabled, orphans, and the sick—all in Christ's name.

We also want to share that our staff



Palal baptized Mr. Hlah Kyaw at HBS on October 19, 2025



12th grade girls wearing their Christmas gifts



HBS girls in their new uniforms, paid for with a Christmas gift

members continue to work faithfully and diligently in their respective roles.

Thank you again for your generosity in providing for our monthly needs throughout 2025 and for the additional Christmas gifts.

Hope Boarding School

We are pleased to share that our four twelfth-grade students completed their high school exams on March 17, 2026, and returned to their villages on March 19, 2026.



Twelfth-grade students who finished this year

The students returning home include: 1) Miss Neng Ngai Dim (Jonglon village), who lived at HBS for five years. 2)Miss Lhing Cham Kim (Maingdaungphai), who lived at HBS for three years. 3) Miss Mary Lhing Ja Ngai (Moldumphai), who lived at HBS for three years. 4) Miss Lhing Nei Theng (Sansetgone), who lived at HBS for three years.

They feel truly blessed to have completed their high school education at Hope Boarding School (HBS) and are deeply grateful to God and their sponsors for supporting their schooling. On behalf of our students, thank you for your continued support of HBS.

Hunger Relief / VBS at Maingduangphai Church

From April 3rd to 6th, 2026, we provided 2,800 meals to 350 people during the VBS at Maingdaungphai Christian Church.

Two hundred and fifty children from seven different villages attended the program. It was a deeply moving experience for them, as this was the first VBS that could be held since the civil war began in 2021. The event served as a wonderful family reunion, and the children truly enjoyed their time there.

Previously, there was no large church building in the region, and we are deeply grateful to Woodlawn Christian Church for providing the funding for this new building. The building can accommodate a large number of people, and it is clear that God prepared this for the community ahead of time.

Many congregations from Maingduangphai and the surrounding areas joined the evening worship services.

Pastor Hawljapao, Pastor Jamlet, Pastor Tongkhojang, and other local church ministers led the Vacation Bible School (VBS). Drawing on their experiences from our previous conventions in Kalay and Tamu, they successfully led both the children's VBS and the worship conference.

Hunger Relief / VBS at Moldumphai Church

From April 13th to 17th, 2026, we provided 2,688 meals to 336 people (185 children and 151 adults) at the VBS at Moldumphai Christian Church. The food for this event was paid for by funds provided by Lake Side Christian Church, for which we are so grateful.

The program was attended by 185 children from eight different villages. This was the very first large VBS held in this region, and it was a deeply moving experience for the participants. Additionally, many Christians from Moldumphai and the surround-



Children at the Maindaungphai VBS celebration



Families sharing a meal at Maindaungphai VBS

ing areas joined in the evening worship services.

The program was successfully led by Pastor Hawljapao, Pastor Jamlet, Pastor Tongkhojang, and local church ministers, who managed both the children's VBS and the worship conference. Many children and adults experienced the love of God through the VBS and enjoyed wonderful fellowship with friends from other churches. This was the first large gathering of Christians in this area since the civil war began in 2021.

Hope Preschool

We are pleased to share that Hope Preschool in Tamu served twenty-three students this year. Eleven of our students graduated on April 10th, 2026, and we look forward to welcoming the remaining twelve students back for the next school year, along with other new children.

The parents and students have been greatly blessed by the preschool, where the children learn foundational reading and writing skills alongside stories from the Bible. Hope Preschool continues to be a vital resource for the community of Namihan. Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support, which make this work possible!



Hope Preschool Graduation 2026

Khongsai Family Vacation

[Editor's Note: We try to give Palal and Kikim a much-needed break from their intense schedules once in awhile, if funds allow.]

Our family was blessed to be able to go to Thailand from April 6th to 11th, 2026. We had a wonderful trip to Bangkok. It was a great experience and a blessing for my family. We were able to secure airfare at a very low price by purchasing tickets during an airline promotion. The cost for the tickets to Bangkok were less than the cost of flights within Myanmar!

During our trip, we visited Siam Paragon (Sea Life), Mahanakhon Skywalk (1017 feet high), the Capybara Cafe, Iconsiam, the Platinum Mall, the Pratunam Mall, Central World, Big C, Asia Books, the Thailand Bible Society, and Asiatique. We thoroughly enjoyed visiting each of these locations.



The Khongsai family in Bangkok

Regarding our finances, my brother and his family contributed, and Miss Khen Chin (a former HBS student) also provided generously toward our expenses. Combined with the gift from MyHope, we were able to cover our promotional airfare, hotel fees, and local travel within Bangkok. Praise God that all our needs were met! We are truly thankful to you for allowing us to take this vacation.

Jean Henderson Memorial Fund

We are so grateful to Mrs. Cindy Lash for her decision to donate her mother's memorial funds to MyHope.

Jean was deeply loved and is greatly missed. Her prayers and financial support were a blessing to us from our beginning in 2007 until her final days.



Praising God at Moldumphai VBS



Children at Moldumphai VBS

While we miss her, we find peace knowing she is at rest.

With the funds received in her memory we purchased fifteen new reading and study desks for our students. I shared Jean's legacy with our students, staff, and congregation, highlighting her years of encouragement and generosity. These desks will provide a lasting impact on our students' education and their futures.

Myanmar Prisoners Released from India Jail

We are overjoyed to share the wonderful news that twenty-seven Myanmar nationals who were imprisoned in Imphal, India, after crossing the border during the Myanmar Civil War, were released on January 4, 2026. They had been in jail for four years.



Some of the prisoners released

Following multiple requests to the Indian authorities through the Embassy of India in Yangon throughout 2025, as well as the legal efforts made by the prisoners and their families, we are grateful to see this progress.

We are pleased to share that among those recently released is the father of our student, Miss Nompi. We are incredibly happy for her and her family during this time. While we celebrate this news, many prisoners remain in Imphal. We continue to pray for their eventual release as well.

Medical Care

We are happy to share a wonderful update regarding Mr. Let Hao Ngam from Kanan. After losing control of his lower body and being unable to walk for several weeks, he traveled to Yangon on December 6, 2025, to seek the specialized orthopedic care unavailable in the Northwest.

At his family's request, I assisted him during his stay. Following several days at the Pinlon Village Hotel, he



Palal with Let Hao Ngam and his wife

was admitted to Pale Thida Hospital on December 16. After undergoing necessary medical examinations, including blood tests, X-rays, and MRIs of his C-spine and whole spine, he underwent a successful surgery on December 17, 2025.

We are overjoyed to report that after a period of recovery in a rental apartment, Mr. Let Hao Ngam has regained his strength and is walking again. He joined us at church on February 1, 2026, to share his testimony and express his gratitude for the physical and financial support and prayers he received. He returned home to Kanan on February 8, 2026. We praise God for his recovery and for the guidance provided throughout this journey.

Update on Miss Esther

We are incredibly thankful to a very generous friend for her love and financial support regarding Esther's medical costs.



Esther and her mom returning home

Esther Tin Ngai, who is eight years old, was born with a defect that made it very difficult for her to pass food waste normally. We have been helping her, on and off, since she was a baby. Finally, last year she was old enough to have final reconstructive surgery, if only her family could come up with

the funds to pay. Of course, they are too poor and could never afford such a surgery on their own.



Esther showing the scar from her surgery

In March 2025, we put out a prayer request for her and for help with the costs, and almost immediately one of our dear friends stepped forward with a very generous gift, enough to cover the costs.

After finally receiving the necessary surgeries, her treatment was successful, and Esther and her mother were able to leave Yangon for home on January 27, 2026. We are so joyful that she can now function normally. To God be the glory!

Ministers and Staff's Fellowship

We are currently overseeing thirty-five local churches in the Northwest region, focusing on supporting their spiritual growth and providing protection from local administrative challenges.

To manage this effectively, I have organized the ministers into five regions: Khampat, Tamu, Monjang, Homalin, and Jangnoi. These ministers meet monthly for prayer and the distribution of love gifts. We give thanks to God and all partners who are praying for us and supporting us in the Lord's ministry.

Family and Pastor Support

We continue to provide monthly support to many poor families, individuals, the elderly, the disabled, the widows, and the orphans every month, thanks to your ongoing generous support. These people would not survive long without this help, and they are extremely grateful, especially during the civil war!



This man is able to eat thanks to your support



She says "Thank you!"



Ministers and staff from the Tamu Region



Ministry leaders from the Jagnoi Region



Ministry leaders from the Khampat Region



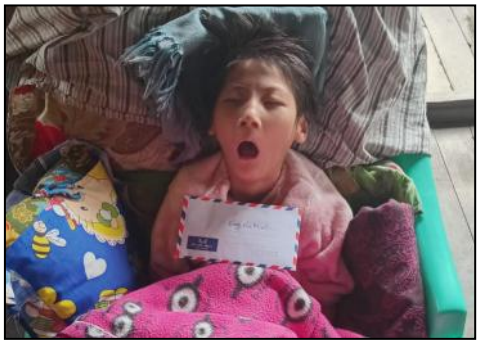
Teakwood tables purchased with the Jean Henderson Memorial Fund



Praising God at Maindaungphai VBS



Miss Pahat (polio) is still alive, because of you!



Miss Neng Nei's family depends on your help!



Myint Aung (leprosy) is alive because of you!



Children enjoying a Village Christmas Meal



Electrical work at the new Boys' Dorm



Installing windows at the new Boys' Dorm

"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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The Family Support Program is able to help needy widows like these every month because of your faithful love gifts. Will you please consider giving out of your abundance to help provide much needed food, clothing, shelter, and emergency care for widows, orphans, the disabled, and so many others living in extreme poverty in rural Myanmar?





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