

Myanmar Update

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A few months ago we were privileged to visit House of Refuge in Yangon, Myanmar. As we shared in the October 2019 newsletter, they have welcomed several new children to the home and expanded their facilities. They are currently caring for nearly forty children. We were so happy to see the great progress Pastor Cyrus and Rebekah have made since our previous visit. It was a joy to be with these precious friends again and to see how well the children are doing. In addition to the children they are raising at House of Refuge, they continue to share the Gospel with their Buddhist neighbors.

Pastor Cyrus explained that without coming to live at House of Refuge most of the children would not be able to go to school. They would be forced to work at menial labor. One of the older girls has now passed University entrance requirements and two others are currently studying at a Bible College. In addition to receiving an education, all the children are being taught the Word of God. In the past year, thirteen of the older children have



Clothes dryer purchased by Global Outreach is a big help during the rainy season.

committed their lives to Christ and were baptized.

When asked about some of the challenges they face Cyrus shared the need for additional funding. The current budget is about \$1,600 per month to provide the minimum that is needed to care for such a large family. Cyrus and Rebekah and the other two staff members do not receive a salary, but only a small stipend to cover their personal needs. Global Outreach is currently providing \$600 per month but we



The new chapel upstairs and classrooms are downstairs

would love to increase this to help ease the monthly financial burden they face. We invite you to prayerfully consider becoming a House of Refuge monthly sponsor. Your gift of any amount would be a tremendous blessing to this critical ministry. In addition, there is a great need for funds to purchase additional land so that poultry and other animals can be raised for food. Cyrus also requests our prayers for all of them as they have struggled with a lot of mosquito borne illnesses including malaria, dengue, and yellow fever.

Special lunch on Sunday!



Carmel Children's Home



While in Myanmar we had the opportunity to visit another orphanage. On a previous visit we had met the director, Reverend Chin. This is a small children's home that is packed with lots of love! The eleven children are cared for by one single woman who showed much love and affection for the children.

We loved our time with the children and quickly connected with them. They recited Bible verses and sang songs for us. We brought them



some treats to eat as well as games and art supplies. When we asked if the children get fresh fruit to eat, we were told they seldomly have enough money for such treats. We gave them some money and three of the older boys went to a local market and soon came back with watermelons and bananas.

This brought big smiles on the faces of the children! When we asked about urgent needs, we were told bicycles they could share to ride to school



would be a big help. We were happy we could provide them money to purchase six bicycles. Pastor Chin sent us pictures after they were purchased.

These precious children quickly won our hearts and we hope to be able to provide more help for them in the future. They live on the top floor of this building and were all crowded in the window to wave goodbye to us. If you wish to help, please designate your gifts for Carmel Children's Home.



*In Loving Memory
Of
Clyde Burk of Troy, Pennsylvania*

By Mike and Susan Drake

