



# FLASHES



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**OUTREACH WITH THE GOSPEL**

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## Dedication of Myanmar Gospel of John



Actual size: 13cm x 9.5cm

100,000 copies of the Gospel of John in the Myanmar language were dedicated recently in Myanmar.

Our friend, Joseph, in Myanmar wrote on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2006 about the dedication:

*"By God's grace I arrived back home yesterday evening from a town called Pyay about 200 miles away from Yangon. I was invited to sing and share at the District Council meeting of our Church where we experienced the mighty move of the Holy Spirit. I left for that town the day after the Dedication Service of the 100,000 copies of Gospel of John. So, kindly excuse me for this belated email."*



A small group of key people at the dedication

*"The Dedication Service was conducted as planned on 7 January 2006. We are very grateful that Brother Ted Penney could be present with us to represent TPTL Australia. It was a very good service and everyone felt the Lord's presence. Brother Penney delivered the message which was very inspiring. After that all who were present laid hands on the representation of the 100,000 copies of the Gospel and dedicated them for a mighty use so that the Lord's Kingdom would be expanded. Praise be to the name of Jesus. We also had a good lunch after the service."*



The act of dedication



Fellowship lunch

Mr Ted Penney, Operations Supervisor of the Bible Society in Australia, reported that the Dedication Service was a real joy. It was attended by a small group of key people. He has since heard from Joseph that there have been quite a few inquiries in Myanmar for the Gospel.

Good News: TPTL in Myanmar has been registered with the Government. Praise God! The members of the Board are:

Mr Silva Rajan, Rev U Aung Nyunt (*National Director, Myanmar Campus Crusade for Christ*), Rev U Ohn Myint (*National Director, Myanmar Navigators*), Daw Khin Hnin Wai (*Prayer Co-ordinator, Myanmar Campus Crusade for Christ*), Mr Duido U Win Ko (*OMF*), Rev Nish Phillips (*Covenant Centre*), Rev Rani Phillips (*Covenant Centre*), and Rev U Zin Hla (*National Director, Myanmar Every Home for Christ*).

Message:

## God's Provision

1 Kings 17:1-16

The ministry of Elijah was always in conflict with King Ahab and Jezebel and this drained Elijah. He would also suffer depression and fear.

Depression is in the news with public figures and Christians are not immune from this illness. It can be due to a chemical imbalance, family and personal issues or emotional roller coaster experiences. As Christians we look to the grace of God, the assistance of the medical profession and a much needed rest.

In our passage we find the grace of God towards Elijah in the way the Lord provided food, water and privacy in a time of stress and need. However the brook dried up.

When our "brook dries up" we can think this is a time the Lord has abandoned us but in fact it can be a time for the Lord to move us on. By staying on or in we become complacent and less motivated. It is time to make a move! This can threaten our comfort zone. We are called to trust God for the future. Psalm 121:8 says, "The Lord will watch your coming in and your going out both now and forevermore."

Elijah was forced to move on under the guidance of God. Later on in 2 Kings, chapter 4, Elisha was blessed by God through a well-to-do woman to stay for a meal. On the occasion of Elijah he is blessed by God through a poor widow preparing for her last meal with her son.

I have learnt to respect the commitment, care and support of small groups, small churches and the least expected to bless the Lord's work.

Go into the future with God; He is faithful and will provide.



by Stephen Downie

Announcing:

## Thailand COMPASSION & CARE Program

For many years The Pocket Testament League (TPTL) has been carrying out the commission of the Lord Jesus Christ to evangelise the world through the distribution of the Gospel of John, the New Testament and suitable tracts. In Thailand this ministry is being effectively carried out by *Pastor Somchai*, our TPTL evangelist.

*Somchai* is often in slum areas of Thailand and sees great heartache and human need.

As we look at the ministry of **our** Lord Jesus, it is noticeable the compassion and **care** He showed to people (*Mark 6:30-44*). His ministry was more than one dimensional. It was not just preaching. It included practical care.

With this in mind TPTL Board has organised a program to support *Somchai's* ministry by providing packages of basic food-stuff which he and his wife, Saengthong, can offer where they see the need. Each package, consisting of 12 items and costing A\$25, will be purchased by *Somchai* and Saengthong in Bangkok. It will include a copy of the Gospel of John.



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| 1. Pickled Green Mustard   | 7. Cooking oil      |
| 2. Bean Vermicelli         | 8. Fish Sauce       |
| 3. Sardine in Tomato Sauce | 9. Rice             |
| 4. Chilli Sauce Pres       | 10. Condensed Milk  |
| 5. Eggs                    | 11. Instant noodles |
| 6. Soy Bean Sauce          | 12. Pure sugar      |

We invite you to share in this program with your gifts. Please send your donations to TPTL Australia using the *donation slip* on page 4 of this issue of the *News Flashes*.

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# CHRISTMAS OUTREACH *in Thailand*



*Pastor Somchai, our evangelist in Thailand, writes:*

Greetings to you from all of us here in Thailand in the precious name of our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ!

We have been very busy with our evangelistic outreach and looking after our churches and following up the new converts. We thank you for your encouragement and faithful prayer.

Our *Christmas Outreach* was held during November and December last year. We had two special friends, *George and Rita Galieh* from Australia, to help us. They have been partnering with us once a year in November and December for about ten years.

We thank God for allowing us to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in *schools, hospitals, gaols, hotels, shopping centres, factories, national parks and churches*. I can say that many souls were saved. We praise and give glory to our Living God! *George and Rita* have returned to Sydney but we continued our outreach campaign in January.



*Distributing God's Word to students*



*At a school assembly*



*In a hospital*



*In a gaol*



*In a national park*



*In a church*



*Accepting Jesus as Saviour*

Our Summer (*Autumn in the southern hemisphere*) Outreach, which started in February, will continue to the end of May. We will be travelling around the villages and the mountains.

Please pray for our three camps in the month of April:

- ❑ **Youth Camp:**  
*3 to 6 April*  
*Theme: "Walk With God"*
- ❑ **Children's Camp:**  
*6 to 8 April*  
*Theme: "Obedience"*  
*Both camps will be held for the Karen Hill-Tribe at Mae-tom in Chiangmai, North Thailand. I think about 1,600 people will be attending both camps.*
- ❑ **Commitment Leadership Training Camp:** *25 to 28 April at Baptist Conference Centre, Pattaya. The camp is limited for only 160 people.*

Also, please pray for:

- ❑ *Our follow-up program: that the new believers continue to grow spiritually.*
- ❑ *The Correspondence Course students, especially many of the prisoners.*
- ❑ *Our churches here in Thailand.*
- ❑ *Our Summer Outreach from February to May*
- ❑ *Our family.*
- ❑ *Our health, especially for my wife, Saengthong.*
- ❑ *Our three camps that God will provide enough of everything.*

May the *love* of our God and the *peace* of the Lord Jesus Christ and the *fellowship* of the Holy Spirit be with you throughout 2006.

Yours in His Service,  
**Somchai**

## STOP PRESS:

The NIV New Testament is now available at TPTL Office at \$3 each. Bulk orders of 100 copies or more receive a 10% discount.

Be sure to visit TPTL website – [www.tptl.org.au](http://www.tptl.org.au) Check out the *Resources for Evangelism* and the free *Correspondence Course*. Find out how you can invite TPTL Field Worker to visit your church or fellowship group.

# BEQUEST *for* TPTL

The Pocket Testament League (TPTL) has, over the years, faithfully carried out its ministry of Scripture distribution combined with evangelism, preaching and personal contacts. Many have come to faith in Jesus Christ. Intensive follow-up program and the free Correspondence Course, based on the Gospel of John, have helped them to grow in the knowledge and love of God and in the ministry of service and witness through the local church.

TPTL has been able to minister in this manner because of the monetary donations of many committed Christians and churches. To each person and each church the chairperson and members of the TPTL Executive Board express heartfelt thanks and praise to God.

Apart from monetary donations, *bequest* can be an avenue to support the ongoing and new ministries of TPTL. There are many Christian as well as secular organizations that receive support through bequests.

A bequest enables you to make a significant gift to TPTL. It provides a legacy that will help reach future generations for Christ. You will have the joy of knowing that because of your commitment, many people will come to know Jesus.

Your bequest to TPTL may take the form of a percentage of your estate, a special gift, a residual bequest, the whole of your estate, a life interest or reversionary bequest or other provisions as advised by your Solicitor or Trustee Company. You will need to have your solicitor include your desire in your Will.

If you are interested in supporting TPTL in this way, please contact TPTL office by telephone (9502 2982), or email ([tptl@ay.com.au](mailto:tptl@ay.com.au)) or letter (P O Box 253, Kingsgrove, NSW 1480). Your privacy is respected at all times, so you may wish to contact TPTL office through your Solicitor.

## *In the Mail...*

A reader in Tathra, NSW, writes: "Last June, my husband and I took a Spiritual and Pastoral Care course and now we are affiliated with the Bega Hospital. Each Monday we spend the day visiting all the patients, sometimes praying with them. Whilst visiting Sydney I was given a copy of the Gospel of John which I now carry with me. I would like to have a few copies of the Gospel to give to patients in the Hospital. I feel they would benefit from having them. It's wonderful to tell people about God and how He can change their lives."

Roger of Parkes, NSW sent a letter explaining how he used the Gospel of John in his outreach work with prisoners. He wrote, "Recently, two prisoners accepted Christ as a result of going through the Gospel with me."

An email from Cindy of Coffs Harbour, NSW: "I hope you can help me. My young son had a small pocket book 'Love is the Bridge' which was accidentally washed with his school pants. Would you be able to send him another as he misses having it." (A copy has been posted to her.)

## Prayer & Praise Points:

**Praise** and thank God for the work of TPTL in Australia through faithful Christians.

**Pray** for TPTL Myanmar as brothers and sisters in Christ distribute the Gospel of John.

**Thank** God for the ministry of Somchai and Saengthong in Thailand. **Praise** Him for the fruitful Christmas Outreach. **Pray** for the continuing outreach campaign in 2006.

**Pray** for Stephen Downie as he speaks in churches in Melbourne (3-16 May), Queensland (11-24 July), Tasmania (19-28 August) and Adelaide (29 September – 9 October). May God's Word change many lives. **Praise** God that Stephen already has 120 speaking engagements lined up for the year.

**Thank** God for the life of Robert Spankie who returned to God on 6 February 2006. May God surround Linda and her family in His abiding and abundant love.

**Announcement:** TPTL is producing a Recipe Book. It will be ready for Mother's Day at \$10 per copy. To order, please contact TPTL Office – telephone: 9502 2982.

## Donation Slip

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(Please send to P O Box 253, Kingsgrove, NSW 1480, Australia)