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Dear Friends and Fellow-servants,

Gloria and I had to return to the USA on an emergency visit. My mother, Eileen Sexton became very ill and had to go to the hospital. It was there she had a heart attack and died on December 17. She was 71. Thai International Airlines personnel notified us as we landed in Los Angeles to call our son right away. Mom was already gone.

Loss of a close family member can be devastating and leave a gaping hole in our lives. It was comforting to have many family members from both sides of the family around as we collectively mourned our dear mother. More importantly, God has given us the knowledge of His plan of redemption and the central role of the resurrection to life. There is another life after death. But Mom Sexton will NOT be living forever on a cloud in the sky playing a harp, nor will she be living in a mansion on a hill somewhere. Because she was faithful to God and His Truth, Mom is assured an eternal inheritance as a leader and teacher of others about the Truth. But for the time being, she rests awaiting the return of the King of Kings. We will miss her, but gain comfort and encouragement in the knowledge that she has attained her reward. She can sleep. The rest of us left behind must continue the greatest battle in the history of mankind. And it is rapidly heating up.

Saw Ley Bey Dies

Saw Ley Bey, Pastor of the Living COG congregation in Burma (Myanmar) died in November at the age of 77. He was a long-time member and a legend in God's Church. He continued to pastor the children of God up until the day he died, even after a lengthy illness left him bent over and unable to stand straight. His death leaves a tragic loss of pastoral leadership among the small flocks of God's people living in the delta area south of Rangoon (Yangon) and the Chin Hills area of Burma. Your prayers are needed to protect God's small flock. We also should pray that God raise someone up to take his place according to His Divine Will.

Millennial Report

As the *REAL* new millennium begins (the millennium didn't really start until 2001 since there was no year "0"), it is good to review the programs that Legacy Institute has initiated over the past several years:

1. Karen Project: This program was founded to assist our Karen refugee families with spiritual and physical needs. *LI* now assists 6 Karen families as necessary with housing, food and education, both adult and children. There are presently 2 "house churches" formed and 2 new members of the body of Christ were baptized at the Feast of Tabernacles in 2000.
2. Kachin Project: This program assists Evangelist Lazum Brang of the Kachinland COG with his work among the various ethnic groups in Burma, primarily the Kachin tribes. The Kachinland COG has approximately 600 members scattered all over northern Burma. Lazum Brang publishes and sends out a Sabbath booklet in both Kachin and Burmese languages. He receives numerous visit requests as a result and spends 8 months of the year traveling on evangelistic journeys. Since there are few roads and almost no public transportation, this is quite a feat! The most recent activity has been in the Pu-Tao area in far northern Kachinland near Tibet and along the border with China where Sabbatarians are starved for the Truth. *LI* funds "daily bread" needs among these scattered brethren and helps with children's education and medical needs. Lazum Brang is presently building 2 teak and bamboo bible education centers; one in his home town of Na Mawn in Kachinland and one on the China border.
3. Translations: *LI* has already published a booklet on the Annual Holy Days in the Karen language. This booklet has now been translated into Burmese and is scheduled to be published in the spring. The Karen have also translated a booklet into Karen entitled "*Jesus Was Not Resurrected on Sunday.*" This booklet is presently being edited for publication. We are also preparing a *Bible Correspondence Course* to be translated into Karen, Kachin and Burmese.
4. Bibles: *LI* is collecting funds for purchase and distribution of bibles in the Karen, Kachin, Burmese and Portuguese (for Brazil and Angola) languages. We have discovered a shocking lack of bibles among the scattered brethren and those interested in God's Truth. They are just unavailable or unaffordable for these poor people. They can't read what they don't have!
5. Refugee Clothing: We are collecting used clothing for Karen refugees in camps along the Burma border. These people had to flee Burma with little else than the clothes on their backs. We now have the collection and distribution process in place and are working on getting the clothing shipped to Thailand without having to deal with the nightmare of customs regulations. Pray that God will bless this effort.

There are more ideas being considered about how Legacy Institute can better address the needs of the poor and those God has called and is now calling in Asia; needs both spiritual and physical. We will keep you posted.

India and Sri Lanka Trip

At the end of this month I will be visiting a small group of scattered brethren in southern India. *LI* was able to help fund the Feast of Tabernacles for them this year and we need to visit them to access the needs of this small group. As I have mentioned many times before, the Holy Spirit is very active in Asia at this time. We are discovering more and more scattered pockets of those He is calling to His Church. Some were former members of past fellowships; others are being called separate from any contact with our former Work. These people need spiritual food and spiritual fellowship with their brothers and sisters around the world. Many also need physical assistance. The Feast of Tabernacles in Thailand last year proved to me that contact with brothers and sisters from the West strengthens their faith and

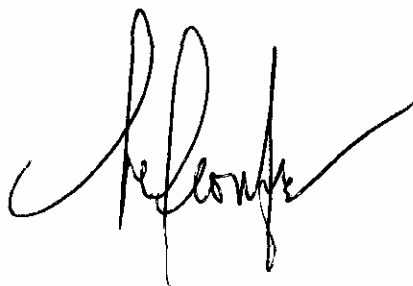
does wonders to encourage and empower our Asian members, even if that contact is only the knowledge that we care.

I will also be traveling to Sri Lanka, a country torn by years of ethnic warfare. Sri Lanka used to have a thriving Church of God fellowship, but now it is a spiritual wasteland. I have no idea what I will find or even how many might still be faithful to God's Truth. But we need to look for the lost sheep. Pray that God blesses this trip and those that remain in the Faith will be found.

We are to scatter the seeds and water those already growing. God does the harvesting. It is amazing what God can do with a little. We who are God's people in Western countries have been given a lot of resources, both physical and spiritual. We need to be about Our Father's Business.

Until next time, may the Almighty bless you all.

In Christ's Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leon Sexton', written in a cursive style.

Leon Sexton

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