

THE BERREY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

TIM'S TRIP TO MYANMAR, BIBLE CLUB, AND BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

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How many people can you fit in your car?

Susanna and Tim Jr. continue to encourage their Bible Club kids to come to church. This last Sunday we squeezed a total of twenty people into our mini-van. Thankfully, seatbelt laws here in the Philippines are rather lax. Please pray for the souls of these precious children.

Tim's Trip to the Land of Adoniram Judson

In our last prayer letter, I mentioned an upcoming trip to Myanmar. This was my first time to visit the country of Myanmar and it was a joy to visit the country (then known as Burma) where Adoniram Judson toiled for so many years. I was able to see the Judson church—of unknown connection to him—and see the famed gold-plated Shwedagon Pagoda, near where Judson built a “zayat” so he could learn the language and present the Buddhist populace with the gospel. Most impressive to me is that the Christian church of Burma still largely uses the “Judson Bible,” one of the many fruits of his labors.

I was there to visit one of our former students at BJMBC, Pastor David, who is now church planting in the city of Yangon. He already has four couples with whom he meets on Sunday afternoons, and I was able to meet one of the young family men whom he led to Christ in the last few months.



David is both a soul winner and a serious student of Scripture, and his life is a great encouragement to me. I had dinner one night with him in his home, where they had just moved recently. It is a simple, rectangular-shaped, essentially one-room layout located on the first floor of a rather busy residential street. David's plan is to use the first-floor location and the street's busyness in order to open a small store so that he can better meet local residents and win more people to Christ. Although he is from the Chin tribe, he has a strong burden to reach all the various tribes of Myanmar with the gospel.

My main purpose for being in Myanmar was to hold a week of lectures on the book of Ephesians, as David is burdened that those pastors and ministry workers of his acquaintance be strongly rooted in strong doctrine. I felt Ephesians would be a good place to start because of its focus on the privileges and responsibilities of the Church as the body of Christ. Evidently, weakened Christianity has made inroads even into a largely Buddhist country like Burma (Myanmar).

Thank you for your prayers for my trip. We at BJMBC hope to make more trips to Myanmar to further strengthen the work of Pastor David and others like him.

Know Jesus. Follow Jesus. Be transformed by Jesus.



Building Project Update

The BJMBC building is nearing completion. No, we do not yet have our occupancy permit, but we are getting ever closer. The biggest hurdle right now is with the local electric company, as they need to install permanent electrical power (think: transformer) on our property. This can take six to eight weeks to process, and we have a building dedication service scheduled for October 5. Getting this transformer installed would then be a prelude to our getting, Lord willing, our occupancy permit. We need some miracles!

Do we still need funds for the building? Actually, we do. God has provided in amazing ways to this point. I like to point out to people when they ask that we have paid every bill to date that has come in. But as we bring this lengthy project to completion, there are some specific needs we still have. Thankfully, through the kindness of an anonymous donor, we are again in a matching gift situation, where the donor will give \$1 for every dollar given up to \$100,000. If the Lord so works, the \$200,000 this would bring in would greatly help in not only getting us into the building but allowing us to purchase some of the things we need in order to be able to use the building fully.

Prayer Requests for Upcoming Events

As the building goes up, the regular work of BJMBC goes on: classes every week, chapel every Tuesday and Friday, occasional special events like our recent concert, and church-related ministry every weekend. Tim's speaking schedule for the next several weeks is quite full. Much of it is related to the theme of the family, and we would appreciate your prayers for God to use us to make a difference in the land where He has placed us.



Upcoming schedule:

Sunday, Sept 2: Tim will speak four hours at a newer church planting endeavor of a graduate about three hours north of us. Theme is "Called to Walk Worthy."

Sunday, Sept 9: Tim will speak in a nearby church without a pastor on the theme of Being a Spirit-filled Father.

Saturday, Sept. 15: Tim will give a brief challenge at a wedding of two Gospel Light Baptist Church members.

Sunday, Sept 16: Tim and Laura will speak for the special family-themed Sunday of a church about one hour north in the province of Bulacan.

Sunday, Sept. 23: Tim will speak for the morning services of a nearby church. No stated theme as of yet.

Sunday, Sept. 30: Tim will hold an afternoon family conference at a church of one of our pastor-students.

October 2-5: BJMBC Anniversary Conference and Building Dedication.

Sunday, October 7: Tim will speak at the annual consecration Sunday for a church about one hour north of us in a low-lying, flood-prone area.



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