

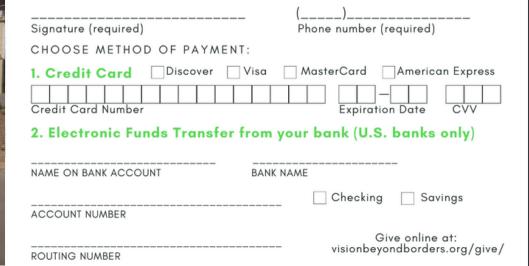
THE VIEW FROM THE CROSS IS A VISION BEYOND BORDERS

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"For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."

Hebrews 4: 12 ESV

STORIES FROM THE MISSION FIELD

SOUTHEAST ASIA

Bringing the Gospel to Unreached Villages



The team that traveled to SE Asia this past spring.



Village women are excited to receive their own Bible in a closed country. The team traveled by motorcyle to reach this remote village.

In January 2023, my church announced an upcoming presentation by Vision Beyond Borders (VBB) about smuggling Bibles into closed countries. Little did I know that this announcement would lead me on an incredible journey guided by God's divine hand. As I spoke with my pastor, I realized that I had previously contacted VBB after hearing an interview on a Christian radio station with their director, Patrick Klein. The day of the VBB presentation arrived, and I was introduced to Patrick Klein, the very person I had heard on the radio years before. To my surprise, my pastor and the worship leader informed Patrick that I would be joining a Bible smuggling trip.

Pat invited me to go on a motorcycle Bible smuggling trip to a Southeast Asian country, a place I had coincidentally read about in a book. It became clear that these "random" encounters were not coincidences at all but part of God's plan.

Feeling both excitement and apprehension, I embarked on the journey, fully relying on God's sovereignty. From misspelled airline tickets to evading searches at military checkpoints, God's favor was evident throughout our adventure. We experienced one miraculous event after another as if God was guiding each step.

His sovereign hand was reaffirmed in Proverbs 16:33, reminding us that every decision is ultimately from the LORD. The trip also opened my eyes to the immeasurable value of the Word of God. In countries where owning a Bible is forbidden, believers risk their lives for even a glimpse of God's Word. It made me realize how privileged we are to have easy access to the Scriptures. The Word of God came alive in my heart as Hebrews 4:12 resonated within me, describing its living and active nature. Throughout the journey, prayer became our lifeline. Facing fear, doubt, and challenges, we found strength and guidance through fervent prayer.

Our dependence on God deepened, understanding that true faith begins when self-dependence ends. Romans 8:6 reminded us of the importance of setting our minds on the Spirit, which brings life and peace.

Looking back, I am in awe of the events that unfolded. From miraculously evading searches at military checkpoints to experiencing divine interventions, I witnessed God's sovereignty in action. The immeasurable value of the Word of God became apparent, as believers in closed countries risk their lives for a glimpse of His truth. Through prayer, we found strength, guidance, and communion with God.

May this testimony serve as a reminder of God's sovereignty, the priceless nature of His Word, and the power of prayer in our lives. Let us embrace these truths, cherishing His Word and cultivating a vibrant prayer life as we walk in faith.



Bibles packed up and ready to be moved by the team in a closed country.

In His sovereign grace. Jackson Ramsay



Jackson handing out the Bible on mp3 players in a remote village.



Jackson entertaining the children to help make enroads to share the Gospel in a remote village.

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