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I saw the tears of the oppressed -
And they had no comforter,
Power was on the side of their oppressors -
And they have no comforter. (Ecclesiastes 4:1)

You have been a refuge for the poor,
A refuge for the needy in their distress,
A shelter from the storm
And a shade from the heat.
For the breath of the ruthless
Is like a storm driving
Against a wall (Isaiah 25:4)

On this mountain He will destroy
The shroud that enfolds all peoples.
The sheet that covers all nations;
He will swallow up death forever.
The Sovereign Lord will wipe away
The tears from all faces;
He will remove His people's disgrace
From all the earth.
The Lord has spoken. (Isaiah 25:7-8)

In this prayer letter, I would like to concentrate on the dire situation in Myanmar, our neighbour to the north and west of Thailand. They are not only our neighbours, they are our family and friends, our brothers and sisters in the Lord. They are crying out to the Lord for His help and intervention. We are the hands and feet of Jesus. Most of us do not have the authority to speak to the leaders in charge but we have a higher and greater authority, the Lord Almighty, Ruler of Heaven and Earth! They are pleading with us to pray for Myanmar and help in anyway we can.

I have been in contact with pastors and evangelists inside Myanmar as well as deeply concerned Burmese nationals living in Thailand, whose loved ones are trapped in the country. The entire country is in upheaval with attacks from the military targeting anyone and everyone who protests peacefully or even ventures out on the streets. Along with heavy Covid 19 outbreaks, lockdowns and curfews at 6 pm., the military is on a rampage against anyone who defies their iron rule. This is one of the first times that many different ethnic insurgent armies are uniting together to attack and bring down the Burman military army. Even ordinary citizens are rising up against this oppressive government that has been in power for more than 70 years.

Villages are being burned to the ground, all of the rice stock, domestic animals and crops destroyed so that the villagers are left with nothing and nowhere to go. The Karens are fleeing to the border of Thailand, only to be forced back into Myanmar by the Thai authorities. They are hiding in the jungle, fearful for their lives with no protection from the rain or food to eat. I saw a video this week of these courageous people digging holes in the sides of the cliffs in which to live. Even children pick up shovels to dig small openings in the dirt walls of the cliffs. These are our Christian brothers and sisters reduced to nothing.

In Northern Myanmar, more villages are burned to the ground so the people are fleeing to makeshift refugee camps in the jungle. These are flimsy bamboo shacks set up by the local people. Very little outside help reaches these poor, suffering people. The same situation is happening throughout the country. The army even destroyed medical clinics and Covid 19 health stations. Hospitals are barred and closed down as are schools, shops and all the basic amenities of the people.

Many hundreds have been killed in the warfare. Thankfully, when I asked about my late husband Daniel's family and relatives in Myanmar and our dedicated evangelists and Barefoot Doctors, all are safe until now. They are helping the people in every way they can; distributing rice, oil, eggs, and medicine, visiting, praying and encouraging the frightened villagers. Whatever financial help you are able to donate will be immensely appreciated. It is not only the physical help that means so much to them, it is knowing that people outside Myanmar are concerned for them. That we care and pray for their safety, protection and blessings in the midst of the suffering means more than gold or rubies.

I was told that the Chinese government is also involved backing the generals. Many South-east Asian countries including Thailand, just want make money and do business in Myanmar. They care little for the horrific human right abuses. Only God has the power to overthrow crooked governments and bring peace to this nation.

Please join us in praying for Myanmar daily:

1. For God's guidance, protection and help to the needy people there.
2. Pray that all the forces joining together to attack and destroy these innocent people will be confused, divided and fight each other just as happened to the enemies of Israel in the Old Testament.
3. Pray that this will be a time of Christian unity, repentance and a great revival. That God will raise up powerful preachers for this revival.
4. That countries around the world will rise up to help these suffering people and stand against these atrocities
5. Pray for our FLC evangelists and Barefoot Doctors to reach out with the love and power of Jesus ministering to the people physically and spiritually. That they would also be blessed, guided and protected by God.
6. That the good news of Jesus Christ will draw many Burmese people to believe in Him and receive eternal salvation.
7. Pray for this evil government to be finally overthrown and for the peace and prosperity of Myanmar

Thank you so much for praying!

May God fill you with His Love, Joy and Peace,

Beverley

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"Do everything in Jesus name." Col. 3:17

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