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Mission Stories from Old Rangoon

Acts 26:18 says, "*To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.*"



Thank God for His covenant mercies and for your kind intercession for the 4 of us that saw us through 7 fruitful and laborious days of ministry in Yangon, Myanmar. This country is still in internal conflict and unrest and are in desperate need of Christ and the Word more than food and weapons.

Teaching the MA course at Myanmar Theological Seminary (MTS)



The MTS students attended a 3-credit-hours course on Church History 1. Besides the usual quizzes, each student had to do a 4-min presentation in class on a selected topic, and the lecturer gave feedback on the presentation.

The topics were on the importance of studying church history, the dangers of worldly music and witnessing to an RC. The presentation was in English with written scripts and notes for reference.



Almost all of them were doing this for the first time. It was not easy for them, but they did well in the end. (If we try doing it in Malay or Chinese or Tamil, we will understand how they feel.)

Each of the MA student of MTS received a free theological book from SHBPC on the condition that they must read and study it. There were 8

additional theological books given to the seminary library. Nothing is free except saving grace at Calvary which Someone paid it on our behalf.

We also emphasised diligence and responsibility as these will be Pastors and missionaries one day as the Lord leads. Pray for wisdom for the faculty of MTS as plans are underway to upgrade the MA program to an MDiv program which has a new curriculum that includes thesis writing, additional subjects, and e-learning and a e-library There is much to be done here for the theological training of pastors missionaries and lay leaders for the effective ministry of the churches.



Rev Khobal, Rev Dr Jack, Rev He Luai, Rev Salai

The MTS students had their final 2-hour exam that included questions in 4 sections: True/False, Fill-in-the-Blanks, Short & Long questions. They will have to write an assignment of 10 pages to be submitted by end Dec before they can earn their 3-credit-hours for the program.

Angie shared with the students some Christian songs in English for children outreach that included the Wordless Book. The students were eager to learn and sang along together with the actions.

After more than 20 hours of teaching, Pastor's body final succumbed to fatigue. He fell ill after the last lecture with a bad sore throat. Thank God for recovery after medication and good sleep of 8 hours on 2 consecutive nights.

At the closing session on 17 Nov, **Pastor taught the students how to write a research paper properly with footnotes and bibliographic resources, and this will be useful for their final thesis as well. We bade goodbye to the students and Rev David Khobal, thanking God for His covenant mercies to the students for the week of teaching and learning.**



We were unable to visit Gilead Balm Home as the children were battling a skin infection. We met Eld Habakkuk and gave him the books, vitamins, stationery, medicine and the love gifts. He later shared that the Melathion lotion was effective and the children are recovering.

Instead of Gilead Balm Home, we had an edifying time of outreach on that Friday night and taught the 7 Rakhine children (under Rev Khobal's guardianship) with some seminary students joining us. There were altogether about 25 children and students. Angie taught them some new songs with actions and Dn Paul taught a Bible lesson on Elijah with Rev David Khobal translating. The team provided a delectable chicken briyani dinner (contributed by a Singapore Pastor who was moved to do so). According to Mrs Khobal, the last time they had it was more than a year ago. The chicken briyani cost S$3.40 each and was relished by all the students. Deborah also provided snacks for the MTS students during class breaks which was also deeply appreciated.





Sovereign Peace BPC in Hmawbi township

Thank God for journeying mercies of over an hour to Naunglaypin village in Hmawbi township, north of Yangon. This village has tea and rice plantations with about 500 families. Pr Myitta, a graduate of MTS and who has been faithfully attending our church prayer meeting, has been serving in the ministry here for the last 2 years with children's outreach and visitations.





Praise the Lord for almost 45 adults and children in the village who attended our outreach programs. The children's outreach included singing and the Bible lesson on the Wordless Book shared by Angie, a game by Dn Paul and craft prepared by Deborah. The villagers' outreach followed with Pastor sharing a Gospel message from Rom 5:1&2 on "*Faith, Peace & Hope*". Lunch (fried noodles) and goody bags were provided for



all adults and children. Prior to our visit, we had sent funds to Myitta to purchase chairs, stools, tables and a bookshelf. The furniture was indeed timely for these outreaches.

Pr Myitta said this is the first time he had so many people who came for the church program and he will follow up on the newcomers.



It was lovely to meet Myitta's family – wife Sihar and daughters Gracie May and Mercy May. Angie passed to the family all the teaching resources, educational toys and children's Christian books in Burmese for the children's library, vitamins for his family and solar lamps, including a powerful Bluetooth speaker for his ministry. Myitta's home only has a gasoline generator for electricity which is used sparingly as gas is expensive. Hence the solar lamps are definitely helpful for the family.

Some MTS students came with us to help with the children's program. It was likened to a field trip and there will be future opportunities for them to be attached to the ministry of the local churches. We have devised a practicum for them to be assessed by the Pastor in charge after one semester.

Preaching Ministry at Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Myanmar (EPCM)

We were associated with EPCM led by Rev Salai who was my former student in Far Eastern Bible College. He is the Pastor and General Secretary of this denomination. We were at EPCM for Sunday worship in their new church building built in 2024 in East Dagon.





Pastor preached with Rev Salai interpreting from Acts 6 on "*The Biblical Priorities of the Church*". Dn Paul Tan shared his testimony. Praise the Lord for an edifying service of 150 worshippers. It was lovely to meet again our dear brethren that we have known for quite a while. The MTS students also came to attend.

We also met Lapuii and her daughters Grace & Naomi, and her mother too.



Reformation Seminar at Biblical Institute of Theology

Pastor spoke on "*History and Implications of the Protestant Reformation*" at the Biblical Institute of Theology. Thank God for a fruitful lecture with both students and some faculty members of Biblical Institute of Theology as we studied Church History together and remembered the history and implications of the sovereign work of God in the 16th century Reformation movement. Some were hearing this for the first time. Each student received a goodie bag from the team and books are given to the college library too for both students and faculty.



The students come from different tribes in Myanmar. When they graduate, they will go to the wide harvest fields here of 56 million people of which only 5 percent are Christians.

We also visited an orphanage to pray for Pastor Amos and his wife taking care of 9 children with some food, a book and a gift for them.

Conclusion



By the grace of God, we returned home safely to Singapore on 17 Nov with thankful hearts for the many of you who have given in various ways and we were bearers of your good tidings to bless them. **We also returned with burdened hearts for the vast opportunities for ministry in Myanmar. There is yet much to be done in Myanmar**.

Paul in Rom 1:16-17 says, "*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith*."

2 MTS students John and Jason joined our Zoom prayer meeting on 18 Nov to give thanks to the Lord for the time of learning and fellowship. Pr Myitta sent us the following WhatsApp message:

> "*I really thank God for He had done great things through you and your mission team in my village. And praying the protection of God for you all will be able to be back your home safely.* 🙏"

Who will go (or give or pray) next for the Lord in 2027 to the edifying of the saints and the saving of souls in the wide harvest fields of Myanmar of 56 million people? May the Holy Spirit move your heart to work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work. (John 9:4)

Jack & Angie Sin



A Note of Thanks!

Dear Pastor Jack,
Thank you so much for your generous gift of a Path to Discipleship. As a pastor serving in mission ministry, I truly appreciate your kindness, thoughtfulness and encouragement in giving me this valuable book.
I believe this book will be a great blessing for me, helping me grow deeper in God's Word and strengthen me in discipling others to follow Christ faithfully.
May the Lord richly bless you and continue to use you to encourage and strengthen others in their faith.
With heartfelt gratitude and prayers,
God bless you!
In the Lord's Vineyard,
Rev James Engvanzar
Academic Dean
Biblical Institute of Theology, Yangon

Personal Reflection on my 1st Mission trip to Myanmar Nov 10 – 17, 2026

With Pastor, Angie (Tue, 10 Nov - Tue, 17 Nov) & Dn Paul Tan (Fri, 13 Nov - Mon, 16 Nov)

"No!" That was my family's very strong response when I mentioned the possibility of going to Myanmar with the team from Sovereign Hope BPC. Everyone had heard of the political unrest & dangers there. However, Pastor & Angie were confidently saying otherwise. They had visited the country many times and it was safe!

Despite their assurances, I too, said "No" although a little voice told me that I had put man's fear over God's faithfulness. I just pushed that thought away despite the feeling that if I went, I'd be protected.

So, what changed my mind? It was a "near miss" freak incident that did it.



There was heavy rain on this particular day but it had turned into a drizzle. I had just alighted from the feeder bus and sheltered myself with my umbrella. After crossing the small road to my home and stepping onto the sidewalk, a loud crash instantly sounded behind me. I turned around to see a section of a tree trunk. It had snapped and dropped onto the road behind me.

Earlier, I had waited for a car to pass before crossing the road. There was another car approaching but I decided to cross, anyway. Had I waited for that second car to pass before crossing the road, I'd have been hit on the head! My umbrella wouldn't have prevented a major concussion.

After that heart-stopping experience and coming out of it physically unscathed, I took it as a sign from God! I texted Angie that I would be going. The next step was how to inform my family. I was cowardly and sent them a text only on Sunday night, two days before the flight. It was more of an announcement, only informing them that I'd be away. I sent them SQ's flight details, so they had to see the destination for themselves.



Surprisingly, all I received were well-wishes for a safe journey instead of admonitions. I suppose they felt it was too late to object. After all, I had already paid for the flight and accommodation.

My 1st experience with the infamous Myanmar power outages was at the hotel, on check-in day. I was the only one who reacted because the lights suddenly went off. The rest (hotel staff and people at the lobby including Angie and Pastor) weren't surprised at all. After a few minutes, the power was back on. I experienced a few more sudden "blackouts". By then, I became one of the locals. - not at all shocked when the lights suddenly turned off. I

must say though, that the back-up power was good because the lights came back on very quickly. Incidentally, on the wall of the hotel lift, there was information on what to do should the lift stall due to power outage. Thank God, I didn't experience it at all during my stay at the hotel.



I was supposed to be "suffering" (because it's a mission trip) but I was eating delicious food for lunch and dinner every day. That became Pastor's joke for me.

There was also some "down time" during the week to shop at 2 Christian bookshops (CEF & CLC), various supermarts and shopping malls such as Junction 8 and Junction Mall. We had the opportunity to buy snacks and teaching aids etc for the people we visited. Of course, shopping for ourselves too!

I learnt a lot about church history during the 4 days Pastor was teaching the MA students studying at MTS (Myanmar Theological Seminary).

We didn't visit Gilead Home (Pastor Habakkuk in charge) as planned because some children were unwell. Instead, we had a mini outreach to the 7 Rakhine children under Rev Khobal's care together with some seminary students.



We were able to follow the planned schedule and spent Saturday (14 Nov) at Preacher Myitta's village

4 out of the 9 students from MTS were interested in Children's Ministry and came to help with the "Wordless book" activities:

1) completing the worksheet
2) making the bead bracelet.

We attended the morning service at **Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Myanmar (EPCM) on Sunday,15 Nov. Rev Salai interpreted while Pastor gave a sermon, "Priorities of a Growing the Church". He mentioned the 4 P(s):**

1) **Prayer [PRAY - P for pray, R for Repent, A for Ascribing glory to God, and Y for yielding to God's will].**
2) **Preaching**
3) **Paperwork**
4) **People**



The 9 students sang a song, "*To God Be the Glory*" in front of the congregation. They looked so different as they were dressed formally for church service.



Later, we had a delicious lunch, lovingly cooked on the church premises by Christian women such as Kaitte. Every Sunday, over 100 people (adults & children) had their lunch after service.

On Monday, 16 Nov, Pastor taught at BIT (Biblical Institute of Theology): "*History and Implications of the 16th Century Protestant Reformation*".



Tuesday, 17 Nov, being our day of departure, we returned to MTS for Pastor's helpful instructions on how to do a research paper, complete with footnotes, endnotes and bibliographies. The students had sat for a 2-hour examination the night before (Mon, 16 Nov). It consisted of 4 sections:

1) T/F questions
2) Fill in the blanks
3) Short answers
4) Long answers

After Pastor's last session with the students, there was a fun "quiz time" based on what had been taught on "History of the Church, Part 1". Prizes such as chocolates were given out. Such small "everyday" things to us but "treasures" to the students who eat meat only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. They were also the cooks! They were so delighted when SHBPC gave a treat of chicken biryani rice to everyone for lunch on one of those afternoons. We, in Singapore, can eat it anytime here but these students hadn't eaten it in a long while because it was too expensive for them.

Then it was a final goodbye and well-wishes before Rev Khobal took us to the airport for our flight home.

Conclusion

I thank God I live in Singapore where there is freedom, despite the many rigid rules. For eg: No jaywalking. Those rules were set for our own good, so I have no problems with them. I mentioned "jaywalking" because we had no choice but to jaywalk in Yangon, els we'd never be able to cross the street. Pastor was a pro! He fearlessly led us across (the promised land??)

This mission trip has brought me into contact with many precious people such as Rev Khobal, Rev Salai and Eld Habakkuk, and Preacher Myitta. They show, by example, how Christians are supposed to live and are doing as much as they can for the Chin people of Myanmar.

We had also visited Pastor Amos in his humble abode on Monday, eve of our departure. He is taking care of 5 other children, besides his own, and has named his home "Bethel Family", not wanting to use the word "orphanage" at all. He has made the most impact on me on what it means to be a Christian. He walks the talk by willingly looking after other peoples' children. In the process, he and his family encounter many challenging financial difficulties. Sovereign Hope, though a small church, has given much help and support to these key people and their flock.



Eld Habakkuk too (besides Rev Salai & even Rev Khobal), is selflessly looking after other children at his "Gilead Home". It was a pity that we couldn't visit the home during our time there.

Finally, I'd like to say to anyone who's never been on a church mission:

I encourage you to try it at least once. Then you'll have an idea what it's all about and the experience will make an impact on you, as it did for me.

Deborah Koh

A Note from an MTS Student

Hello!

Good morning, Teacher! That's so wonderful and incredible new day that the Lord prepared for us, with amazing grace! Thank you, Teacher, for the words of lovely message that you sent me, I've received it and I truly appreciate it! I give thanks to you for sharing this with me. Thank you so much for your kind words and encouragement!



John
MTS student

Outreach at All Saints Home (Tampines) 20 Nov 2026

Eld YK shared his testimony and a song item “一件礼物”.



Thank God for 51 residents who attended the morning chapel!



Kin Kheng reaching out in Christ’s love.





Pastor shared a Christmas message from Isa 9:6.



Kin Hoong 1-on-1 outreach in Cantonese.





MOE observation teacher given a tract.

Tech Support



Eld YK & Queenie led the singing of carols and hymns in English & Chinese.

Memory Verse

2Tim 3:5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

Announcements

1. Welcome to our Worship Service! If you are here for the first time, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave. Those who share the church vision to acquire a place of worship in due time, may designate your offerings to the SHBPC Church Building Fund.
2. Pastor brings us God's Word this morning on "***Attributes of People in the Last Days (2Tim 3:1-7)"***, continuing the quarterly series on "***Apostolic Admonitions for Finishing Well in Life - the Epistle of 2 Timothy***".
3. Next Sunday, Pastor will preach on "***Doctrine & Purpose of Life (2Tim 3:8-14)"***
4. Combined Sunday School class by Rev Richard Musyoki from Kenya after the worship service.
5. Chinese Fellowship meets every Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom. [**Zoom ID:883 9662 4157 Passcode: 218178**]. Join us for time of learning on the Book of Hosea (Thirdmill video lessons) and Heroes of the Faith (messages).
6. **Christmas Get-Together Lunch Fellowship** is held on **Sat 19 Dec 11am** at **Albert & Janet's home**. **Max: 20 pax**. Register with Eld Yue Kay by 12 Dec.
7. **Christmas Eve Service** will be held on **24 Dec 8pm (Thu night)**. Invite someone to hear the message on "***Those who missed Christmas & Those who Didn't***" by Pastor.
8. **Watchnight Service** will be held on **31 Dec 8pm (Thu night)**. Close the year worshipping God and be challenged by the message on "***When Our Time is Up***" by Pastor.
9. Do send your prayer items to Pastor and join us for Church Prayer Meeting on Wed at 8pm via Zoom. The prayer list is available in church. **[Zoom ID:863 7527 5431 Passcode: 625551].**
10. Pray for:
    - **Devi**: Salvation of family members
    - **Outreach @All Saints Home: 10 Dec**
    - **Travels: Dn Paul** [30/11-15/12, Japan], **Joseph & Lilian** [30/10-31/12, Adelaide]
    - **Medical: Kin Hoong's daughter Joyce** [post-op recovery], **Simon** [recovery from fall].
    - **Joseph & Rachel**: Gospel Peace Station and void deck outreaches
    - **Lily Almon** [citizenship application]
11. Love gifts, Offering and Tithes to the Lord can be given in the following ways:
    - **Cheque** payable to **Sovereign Hope Bible Presbyterian Church**
    - **Fund transfer** to Church **UOB** Account **392-308-825-1**
    - **PayNow** to Church UEN: **T19SS0116FSOV**

    Kindly indicate **"Church Building Fund"** if you would like to designate towards this cause.