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Greetings Fellow-laborers,

Gloria and I are in California. Twice a year we return from Thailand to the US to travel on a speaking tour and attend a Legacy Institute board meeting. It is important and invigorating for us to come back and visit with our friends and fellow-laborers in God's fields.

This trip we had the chance to see so many of our friends who already support the Work God does through Legacy, and meet new friends who are very interested in hearing what Legacy is doing. My wife and I are always encouraged at the level of enthusiasm we find among God's people who understand that our job is to get the true Gospel message out to the world. They know what their job is and they are excited about doing their part to see that the job gets done!

Gloria and I receive a great deal of encouragement from all we meet. I told someone the other day that I come back to the U.S. to get re-supplied and re-vitalized by all the encouragement and enthusiasm from all of you so that I can go back into "battle" again when I return to Asia!



L. to R.: Seng Htun, Lazum Brang, Lal Beka and Seng Aung meet in Kachinland.

Photo by Leon Sexton

And battle we must! The adversary hates what we are doing! He is extremely active trying to stop what God is choosing to do with this small, and seemingly unimportant organization we call Legacy Institute. Why should the devil care? Why are we on his radar, anyway?

The answer is that God is actively accomplishing His Work among the nations, *in part*, through the instrument of Legacy Institute – AND plans to accomplish much, much more! We are the servants of The Great and Mighty Lord Jesus the Anointed, and He is with His Father on the throne of The Almighty in Heaven.

His Father gave Him a Work to finish – *and finish it He will!*

There is no stopping Him. He WILL finish this Work! The *Spiritual Church* was founded by Jesus to be the primary instrument of His Work. We – members of the Body of Christ today – are to be pliable instruments in His Hands. There is so much to be done! And King Jesus will see that it is done. Either we get on board and help Jesus finish His Work, or He will get someone else. We could be left behind!

He is choosing out *individuals* in our various Church of God organizations to get the job done. It is NOT now – nor has it ever been – the sole responsibility of only one particular, humanly devised Church of God corporate organization.

Do you think for one minute that God cares anything about the corporate papers we filed with the various Secretaries of State offices in the various states of America and other countries? Does He spend any time at all pondering the sundry paper documents and charters that CREATED the ABC Church of God or the XYZ Church of God or any of the other corporate Churches of God? It is ludicrous to imagine He pays any attention at all. Yet it seems to be a big deal to some!

When we come back we find so many who are very eager to join hands with Legacy to help us do what God wants to get done among the nations. They care only about GETTING THE JOB DONE! It is wonderfully encouraging and inspiring!

Now let me give you some exciting and encouraging news from the other side of the globe. Evangelist Lazum Brang has just sent me a letter from Kachinland. He reports about the new Legacy Institute Branch School now up and running near Lake Indawgyi, his home area. Below are some quotes:

*“Kachinland  
July 20, 2006*

*”Dear brother Leon and sister Gloria Sexton,*

*“Greetings to you from Kachinland.*

*“Now I am sending you information about the branch Legacy School from Kachinland. The students are totally 4 (2 boys and 2 girls).*

1. Mr. Gumaan Awng age 19 years
2. Mr. Lalbiakkima age 23 years
3. Ms. Seng Mai age 20 years
4. Ms. Ja Pawk age 20 years

*“Now I am following according to Principal Seng Awng’s schedule.*

*From 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM .....English language class by Seng Awng.*

*From 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM ..... Bible class by pastor Lazum Brang.*

*“Then the students go to work on the church compound. (Editor’s note: the students are helping to plant an organic vegetable garden patterned on the one at Legacy School in Chiang Mai, Thailand.)*

*“Within one week, the class is only 3 times now, Monday, Wednesday, Friday.*

*“In this time the heavy rains come every day. I have free time in this month. If I tour for Gospel Works, the class will be only one hour in the day: and also, The class will be only 3 hours in a week. We need the first year courses from Thailand Legacy School. Our first year courses should be the same between Kachinland and Thailand. We speak only English in the class....”*

What truly amazes me (*and humbles me!*) is that this school is successfully up and running according to the Legacy pattern learned in Thailand, and I am not there to oversee it! It is being entirely set up and operated by Lazum Brang and two of our *Legacy Institute Leadership Training Center* graduates, who learned from Legacy Thailand and returned to Kachinland to found a NEW Branch School!

They are doing EXACTLY what we envisioned. And they are doing it on their own, without my direct supervision! God is truly Great and His Ways are beyond our imagination. The Holy Spirit has trained and empowered these young Legacy men to follow the same pattern they learned in Thailand and replicate that pattern in their own country and among their own people. They are real leaders!

*(Note: Lazum Brang does not mention Legacy grad Seng Htun because he is in Yangon purchasing used computer equipment to set up and teach computer at the new school.)*

God’s Work marches on!

### **ANNUAL BOARD MEETING**

We have exciting news to announce. During our board meeting we discussed how we could keep our fellow-laborers more informed about what is being accomplished in areas where Legacy Institute is involved. I just can’t put all the news in my personal letter every month. There is so much going on and so much to talk about; the monthly letter would end up becoming a tome!

In order to help keep you better informed, we have decided to publish a quarterly journal updating our readers about the various projects of Legacy; short biographies about teachers and students at Legacy’s schools; helpful articles and editorials about Christian living and

evangelism; updates on new projects and much, much more. We will call this quarterly publication “*Legation*” and the first issue will come out January 2007.

But why did we choose the name “*Legation*”?

*Legation* comes from an Old Latin word that means “to send”. It is the same root word that “Legacy” comes from. In modern usage legation means, “*a team sent to a foreign country to represent a government*”. We think this sums up very well what Legacy Institute is all about. We, along with a growing number of Fellow-Laborers, are a team representing the Kingdom of God. And we are being sent to foreign countries to represent that Kingdom!

We have also decided to redesign our website [www.legacyinstitute.org](http://www.legacyinstitute.org), add more information and make it more “user friendly”. Legacy started as a grain of mustard seed. It is now growing to the point that we need to make changes so that we can serve God better.

We need to constantly change and improve our lives in service to Christ. Sometimes these changes are easy, but most of the time they are difficult. In any case, we must never waiver from our focus – GETTING THE WORK DONE! If the adversary can get our minds off the purpose for which we are called in this age, then he can stall and even sabotage the Work of God.

No matter what – we must resist all the temptations Satan lures us with; all the false pleasures this dying world has to offer; and even the deceptions of our own human natures – in order to remain focused on the goal – HELPING OUR LORD GET HIS WORK DONE!

***The Gospel message going forth to the nations*** – this must be the focal point of our lives. Everything we do should somehow be focused on that goal.

I have difficulty staying focused as I am sure all of you do. We are all weak human beings and we labor against an enemy who wants us to fail! The Bible tells us that the devil is a roaring lion, roaming the Earth, seeking prey:

**1 Peter 5:8-10**

*“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.” NKJV*

The Bible also talks about the cares of this world and the temptation of seeking after riches CHOKING us and taking away our ability to serve God!

**Matt 13:22-23**

*“Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.” NKJV*

These are sobering words. They are not fantasy. They are very real. *We can actually become unfruitful!* This modern world is DESIGNED to keep our minds off God and on the pulls and concerns that swirl around us like an evil tornado. Our minds become fogged, our thoughts clouded. We get sucked into pursuits that have no lasting value. We are bombarded by the mind-numbing (and mind-dumbing) entertainment world. We are harassed by so many

messages communicated from so many sources. The problems and trials we face seem endless. There is no let-up and there is no reprieve. We worry, we fret, we are filled with anxiety and sometimes fear; and then we forget why God called us in the first place!

My Fellow-laborers! Don't let this happen to you!

We have a lot of work to do! We cannot allow our hearts and minds to become separated from the Work God has given us.

It is a constant struggle – an endless battle. But it does end! It ends with the Coming of Our Lord to defeat the many servants of Satan and inaugurate the Wonderful Kingdom of God on the Earth!

I really want to be there! I don't care if it is just by the skin of my teeth! I want to be a part of the group Our Lord Jesus calls "chosen and faithful".

**Rev 17:12-14**

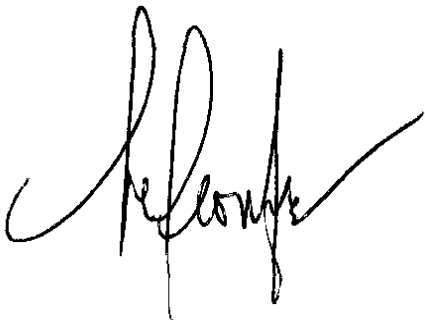
*"The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; **and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.**" NKJV*

It won't be much longer now until the whole world will see the return of the "Son of Man". But in the meantime, we still have a lot of work to do. God has given us all a lot of "talents" and He expects us to use them to see His End-time Work accomplished BEFORE that Great Day.

Let's not bury those talents. Let's use them to the utmost of our combined abilities. And if for some reason you feel that you buried that talent – go dig it up!! Our Lord Jesus, now more than ever before, needs His younger brothers and sisters marshalling all of our gifts and resources to – **FINISH THE WORK!**

I look forward to working with more and more of you, my Fellow-laborers in the Harvest Fields of God as that Great Day draws near.

In Fellowship and Service to Our Lord,



T. Leon Sexton

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