

PRAYER FOCUS

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KT4C YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S CAMP, APRIL 2-6, 2024

KAREN BORDER COMMUNITIES

Safe in Christ

My name is "Saw Maw Thaw" (not his real name). During my childhood, I was constantly fleeing from the Burmese military, living in perpetual fear. The sound of gunfire sent me scrambling into the safety of the forest. Alongside the horrors of war, I faced numerous other challenges – from food scarcity and lack of shelter to constant health concerns. I vividly recall the loss of a sibling in the wilderness due to the unavailability of medical aid during one of our escapes.

The civil unrest deprived me of a proper education. Even in grade 8, attending school meant navigating through daily gunfire in neighboring villages. Despite my fears, I pressed on, driven by the dream of a better future beyond this war-torn land. Eventually, I embarked on a perilous journey, with other families, seeking refuge in a camp across the border in Thailand. Our passage was dangerous; from evading military patrols to facing uncertainties at the Thai border.

In 2009, I found sanctuary in Ban Don Yang Refugee Camp. I finally felt a semblance of security and the freedom to pursue my studies without the constant spectre of violence. However, living without my parents brought financial struggles, which I silently bore, relying on prayer for sustenance. Despite occasional doubts, I held on to faith, trusting that God would provide, and indeed, He did, often in miraculous ways.

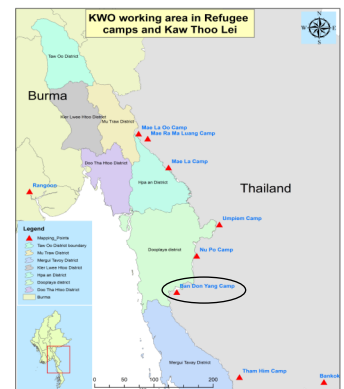
My journey led me to embrace Christianity, where I found solace and strength in God's un-

wavering presence. I have experienced physical and spiritual blessings through Him, feeling His guiding hand even in the darkest times. As I pursued theological studies, I marveled at the abundance provided, realizing that true faith brings contentment beyond material concerns.

Today, as a volunteer teacher at the camp, I am committed to serving my community and sharing the love of Christ with others. With its diverse population and array of educational institutions, the camp stands as a beacon of hope amidst adversity. Recent events like the KT4C Youth Camp, Children's Camp, and Leadership Training have further enriched our collective spirit, empowering the youth and nurturing future leaders.

Yet, even as we celebrate these moments of joy, my thoughts turn to my loved ones still enduring the horrors of conflict back in Myanmar. I fervently pray for their safety, as well as for the countless others affected by violence and displacement. May they find refuge, sustenance, and peace that surpasses all understanding.

Lastly, pray for the safety and well-being of those fleeing dangerous situations, especially forced conscription. Let's pray for peace and justice in Myanmar and for the Kingdom of Christ to bring hope and healing.



“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.” Psalms 23:6 (NKJV)

Prayer Calendar May 2024

1 (WED) KAREN BORDER COMMUNITIES Pray for the youth who participated in the camp last month. Pray that they actively put into practice all that they learned and that their faith becomes firmly rooted in the Word.

2 (TUE) KAREN BORDER COMMUNITIES Pray for the Lord to raise young, righteous leaders who will actively contribute to the building up of their communities.

3 (FRI) BHUTAN Please pray for this month's Bhutan Evangelical Alliance meeting. Around 40 to 60 pastors and leaders will attend.

4/5 (SAT/SUN) BHUTAN Pray for Christians facing challenges obtaining necessary documents like citizenship cards for employment, education, and other necessities.

6 (MON) BANGLADESH Pray for the safety of the innocent Bawn community, who find themselves caught in the conflict between the government and the Kuki-Chin National Army (KNA).

7 (TUE) BANGLADESH Pray for the innocent civilians to be spared from unjust arrest in the current conflict with the KNA.

8 (WED) INDIA Pray for the ongoing Lok Sabha elections, 19 April to 1 June. The Lok Sabha, also known as the House of the People or the Lower House of the Parliament, comprises 550 members representing the people of India across all states and territories. This election will determine the next Prime Minister. Pray for a righteous leader to govern the nation and work for the nation's welfare.

9 (THU) NE INDIA Pray for peace and order during this Lok Sabha election. May God protect the polling process from any evil schemes.

10 (FRI) NE INDIA Continue to lift Manipur in prayer where violence against Christians is still very high.

11/12 (SAT/SUN) MYANMAR The Karen National Union and the People's Defense Force have seized the largest Myanmar military camp in Myawaddy, including the military tactical command at Ban Pang Kan, opposite Tha Sai Luat Subdistrict, Mae Sot District, Thailand. Pray for the ethnic group armies to remain vigilant from retaliation by the military junta.

13 (MON) MYANMAR Pray for organizations and individuals providing humanitarian aid and support to the people of Myanmar. Ask for God's provision, protection, and strength as they bring hope to those in need.

14 (TUE) CAMBODIA Pray for the eleven students at the Functional English Center (FEC) who will finish their guitar lessons this month. May they use this gift to worship and glorify God.

15 (WED) CAMBODIA Pray for the FEC students to show greater diligence in class attendance, including English classes and Friday (instead of Sunday) school, known as Funday-Friday, where the younger students learn Bible stories and verses in the afternoon, followed by Bible study sessions for the youth at night.

16 (THU) VIETNAM Many new believers are being persecuted by Central Vietnam's local authority, community, and relatives. Pray for them.

17 (FRI) VIETNAM Pray for more Bibles for new believers among the people in the rural area and Khmer in Mekong Delta area.

18/19 (SAT/SUN) LAOS Our Country Team reported that they had 327 new converts and planted seven new churches during the year's first quarter. Pray for the growth of the converts and the church.

20 (MON) LAOS Pray for revival in the country in evangelism, discipleship, and church planting. As they experience miracles, they will lead more people to Christ.

21 (TUE) PAKISTAN The escalating inflation poses significant challenges for households. Pray for the government to implement measures aimed at alleviating the burdens faced by the common people and making life more manageable for them.

22 (WED) PAKISTAN Pray for the protection of the Christians as the persecution grows throughout the country.

23 (THU) SRI LANKA Pray for the Buddhist monk who persecuted the Buttala church 10 years ago, that he may truly repent. He has shown signs of change and has pledged to assist in the roof construction of the Buttala church by the end of this month. Pray for God's intervention that this monk will remain steadfast in his commitment.

24 (FRI) SRI LANKA Pray for the SowH trainings conducted in various places in the country.

25/26 (SAT/SUN) AFGHANISTAN Pray for the Chaman border to open, enabling our team to cross and share the Gospel with the people.

27 (MON) AFGHANISTAN Pray for the economic stability in the country.

28 (TUE) NEPAL Pray for the leadership as they plan to organize a basic Bible study group among the young people.

29 (TUE) NEPAL One village in Oraste, Syangja district, Western Nepal, has around thirty believers but no existing church building yet. Pray for provision as they plan to build a church.

30 (THU) CHINA Pray for Chinese believers as they go on cross-cultural mission trips to pray and bless tribal people groups in different countries, especially in Laos.

31 (FRI) CHINA Pray for the Chinese believers to use business as a platform to witness Jesus Christ and make disciples of all nations.