

UPDATE ON MYANMAR

On Monday February 1st the Myanmar military began to seize power and control as they arrested elected members of Myanmar's National league for Democracy, including Prime Minister Aung San Suu Kyi. This was followed by the military's declaration of a year-long state of emergency.

At Vision Beyond Borders we partner with and support 10 children's homes located in Myanmar, and several more homes that are close by. We have been closely watching the situation unfold there and have been able to remain in contact thus far with our partners. We are concerned that it may get to the point where it is unsafe for us to contact them, but we continue to pray for the Lord to make a way.

From our contacts in Myanmar we have been told that social media such as Facebook has been shut down in an attempt to prevent organized protests. The military has been told to "punish the people who write on Facebook that they are against the military government." The people have been told that more internet restrictions are coming, and that IT specialists from China are working with the military to ensure this.

We also know that the military have been actively driving through towns and villages, including an area where the Shekinah Taungoo home is located. They have told us they can hear gunfire and explosions in the distance as the army in Myanmar are fighting the Karen army over a land dispute.

People are fearful that they may start forcibly taking people to join the army. Additionally, costs of dry goods are rising as people rush to get what they can from the stores. Protests and demonstrations are continuing to grow throughout the country as citizens refuse to return to life as normal. We've been told that hundreds have been arrested including doctors and nurses, which may pose larger problems as COVID-19 is still a concern in the country.

Please join us in prayer for the people of Myanmar.

"The situation in Myanmar is worse. Please continue pray for the country. All the social apps like Facebook, twitter, and instagram are blocked; unable to use them right now. The internet is totally shutdown yesterday. They said there will be more internet shut down soon. The strike is going on in many places. There are many people who join the demonstration. It seems we need to store the rations for our children homes as much as possible. The commodity prices go up in some places. We don't know what will be in the coming days. Please pray for us."

WAYS YOU CAN PRAY

For the safety and protection of all the children and staff at each home

For the food supply to sustain them through this uncertain time

For the military to recognize their sinful actions and return back control of the country

For tribal people to be spared from further military persecution

For human rights to be protected and upheld

For the Lord to draw near to believers in Myanmar so they will know He has not abandoned or forsaken them

That we would be able to safely remain in contact with all of the homes we support

Children Homes we support in Myanmar

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