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Devotional Thought

by Bill Johnson

She Shall Be Saved in Childbearing

1 Timothy 2:15

This has been a hard-to-understand Scripture for many Bible students. "Yet [the woman] will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control" (ESV). Let's take a look:

First, the word "saved" is a translation of the Greek *sozo* which occurs about 109 times in the New Testament. It is the same as our English word, to save, "to bring safely, to rescue from harm, to prevent from dying."

Second, the context of the verse has Paul discussing the problem of false teachers, and how the conduct of God's people should not distract from the message of the gospel. We must respect authority of the one teaching. The result of Eve's disregard for Adam's authority was disastrous. So we should listen and learn in quietness when someone, with God's authority, speaks.

Third, it would be through childbearing that God would transcend the spiritual realm to become man that all creation, including mankind, could be redeemed. This redemption would be effected by God's grace in offering God the Son, who was made flesh born of woman, died upon the cross as the payment for sin debt (Romans 5:8-13).

Having waited in respect for the authority of those God has placed over her, conducting herself in a socially accepted lifestyle, the woman was rewarded by the extremely great honor of bringing the Savior, God in the flesh, into the world!

A lesson for us all: Those who wait, continuing in faith, love, upright living, and self-control will be rewarded in God's timing!



SHIPPING CONTAINER

A forty foot container, shipped from the WWLMS ministry of our sending church, by Director Joel Campbell and the faithful volunteers in the picture, should arrive in the Philippines in time for the planned dedication of the new building in May. The container is loaded with a four color printing press, over five hundred backpacks, hundreds of elementary school books, Bibles, hymnals, eight folding tables, and 452 VBS sample kits and a few hundred VBS "T" shirts donated by Bogard Press. Thank you to everyone who had a part in supplying the contents and to those who helped load the container.



BUILDING PROJECT PROGRESS

Pictured is the completing of the loading dock from which containers can be unloaded with fork lift and pallet jacks! Until now unloading by hand of every box required many workers. First phase of the building will be ready in time for the dedication in May. Jeremiah and Eleine Abay have gone above and beyond the duty in getting the building completed in record time.

In addition to his duties with the building, Jeremiah has kept up his ministry with the Philippine National Police and has begun a feeding ministry with about 135 children in an elementary school in our new community.

Rita and I along with John and Sharon Sanders and his sister Linda Patterson will be leaving for the Philippines in May for the dedication of the building and distribution of the CCfL, VBS, Bibles and other things to the churches, and backpacks to the children of the Aeta tribe in the mountainous areas of the Philippines.



God has provided the funds for a pickup, as mentioned in the January Newsletter! Thank you to Dr. Bill and Tammy Henry, and her mother, Margaret Waldrup, and the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Rison, Arkansas, Pastor Joseph Pemberton.

—Bill Johnson



Hello! By God's grace, we are doing fine here. Joseph turned two years and six months and Joshua turned seven months. They are doing well.

I have been very busy during this past four weeks at the Bible College and Missionary Training. Both Schools are closing in a few weeks.



Missionary Training

We are preparing for final exams, which falls on next week. Two weeks ago, I was at the Missionary Training for the whole week teaching them about ministry. Some of them came from drinking family; so, it took a lot of counseling and discipleship to get them to stop drinking and prepare for God's ministry. Most people in Myanmar have a habit of drinking. We are facing the same problem in our Church as well for years.

Because of drinking, some new believers in the past stopped coming to Church altogether. We still have a few believers with habits of drinking. It's difficult to disciple them when they are always drunk. Please, remember us and our church in your prayer.

I also got to teach the children at the Children's Home from the book of Philemon where Onesimus, who once was a bad/useless person, after receiving Christ, became a good/useful person. I challenged them that Christ can change their entire way of life and thinking when they receive Him as Lord and Savior.



Children's Home

We praise God that we are still able to continue our worship service, though there have been multiple attempts to shut us down. God is still watching us and taking care of us. God is good!

We love you and pray for you always!

—Jacob Tubal

The resilience of God's people in Myanmar is amazing. They continue to make great strides in His kingdom work despite the political upheaval in their country.

Please join us in prayer that God will soon send a sunrise of peace and rest for His people in Myanmar. — Bill Johnson



Sunrise in Myanmar, Burma



Shootings and bombings are still everywhere. Just last week, there was a big bomb explosion just a few hundred yards from our apartment. Two nights ago, there were shootings at night around 700 yards from our apartment. Those are considered normal now, though they are a constant danger. But during the day, everything looks normal except that those soldiers and police still want to take away our motorcycles. Every day, those soldiers burn people alive and turn many villages into ashes. More than 7,000 houses were burned down by those soldiers just in the last few months. Please continue to pray for our country.