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## The Apostle Paul Tells His Story

In these uncertain times, we can take refuge in the unchanging love of God for all the people of the world! This was especially evident in Paul's final words of praise in his epistle to the Romans. It is His story of our redemption. Here is the way I understand that doxology, found in Romans 16:25-27.

"Now I give praise to God, who is the only one who really knows how the universe operates (verse 27). He is the one whose awesome light now and forever fills the universe through Jesus Christ (verse 25). According to Paul's gospel, or story about God, it is He who has power to help us stand firm in these difficult times (verse 25). My story includes the message of Jesus Christ. According to my (Paul's) understanding of our eternal God, He has, in these troublesome times, given us an understanding of His message of redemption of mankind. This message has been available for man since the beginning of time; it was there, in the writings of the prophets. But mankind has only been able to understand it since the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ (verse 26). This is the continuing story of redemption; the story that people of all nations are being called to commit their faith in Jesus Christ, and their lives to Him in worship and service."

The theme of Paul's epistle to the Romans was that of the righteousness of God as revealed in scripture, from Genesis through Revelation. "The just shall live by faith," he wrote in Romans 1:17. (See also Hebrews 10:38.) The righteousness of God is accounted to everyone whose faith is in Christ Jesus.

Those who expect government, or any other human power or philosophy, to set the standards of righteousness and justice will be disappointed. But those whose faith is in Christ Jesus will be assured, through all of life's good and bad, in the end. God will be triumphant and our devoted dedication to Him and His story of redemption will bring rejoicing forever more! This rejoicing, like a sparkling brook cascading through the mountains and gushing into the valley below, will bring a torrent of joy to all the nations of the world.

Knowing this, let us stand firm in the faith we have in the righteousness and justice of our almighty but loving God.

## SPONSORING/SENDING CHURCH NEEDED for a Zomi Chin Mission



A group of legal refugees from Myanmar (Burma) have begun a mission in Grand Rapids, Michigan. These people (pictured below) are committed to the doctrinal statement of the ABA. They are seeking a church to come alongside for spiritual and financial guidance.

The mission meets in a residential community of several hundred Zomi Chin refugees families. The Zomi is a sub-tribe of the Chin tribe from west central Burma. Jacob Tubal, ICP translator in Burma, is of the Falam Chin tribe.

Missionary pastor Thang Sian (pictured upper left) is a graduate of Texas Baptist Institute. He visited in our home last year. He was excited to have CCFL curriculum for use in the children's ministry of the mission. Pastor Sian has resigned the church he served as pastor to begin working with the mission group. He desires to work in fellowship with the ABA because he has learned about the local nature of the Lord's churches. Most churches coming from Myanmar are controlled by a bishop who directs the churches in many ways.

Please contact me if you know of a church interested in learning more about this mission in a field ripe to the harvest.

—Bill Johnson





## Philippines

# FOOD FOR CHILDREN

“People will not die with Omicron but with poverty, depression and stress,” Jeremiah Abay, ICP Project Coordinator for the Philippines lamented. He and Amazing Grace Baptist Church continue to conduct Bible classes followed by feeding the children who attend.

They continue to translate CCfL curriculum for distribution to the churches. As soon as COVID rules are relaxed, they will resume distribution of ICP materials among the churches. Rita and I hope to be able to go for this distribution, perhaps in April or May.

The container filled with VBS materials for 30,000 children will be shipped on January 18. It will also contain hundreds

of hygiene kits, and many articles of clothing for boys and girls. Thank you to everyone who contributed these things! Thanks also to Joel Campbell and WWLMS in Hamburg, Arkansas for shipping this load of blessings!



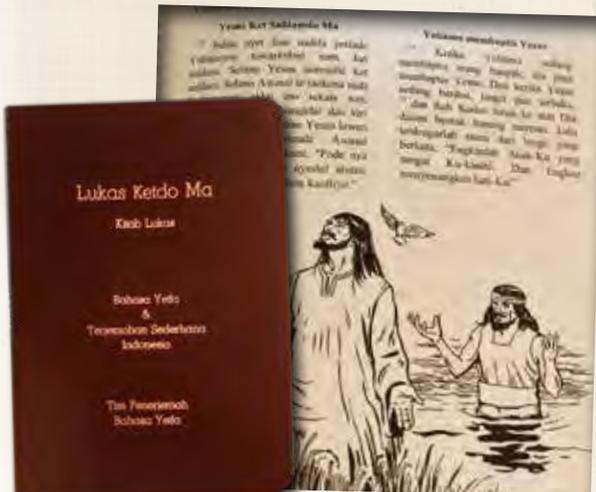
## Indonesia

### The Book of Luke

The entire Gospel of Luke is now available in Yetfa and Indonesian languages. Chase Reynolds has asked ICP to publish these Scriptures for the Yetfa people of Paupua Indonesia. This is the first ever printing of any book of the Bible in the Yetfa language.

Three hundred copies were printed on special coated paper to resist the extreme humidity of the area. A special edition of seven copies will be printed on washable polyester paper and bound in beautiful goat skin covers.

Brother Reynolds will take the books with him on his next trip.



## Myanmar

### “How Long, Lord?”

This is the cry of ICP Project Coordinator Timothy in Myanmar. “The killing is worse in the North, Northwest, East, South, and the Sagaing Region, but the fighting in big cities such as Yangon and Mandalay results people dying every day.

“The terrorists have killed seven pastors. Nine church buildings were burned down, and nineteen pastors have been arrested.

“According to the reliable report, the terrorists burned alive forty-nine civilians. Civilians are helpless. The People’s Defence Force is defending the civilians with homemade weapons.”

But the witness of Christ goes forward! Jacob Tubal, ICP translator, continues to translate even without

electricity for most of the day. Jacob reports that more than ninety unbelievers came for Christmas evangelistic training at the church where he serves

as pastor. “Our church auditorium (picture) could not contain them. Some could not get in, so they went back home,” Jacob reported.

