



Joana Returns to Burma

August 3 - 18, 2016



Wednesday and Thursday

1. Portland to San Francisco (90 minutes)
2. San Francisco to Singapore (16 hours and 20 minutes!)
3. Singapore to Yangon, Burma (3 hours)

FRIDAY! My friend Josiah will pick me up in a BIG truck, and take me to Hope Children's Home! I can hardly wait to see the children again!



I'll get to meet Josiah and Phoebe's adopted daughter - Ruth NaNa -- too!

Friday Evening - Meet Sherwood Oaks Christian Church Team!!!



Timothy and Maeram will meet me at the airport to greet the SOCC team, then we will go out to dinner!



After Dinner Friday night -

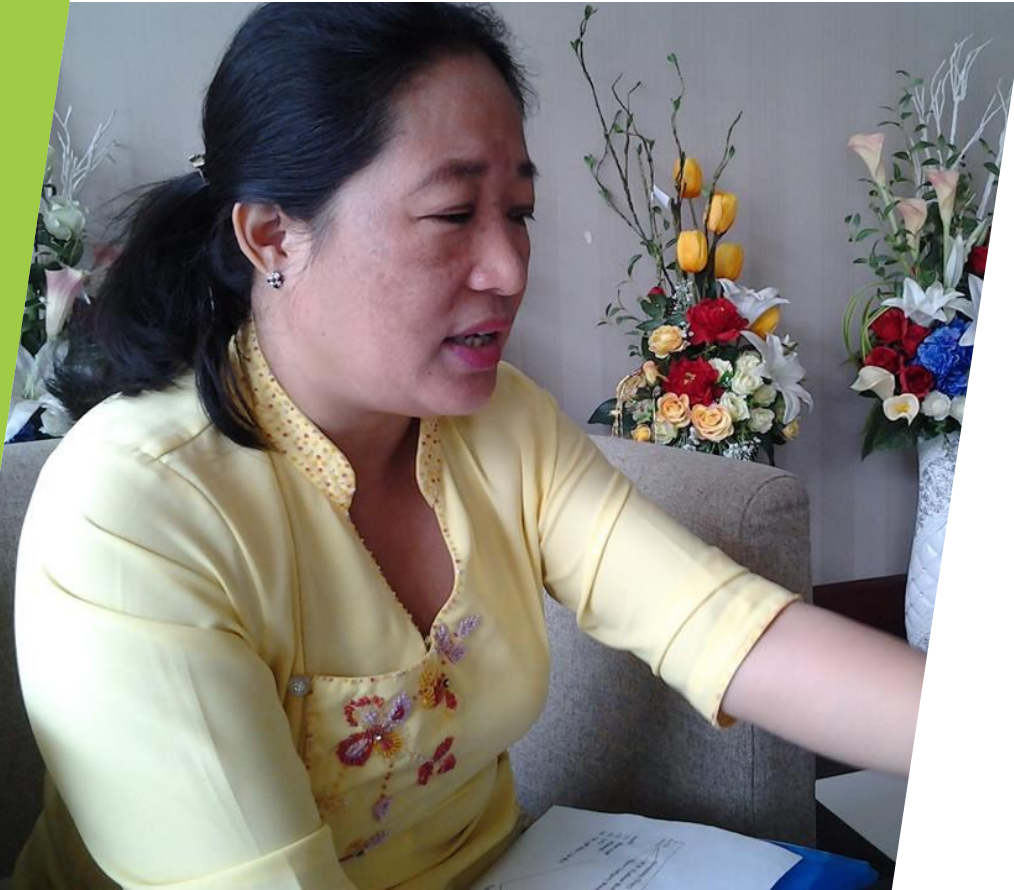
Send a team to help internally displaced people in Rakhine State. There's not enough food while more than 100 mostly Buddhist families wait to return home. They are displaced due to the fighting between Buddhists and Muslims in this region. A clear presentation of the Gospel will be given to these innocent people simply caught up in the violence. Many of the children there have lost one or both parents. IDES provided a grant of \$10,000 to provide this life-saving assistance





Saturday will be VERY busy!
We will first meet our new student nurses and discuss plans with their teacher (her name is Lucy!). The name of our school is Samaritan Nursing School.

Funding for the buildings that make the school feasible came from FAME, the Bethel Baptist Church (Galesburg, IL), SOCC and private donors.





Next we will look at all the new buildings on the campus of the Myanmar Community Development Center!

The last time Brad and Todd were there in 2014, the two acre property was only a field with a fence and a well!





Saturday Night!

This lady is Daw Pan Cho, or Sweet Flower. She is a school teacher. Above is her school. The little pond is where the children get their water in the summer. She will get a BIG surprise! Through a very unexpected gift to ACM, she will receive the money to build a new school and dig a new well! *Todd prayed with her during the last visit. She has been praying for a safe school building for many years!*





Sunday!

Go to church! Hope Orphanage Kids organize service, and play the music. One of the adults will give the lesson. After church we will all have a nice meal together and visit and play.



Monday, August 8 - Fly to Putao!



Our friends and ministry partners will go with us! Nangram, Joel, Josiah and Maeram. Putao - where the Morse missionary family worked for many years!



Tuesday - Another BUSY Day!



Through special donations from SOCC and individuals donors, we will send a team to deliver rice to Khaunglanphu, a village of more than 100 families that has been cut off from trade because of floods and mudslides. The difficulty and danger of transport adds significantly to the cost of the rice. We are helping them hold on till the November rice harvest.

Tuesday - Visit the ACM High School!



I am standing next to the lead teacher at the high school. These are some of our students. Many children in Burma do not get much education. These high school students do not have a high school in their villages, so they stay at ACM's high school to learn. Most are very poor, so we do not ask for money to stay at the school. Todd and Brad met the lead teacher during the last trip, and listened to her explain how hard it is to find the money to feed the students. They are supposed to provide their own meals, but many can not.



Tuesday - Meet Askar, a special missionary-pioneer teacher. She opens schools in villages that have no schools, mostly along the border with China. Asian Children's Mission supports her. She has a great testimony and a great vision.



Tuesday - Visit a village
that has water because
of ACM! Water was
diverted from a river
for two miles to get
water to Shanggong
Village

Wednesday - More Adventures!

Meet my friend Ahdu! Several years ago, Ahdu had a BAD toothache and no dentist to help her. She pulled the tooth herself, but her mouth became infected! Soon, a tumor began to grow that got bigger, and bigger and BIGGER! It was beginning to choke her! With the help of IDES and a sister mission group called Myanmar Hope, I was able to get her admitted to a hospital to have the tumor removed. That was many years ago. I want to see her again to see how her life is now.





Wednesday - Visit Maludishi Clinic

Learn more about how the Samaritan Nursing School can expand health care in remote villages.

Also this is the opportunity to learn about the AIDS and drug addiction problems in the region.



Wednesday - Visit two ACM preschools



Sometimes I teach teachers!
Can you find me in the picture
below?



► Project for Max - Look
at the pictures of your
teachers. Find Miss
Laura, Miss Katie and
Jake. Project for both
Max and Noah - try
sleeping on the floor!



Thursday - A Boat Trip! (If the weather cooperates!)



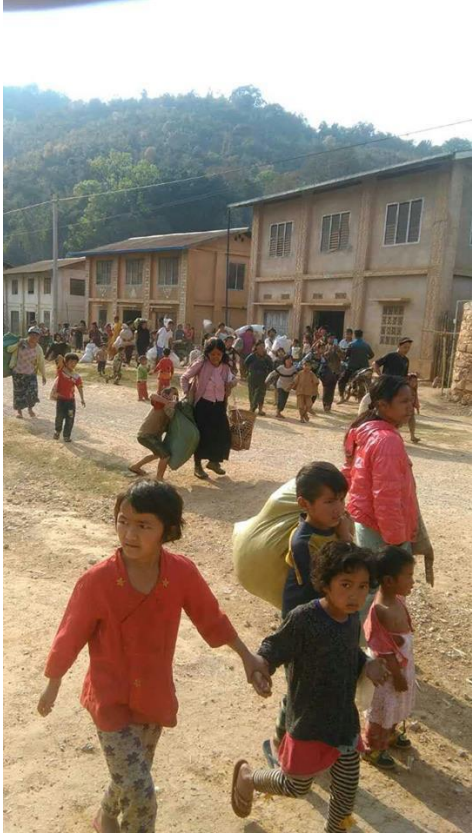
Thursday -In 2012 ACM purchased 20 acres of beautiful land for a village. I am hoping we can meet with village leaders to hear their ideas for this land.

Friday - Fly to Myitikyina and Visit Loving Fountain Orphanage Center



SOCC VBX offering in 2010 helped to build the dorm behind the children in the picture.

Saturday - Visit Refugee Camp



The civil war continues in the Kachin state. There are many internally displaced people living on church grounds in and around Myitkyina.



Sunday (August 14) - Go to Church and then Travel to Mandalay!



We could go by train - but it would take more than 16 hours - with no air conditioning! The airplane flight will take less than one hour!

Monday -- Visit Asian Children's Mission's Two Preschools



Christian, Buddhist, Hindu and Muslim children attend these two preschools. A church has been planted as the result of our work with these young children.



Tuesday - Fly to Yangon, Meet with New Friends!

Asian Children's Mission provided Money to build 21 new houses for widows and single moms. These two ladies will meet with my team and talk about what it means to have a safe home for themselves and their children.

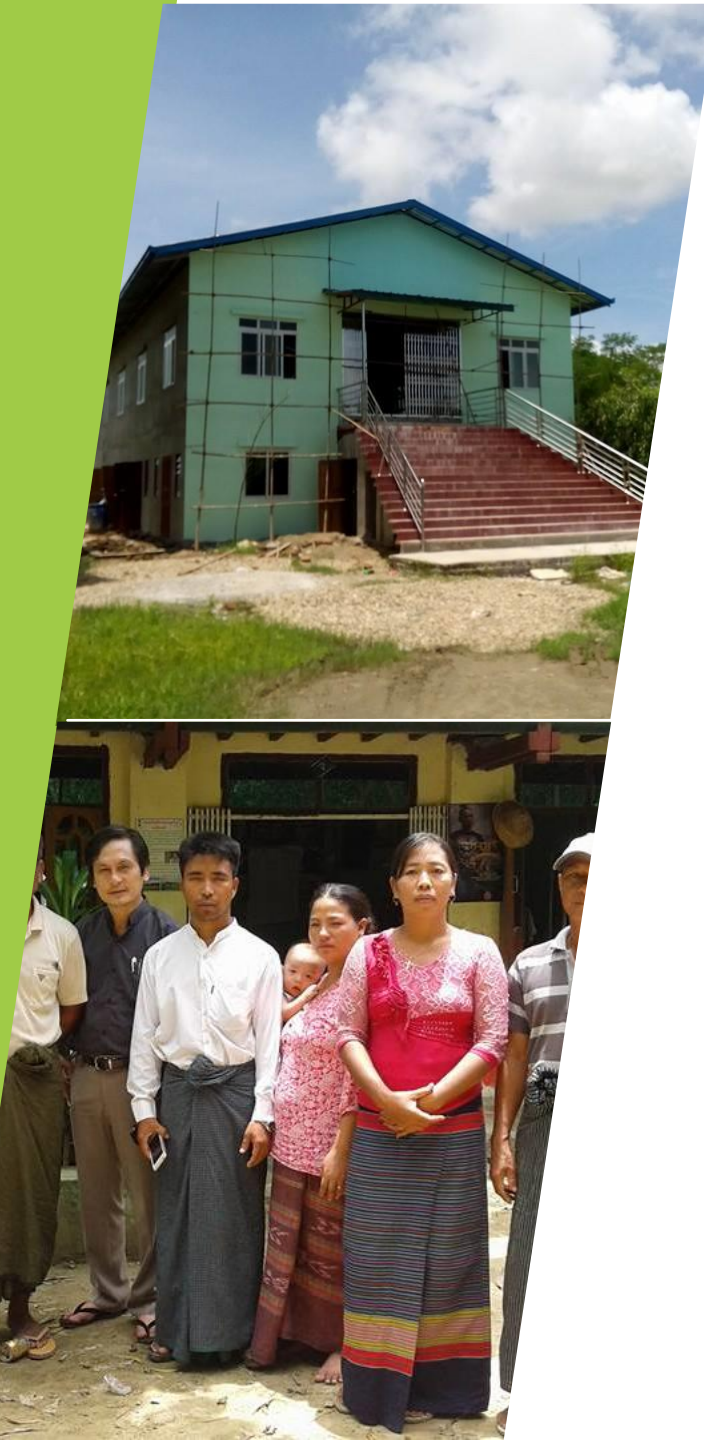


Wednesday - GRAND OPENING of the new Worship and Training Center!



I get to cut the ribbon to open the new facility whose primary purpose is to train evangelists! WOW!

Brad will preach! Then the entire group, expected to be over 200 people, will share a meal, through the generosity of SOCC. This building is made possible through a matching grant from Good News Productions, to which SOCC contributed. Also, SOCC contributed the entire amount to build the kitchen and dining area in the building.





Thursday,
August 18, Fly
Home!