

Hi Everyone,

A lot has happened since we sent you a message just a couple of days ago, and we do ask that you take our prayer requests seriously. We need your help, please. Following is a list of the major incidents of the past couple of days:

1. Ethan fell of a bed, and fractured his left wrist. It is now in a soft cast, and he is having to wear a sling. They will put him in a hard cast in about a week.
2. Our original flight to Bangladesh was canceled unexpectedly. The airline wanted to move us to another flight schedule that would have meant being in Bangladesh for 10 days or one leaving us with only 2 days to teach. At first, they were very unwilling to help us, but we are thankful that after a couple of days of persistence and negotiations we were able to obtain seats on a flight leaving only one day earlier than scheduled.
3. We received the message below from our main contact in Myanmar (Burma) regarding the situation there. The "stopping" of their training programs due to the restrictions does mean that our trip to Burma in November is in jeopardy, but that is insignificant compared to what the people are facing. Please take the time to read it.

Thank you for remembering us.

Tim, Jeana, Ethan, and Lydia

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Dear Friends

I apologize to those of you who receive this message more than once. I had a hiccup in sending the message out before and need to resend it as most of you didn't receive it.

I am sure you have heard of the turmoil in Myanmar. Images of peaceful demonstrations and lately of the violent crackdown, have flashed over TV and computer screens around the globe for the past two weeks. No one knows what the immediate outcome of these unrests will be, but we all hope that peace and freedom will soon be restored to this nation and its desperate people. It hurts to see a people and a nation you love, and have poured your heart and life in for the past 10 years, go through such appalling times.

All our people there, local and foreign are doing fine, but have to stay indoors for the time being. Most of the demonstrations and crackdowns have taken place in relatively isolated areas and are not spread out all over the city. Security is tight everywhere but most parts are calm and quiet.

As part of our emergency protocol, all the foreigners are in touch with their respective embassies, waiting for their advice whether to stay or leave the country. Until now they haven't been advised to leave.

For the time being, all our trainings had to be stopped, because of a ban of gatherings of more than 5 people. This is part of the emergency measures the authorities have taken to stop the demonstrations.

I talked to a friend there yesterday morning and he mentioned that Buddhist people are despairing and without hope because their much revered monks can't bring them the desired peace and freedom. Our hearts go out to them and we desperately want to see changes in this land, but our hope and future is based on what Christ has accomplished for all eternity on the cross. While we want to see changes in this nation, we don't want Buddhism to be exalted in the process of it. Rather we want to see the foundation of Buddhism shaken and dislodged and Christ enthroned and exalted in this land. I believe HE is sovereign and will not lose control of his mission to draw all man to himself.

An intercessor with a keen interest in Myanmar just called me and told me she saw following picture when she prayed for the situation in Myanmar earlier today: "She saw injured monks in their monasteries behind barbed wires and guarded by armed soldiers. Then she saw Jesus walking through the rows and rows of monks, touching and healing them!" Let's pray that that is happening right now!

You can pray:

That Jesus will bring powerful revelations of himself to the millions of desperate people who currently seem to have no hope. I believe this is a time of salvation and redemption for thousands if not millions of disillusioned people.

That Christ will be exulted and enthroned in the process of this crisis and that the millennium old roots of Buddhism and spirit worship will be dislodged as people place their hope and trust in their creator

That Churches and Christians will have the wisdom, courage and prudence to respond the way Jesus would in such a time

That freedom and peace will be established in this land based on the justice and righteousness of Christ.

I especially want to ask you to pray for my friends K & S and their children. They are foreigners working in M. S is due to give birth around 6. Oct in a hospital there. Because of nightly curfews, going to hospital in the middle of the night (and baby's often come at "inconvenient" times!) could pose a problem. Please pray that there will be no complications with the birth and especially not with going to the hospital. Pray for God's peace and wisdom upon them as they are contemplating to induce labor or a C-section.

Feel free to forward this message to people who are interested and will join us in praying for this nation and her people at this crucial time. If possible pray for Myanmar in your church tomorrow.

Please pray for salvation and hope for the people of x every time you see images of the current unrests on your TV or computer.

Blessings

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