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Broad... Web... Pod... ???... **...casting the Reason for Our Hope to those Unreached!** 1Peter3:15

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Broadcasts Continue Despite Burma Turmoil.

(The following report is from Broadcasters in Myanmar and has been edited to protect the authors and the work in that country.)



Myanmar Protest (AP News)

Myanmar (Burma) - February 1st, the country of Myanmar experienced a violent overthrow of their elected government by the military. Since that time, communication with Christians has been difficult. Internet service has been cut off

at times, schools have closed and Nationwide civilian protests have taken place drawing world attention. Public officials have closed government offices. Doctors and nurses have shuttered medical centers and hospitals in protest. Public transportation has all but ceased.

As of this writing, our broadcasters are safe. We are hearing reports though of some Christian preachers and leaders being arrested in other parts of the country apart from the city where one of our broadcasters live and where the Bible Institute is located.

Financial support to our broadcasters has continued via links in neighboring countries. We thank God for this. But there is concern that things will worsen and change. There are credible rumors that in the near future there will be a violent civilian uprising leading to Civil War. In addition to firmly entrenched military government, Myanmar is still struggling with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Below is a recent message received from one of our broadcasters. Please pray for them, their family and our Christian brothers and sisters in SE Asia:

“The situation is still uncertain here. But the group that from people-elected party has just announce they are ready to fight against the Military government. So sure there might be civil war 80%. We are all preparing for food and other stuffs to store again. And at the same time, the Covid-19 active cases are raising enormously. Even only in (our city), there are up to 50 active case here. So the shopping marts are starting to close. We better prepare now. Please pray for us and for Myanmar for peace and to be blessed. God bless you”



22 year old Hindu Nepalese young lady baptized into Christ.

(So what can we do? PRAY! Pray for a peaceful and speedy conclusion to this situation. Pray that Christians in Myanmar will be witnesses that represent Christ in all situations.)

Chiang Mai Recording Studio Report:

(Many of our SE Asia Broadcasts are produced in the Chiang Mai studio. These broadcasts are sent to FEBC, Manila for broadcast via powerful shortwave transmitters back across SE Asia/China.)



GBM Thailand Director: Ahdli Mark

Chiang Mai, Thailand - Greeting from GBM staff in Chiang Mai, Thailand. We all at the studio staff are doing fine. By the Lord's protection, we all are safe from Covid 19.

We are all so impressed to serve the Lord by radio ministries such as preaching, editing, producing gospel songs and music, making films and visiting Christians in Myanmar, China and India as we have occasionally. Recently, we have had to stop traveling into those countries because COVID-19. We hope when the situation is done, we will travel and communicate with them. Visiting them is a vital trip to meet them and talk to them because some radio listeners are not educated and they do not contact us by phone or email or other contact tools. So the point is to go to them and talk with them face to face.

In the present time we have daily workers at the studio are **Samuel** who is editing and preaching, **Timothy** who is editing for Ngochang and Wa languages, **Jesse** who is musician, **Jay Yo** who is an actor, editing, preaching and me. My work is editing sermons and films, preaching and taking care of all the staff here. Our brother **Jay Yo** is in Myanmar because of COVID-19. He can not come back because the Thai-Myanmar border gates are closed. He has to wait until border gates are reopened. Other preachers from outside are **Ezra John** who is in Myanmar. **Ruth** is in Chiang Mai, **Philemon** is in Chiang Mai too and **Tasane** is a response in finance and teaches some time.

We have recorded for Ngochang language and Wa language too. Our staff editing these two languages at our studio.



Samuel



Timothy



Jesse



Jay Yo



Philemon



Tasane



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And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? Romans 10:14 NIV

Southern Philippines Broadcast Ministry,

Mindanao Report:

(Mindanao is the second largest of the Philippine Islands. Located 800 miles south of Manila is the second largest metro area of the Philippines.)



Broadcaster: David Domingo

Davao, Philippines - I'm so thankful to God that in spite of the pandemic problem we can still do some preaching and teaching of His Word to some local churches not affected with corona virus.

Last March, our team **Philippine Light Christian Mission** conducted a Discipleship/Leadership Training Program at Mari-log District, Davao City. There were 10 local Churches who participated and 56 brethren/students attended. We are supposed to have more than 100 attendance but the Church leaders limited their invitations to follow health protocol of social distancing.

Most of the brethren and residents in these area are listeners of our Radio Program.

We baptized 5 souls during this seminar. The church leaders/brethren were inspired and encouraged to continue this kind of activities for it has a great help for the development of the individuals.



David Domingo

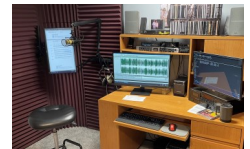
What Lies Ahead?

There is little doubt that the events of the last 18 months have changed our world. These changes have affected everything from world events to our daily lives and even how we live as Christians. Many of our churches have changed in how we conduct services and even how we go about the great commission has been tweaked. Not that the message has changed, but in many ways how we go about sharing the Gospel has taken on new dimensions.

In the midst of it . . . casting the Gospel is still relevant. Whether it is Broad-cast, web-cast, pod-cast, or media-cast; the opportunities of using electronic means to communicate God's plan of salvation have continued, even increased many fold.

Of course, . . . casting the Good News will never replace the ultimate personal aspect "going into all the world", of walking beside someone, of baptism, of discipleship. But we can . . . cast the seed, we can through electronic means "open doors" for God's harvest. Paul said: **as the Lord has assigned to each his task. ⁶ I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow.**" (NIV 1984) 1 Corinthians 3:5-7

Over the years GBM/TCH has effectively facilitated the use of broad-cast via AM / FM / Shortwave to . . . cast the seed. In recent years we have moved into pod-casts / web-casts as a way to make the Gospel accessible to those who have not heard. Broadcast is still the only way to reach so many where the internet is not existent, available, or politically restricted or blocked all together. As long as it is needed, as long as it is viable, we will continue using this valuable means of . . . casting the Gospel.



TCH U.S. Studio

At the same time, we are always exploring every possible means of making the Good News Known by all available means. Paul wrote: **"I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some."** (NIV 1984) 1 Corinthians 9:22

Thank you for your continuing partnership; financially and through your prayers as we follow God's lead in . . . casting the Good News of Jesus' forgiving Grace!

For GBM / TCH, Serving Christ in Love, *Stan Smelser*

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