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“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

**JOHN 16:33**

# FAITH IN THE FACE OF Persecution

Burma (Myanmar) faces an ongoing humanitarian crisis, with ethnic minorities and Christians suffering persecution and displacement. A civil war lasting over 70 years has claimed more than 300,000 lives, as the military regime—supported by China and Russia—uses chemical warfare, bombings, and violent crackdowns. Despite these challenges, resistance remains strong, with 90% of the population opposing the dictatorship.



Lashio city after bombing.

Entire villages are burned, families are shattered, and survivors are left to rebuild amidst unimaginable loss. Christians are particularly targeted for their faith, living in constant fear. A traveler shared the grim aftermath of an attack: “Piles of ash with nothing left but human skulls. It was hard to watch, but it weighed on my heart—this is their daily reality.”



Young Christian soldiers

This devastating crisis goes largely unnoticed by mainstream media, but it’s real, and it’s urgent. The military regained control in 2020 after losing the election, further tightening its grip on the nation. Yet, the courage and resilience of the Burmese people shine as they continue to fight for freedom and justice.

Even in the darkest moments, hope remains. At the borders, orphanages provide shelter and love to children who have lost everything. Despite the trauma they’ve endured, these children radiate joy and love for Jesus. As one team member reflected, “Even with all the injustice they face, they are still praising Jesus.”

Caregivers offer more than just safety—they offer the hope of the Gospel. Their faith inspires others as they teach children to wake early, read their Bibles, and pray daily—even for the soldiers who killed their parents. Their example is a testament to the power of faith and forgiveness.



Saramati Hall Children's Home



Winner Educare Children's Home

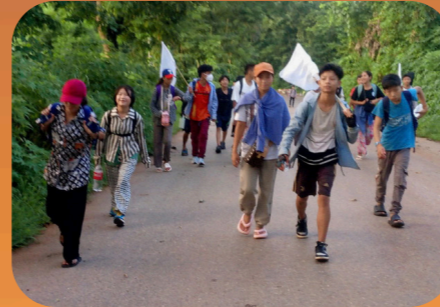
Amid the turmoil, God’s Word is making a difference. Hundreds of Bibles and audio scriptures have reached people who never had access to them. One traveler remarked, “It’s hard to imagine what it’s like to read the Bible for the first time, but it’s powerful. I pray they discover new life in Jesus.”

Even in difficult circumstances, the desire for God’s Word is clear. Those who receive Bibles often express their gratitude warmly. “They were so thankful,” shared another traveler. For many, these Bibles provide much-needed hope and comfort.



Receiving blankets, mats etc.

The need for Christ in Southeast Asia remains significant. In countries such as Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia, and Thailand, Christians represent a small minority. In Burma, many face ongoing hardships, including persecution and conflict. A journalist remarked, “If the Junta remains in power, Burma could follow the path of North Korea; if the resistance succeeds, it might develop more like South Korea.”



Lashio orphans with white flags

While the world’s attention may be limited, God has not forgotten Burma. These accounts highlight the importance of continued prayer and support. As one traveler observed, “There is so much suffering that often goes unheard. We must remember them in our prayers and take action where we can.”

Help bring attention to Burma’s challenges through prayer. Pray for safety, peace, and hope for the afflicted, for caregivers sharing the Gospel, and for Bibles to reach those longing for God’s Word. Reflect on Psalm 10 as you pray, and encourage your church or Bible study group to join you. You can also give to a children’s home caring for orphans affected by the conflict. Together, we can offer hope.



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