

Wajane International Foundation, Myanmar

Introduction

Myanmar, also called Burma, is one of the nations in Southeast Asia, with a population of 55 million. According to the Burma International Religious Freedom Report (2009), Buddhism is practiced by 89% of the population, making Burma the most religious Buddhist country in terms of the proportion of monks in the population and percentage of income spent on religion. Christianity and Islam comes a distant second and third respectively in-terms of total number of adherents in the population. Burma as a country has experienced civil wars and has been on and off military rule for more than 50 years. As a result of these wars, there are many orphans and widows in the country. Different organizations have worked to meet the growing needs for support initiatives. One of these is the Wajane International Foundation.

The Bethel Widows' Home



The Bethel Widows' Home was started as a refuge for homeless widows who had/have no relatives or who had/have been rejected/evicted by their relatives either due to poverty, age-related disability, or their faith in Christ. It is in Hmawbi, 47 kilometers north of Yangon. In 2012, through the help of friends and well-wishers, specifically the Uncharted Team, a 6-bedroom house was constructed to accommodate these widows. Currently, 13 widows are housed there, with 2 of those widows being mentally challenged. Since its initiation, seven widows have gone to be with the lord. Bethel widows' home provides the widows with not only their most basic needs (food, shelter, and clothing), but also caters for their emotional well-being and a place where they

can be taken care of without having to worry of mental, physical, or spiritual abuse from those who do not approve of their faith.



Things are threatening to get out of hand, especially because on the 1st of February, there was a military coup which resulted in all government officials being arrested and a curfew being imposed on the nation. For those who do not know, Myanmar is the country where the Nobel prize winner, Aung San Suu Kyi comes from. She is currently under detention and all government officials with her. More are getting arrested. You can follow the story on the BBC website: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-55882489>
Currently, there are protests all over the nation, with internet disconnections and arbitrary arrests of former government officials. There is a danger that the protests and resultant confrontations with the army could get out of control, resulting in the loss of lives.



Prayer Needs

- Please pray for the protection of the widows during this tense period occasioned by the military coup in Myanmar.
- Please pray that God will open doors for the needs of these widows to be met (physical, spiritual, and material)
- Please pray for wisdom in guiding the widows to be faithful witnesses for the Lord in the face of persecution.

Liberty International Pre-school



This is a ministry that was started in 2013 with an aim of reaching young children who were ready to go to school with the word of God and offering quality education. The school, named Liberty International Pre-school, equips the children with a sound foundation in the Word of God and uses English as the mode of instruction. It has been a good tool to reach Buddhists with the love of Christ and has seen many people come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Now, there is a big need for English speaking volunteers to teach the English language to the preschoolers.



Prayer Needs:

- Please pray for the protection of the children. We all know that, despite their age, children are a powerful tool in evangelism and can be used by God in a mighty way to reach their parents and other children.
- Please pray for resources to expand this ministry.
- For wisdom on the teachers and for favor with Buddhist parents to allow these children to continue attending the school.

Light of the World Children's Home



Light of the world children's home is in Yangon, Myanmar, which is epicenter of the military coup de tat. Peter and Chin-chin have been running Light of the World since way back in the early 2000s, under the Lifetime

Orphaned Children's Ministry. However, after the death of the director of LOCM, Brother Larry Snyder, in 2014, LWCH fell under the auspices of Wajane International Foundation. Despite the many challenges, Light of the World Children's Home is one orphanage that is run with the Word of God as the key foundation. We are proud to be associated with the home. Peter Cung and his wife, Chin-chin have done an excellent job of raising the children to be God fearing, prayerful and very well behaved; and God has proved His faithfulness to them thus far.



Prayer needs:

- Please pray for the protection of the orphans against any effects of the ongoing skirmishes.
- Please pray for God's provision for the needs of the orphans.
- Please pray for wisdom on the part of the directors (Peter and Chin-chin) to guide the children the right way.
- Please pray for Wajane International Foundation as we prepare the older orphans to go back to evangelize their tribesmen, especially in the Kachin province of Myanmar.

Wajane International Foundation, Kenya

While a lot has happened since the organization was founded, lack of personnel and necessary resources has made it hard to accomplish the organizational mandate. Currently, there is one active group (Ramula widows in Bondo), one group in the formative stage (Lugaga Widows' Group in Vihiga County) and one group in discussion (Maledi widows' group in Lunga-Lunga, Kwale County). We thank God for bringing on board people who are passionate not only in prayers, but also who are willing to do what it takes to touch the lives of orphans and widows in Kenya.

Please pray for

- The resources needed to move the Lugaga group (Vihiga) through the training phase and on to a group project.
- Please pray for the resources needed to support the widows' group in Bondo with the resources needed to restart their failed business (due to COVID-19).

Wajane International Foundation Headquarters

We thank God that even though one of us had covid-19, she has experienced a full recovery. God has continually protected us, and we give all the glory to Him. Thank you all for praying for us and for the ministry. May the Lord reward you for your faithfulness and sacrifice.

Prayer needs:

- Please pray for the protection of the intercessors and their families and cancel any retribution from the enemy (the devil is never pleased when we stand in the gap). Please pray for the protection of the intercessors, their families and cancel any counter attacks from the devil on their physical health, finances, family, and general well-being.
- Please pray for protection against covid-19
- Please pray for wisdom to make the right decision regarding which vaccine to take when the time comes.

*“In the Mount of the **Lord it shall be provided.**” Gen. 22:14*

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