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Dear Fellow-laborers,

I am writing you from Bangkok once again. We have just returned from Dallas where we packed boxes in anticipation of the sale of our house and the move to Thailand. The house has not sold yet. With the September 11 tragedy and the year-end holidays, the market is very slow. Please help us by praying that, if God's will, we get the house sold very soon. We are grateful to God for the blessing of a nice house in Dallas. But now that we spend most of our time in Asia, it has become a burden and we cannot afford to continue paying the mortgage on a house we do not use.

This is a big step for us. Who would give up a house that eventually could one day help provide security for old age, etc.? But both Gloria and I have decided to make this decision in order that we can devote full time and resources to the Asian Work. Long ago, we committed ourselves to follow the Lamb wherever He goes. And we are following Him to Asia.

There is a lot of work ahead. The Holy Spirit is more and more active in this part of the world with each passing day. I just received a letter from Pastor David Ye Gyan. He pastors a small group of COG7 members in Yangon, the Capital of Myanmar (Burma). He has had many difficulties and trials in his life. In 1999 he and his wife spent several months in prison. I believe I mentioned this in a previous Legacy Letter. Pastor Lazum Brang visited them both in prison and was able to comfort them in their trial. David has tried, somewhat unsuccessfully, to repair and drive an old, dilapidated cab to earn money to feed his family. The results are that his family has been sinking further and further into financial difficulty. The more the debt, the more he tries to find work. His old cab is always breaking down and he has no money to repair it. All these troubles pull him away from his calling of service to God. It is a maelstrom of debt and despair.

Your prayers are needed. First of all, that Pastor Ye Gyan will re-dedicate himself first and foremost to God's service. Secondly, that God will provide all needs for him and his family. And most of all, pray that God leads him in faith to make the right decisions. The people there are hungry for pastoral care and the Truth of God's Word. The Holy Spirit is very active in Myanmar. Pray that Pastor Ye Gyan will be about His Father's business with a renewed zeal.

Legacy Institute School in Thailand

Development of Legacy's new school in Chiangmai, Thailand is ahead of schedule. The repairs to the house and property we are leasing are almost complete. The owner has been very supportive and agreed to make all repairs at his own expense. There is also a brand new two-story school building on the grounds of a Thai temple about five minutes walking distance from the house. Since there are currently no classes being held in the building, the monks may permit us to use several classrooms to teach English and computer. The house and

outbuildings we are leasing sit on almost 5 acres. There are 30 mature fruit trees growing in an orchard on the land and enough space to develop organic vegetable farming demonstration plots for our vocational agriculture program as well as growing vegetables for the school. We now have 3 volunteer teachers able to come from the USA in the Spring and Summer of 2002. They are willing to stay for one year and will be teaching Bible, English, basic computer skills, office skills and computer programs as well as music and vocational agriculture.

Our students will be drawn from the children of COG members, local hilltribes and Kachin from Myanmar. They will pay no tuition, but will pay their own way by working on the grounds of the school and also volunteering to teach their own peoples for one year after completion of their courses. Those who return to Myanmar will be required to teach at Lazum Brang's school he is developing at Na Mawn, Kachinland.

We will start small, perhaps with a student body of only 10 or 12 students. Our goal is to provide quality training. We are not in the numbers game. I remember an audience Herbert W. Armstrong once had with King Bhumibol in the early 1980's. Mr. Armstrong was telling the king that Ambassador College had only a small student body. He told the king that Ambassador was interested in teaching a quality way of life and not interested in just getting many students. The king commented, "*It is better to teach 10 the right way than teach 1000 the wrong way. The 10 will then be able to teach hundreds the right way. The 1000 perhaps can teach many more, but it will be the wrong way.*"

A school in Asia teaching Bible-based character principles and vocational skills is sorely needed. Such a school will not only prepare young people for God's Work but also provide life-skills and vocational training for those that perhaps God does not choose for evangelistic service. This school will serve God and mankind.

It is a tragedy that Ambassador College is now only a small chapter relegated to history. I will not whitewash Ambassador's problems and shortcomings. Both Gloria and I went there. We experienced some of them. But, the good fruits far outweighed any negative aspects. At it's best, Ambassador was a shining example of what can be achieved when men strive to do things God's way. And Ambassador did result in changing the lives of thousands around the world for the better. Those who were involved in the many programs sponsored by the college and foundation were serving God and mankind. The fruits are still being shown.

Palace Teachers

I had a phone conversation yesterday with Lady Anghap, the Headmistress of Chitralada school, a primary and secondary school on the grounds of Chitralada Palace. Two young COG ladies, Jodie and Bonnie Turner are teaching there. The headmistress had nothing but the highest praise for both the girls. She hopes I can find new teachers to replace them as Jodie and Bonnie will be ending their one-year commitment in March. I find it interesting that both girls are called "Ambassador Girls" even though Ambassador no longer exists and neither girl ever attended. Ambassador College sent volunteer teachers to teach at the palace for many years before the college closed. The palace knows that Ambassador no longer exists, but recognizes that both girls are the product of that special way of life, a way of life founded on what we know to be the right principles of the Bible. Such is the power of character and Godly righteousness. Both girls were asked to tutor the daughter of the Crown Prince primarily because they are "Ambassador girls" and the royal family knows they will set a good character example for this 14 year-old princess.

So, at least in Thailand, we have a Legacy that continues. We will not quit. We will not relent. We have been given much and, "*to whom much is given, much will also be required.*"

7 Karen Prospectives in Refugee Camp

I spoke with Davidson Lebey, our new Deacon in God's Church in Thailand. He told me that he and David Mya Maung had recently visited a small group of new believers in a refugee camp on the Thai-Burma border. This group started with 3 Karen persons asking for our Karen language literature on the Sabbath, Holy Days and

Clean-Unclean Meats. Davidson has visited this group and held bible studies with them over the last 6 -8 months. Now the group has grown to 7 adults and all want to be baptized. They have been keeping the Sabbath and given up pork. Davidson says they are sincere. I plan to visit them mid-January.

I have been telling you the Holy Spirit is becoming very active in this part of the world. I have NEVER yet visited nor corresponded with any of these 7 people in the refugee camp. They are being visited by their *OWN* people and are receiving literature in their *OWN* language translated into Karen by the Karen *THEMSELVES*. This is proof what empowerment and encouragement can do. Let the fruits of our approach at Legacy Institute speak for themselves. If God is with us and blessing *WHAT* we are doing and *HOW* we are doing it, the fruits will be apparent.

Trip to Kathmandu

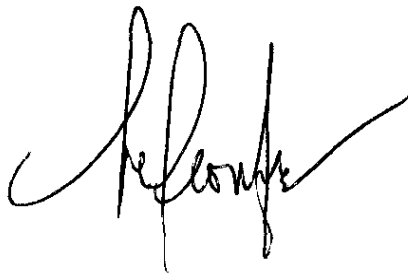
Gloria and I leave tomorrow for Kathmandu, Nepal. We were there for about 9 months in 1986 when we ran the Ambassador Foundation project helping Queen Aishwarya (murdered recently along with the entire royal family.) We plan to visit Princess Sunita Rana, widow of the late General Aditya S.J.B. Rana, and other members of her family. General Aditya and Princess Sunita were good friends to us since 1984 when the General was assigned by the king of Nepal to take care of Mr. Hebert Armstrong during the later's visit to Nepal. General Rana died nearly 10 years ago on his 60th birthday while we were visiting him at his villa in Kathmandu. It was a great tragedy for Nepal because General Rana was known far and wide as a man of character, honesty and integrity. The last time I saw him alive, he was sitting up in bed reading the Plain Truth magazine. General Rana was a relative of the murdered queen, so we want to visit his widow, children and grandchildren after this terrible, recent tragedy.

We will also look for a man named Buwan Ghale. He was an ex-British Gurkha and a member of the Church of God. The last time I saw him was in 1986 while visiting him and his family near Kathmandu. We lost touch with and will try to find this "lost sheep."

Well, that's all for now. We will have more news after our return from Nepal. We will also be visiting India and Sri Lanka in February and Kachinland during the Spring Holy Days. So, please remember us before the One who always guides us, keeps us and protects us in our journeys.

God bless and be with you all,

Sincerely,
In humble service to Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,



Leon Sexton

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P.S. Also, my wife Gloria has an update for all of you who have been praying for her father, Mr. Werner Jebens. Over the last month, he has made some improvements. But, he is not out of the woods yet. Please continue to pray for him.