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The Barefoot Doctors – Bringing Healing Everywhere They Go!

By Beverley Kalnin, Director of FLC

Beverley, Jung and Nangsar send off each Barefoot Doctor with love and prayers.

The Barefoot Doctor School has been in operation for the past 30 years. Before that, we were constantly running back and forth to the hospitals in Chiangmai, Thailand with very sick villagers. They often started out with minor ailments, left untreated in the villages for months or even years, they became in many cases, deathly ill. In addition, our evangelists reported that they were on their sick beds for months at a time with malaria, dysentery, tuberculosis and other illnesses. They were not able to go out evangelizing or plant their fields. This became a vicious cycle; the villagers were too sick to take care of their crops and consequently had no incomes. Without funds, they could not afford to travel to the city hospitals (for some several days hiking through the mountains) and they could not pay for the hospital expenses and medicine either.

We saw that this was a serious problem that needed addressing. So, began the first Barefoot Doctor School for our Thailand evangelists back in 1981. We concentrated on training pastors and evangelists in hygiene, health care and preventative measures, along with first aid and suturing wounds, diagnosis and treatment of the most common tropical diseases encountered and even tackled tuberculosis treatment and opium detoxification. Both Daniel and I studied along with our evangelists in the very first Barefoot Doctor School. Dr. McDaniel from McCormick Hospital, local Thai doctors and Dr. Atkinson from World Vision taught in the early schools with Daniel translating most sessions: mornings, afternoons and evenings. Dr. Atkinson, being British, requested a tea break between classes that we have continued on until the present!

The schools were very well received and successful and we observed healthier villagers and evangelists and less trips to the hospitals for us. Then, word came from Myanmar (previously known as Burma) that the health situation there was dire. **It was rated in 2000 by the World Health Organization as the bottom country in the world for health care. Health care was non-existent and medicine unavailable except on the disreputable black market. Whole villages were being wiped out by disease.** Not only the old but also young and middle aged people, the "bread makers" and leaders of communities, were dying almost every day.

Something needed to be done urgently. So, in 1989 our Barefoot Doctor Program changed direction and focused on the desperate need in Myanmar. Dr. Paul and Jan Jones took on the challenging roles as Deans of the Barefoot Doctor School. They did an

Barefoot Doctors treating the sick in Myanmar -- where there are no doctors.

excellent job of organizing the medical training systematically into six week sessions for a three year program. Wayside Chapel in Texas also sent us a very dedicated dental team teaching dental care, treatment, extractions and even some reconstruction, using solar powered dental chairs that fold into carrying cases! So, the students became not only Barefoot Doctors but also Barefoot Dentists!

My part was adding two or more weeks of Bible training along with the medical sessions. Many pastors, Bible teachers and our local Christian leaders have contributed to this valuable aspect of the Barefoot Doctor School. In addition, morning and evening devotions, prayer meetings and choir singing have become an integral part of the program. So much so that they can rightfully be called Barefoot Preachers, Singers and Traditional Dancers as well. They are in great demand for wedding ceremonies and church services while in Thailand! Since the Barefoot Doctor students are also pastors, evangelists and church leaders, it is very auspicious to have them preach, pray and sing together for these celebrations.

The fusion of the Barefoot Doctors' training has brought together the best of medicine, dentistry, Bible and many other skills. They go home empowered not only by the training, medicine and equipment they have received but even more so by the Love and Power of Jesus. They report physical and spiritual healings everywhere they go. Sometimes the healings are miraculous; far beyond what the medicine can naturally do for a dying patient. Most thrilling of all is to hear of lives being transformed, villages and churches renewed physically and spiritually and people being transferred from darkness into the glorious light of Jesus.

Please join with us in praying and supporting this desperately needed and anointed ministry – The Barefoot Doctor Program.

"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for one another. If any one of you has material possessions and sees his brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in you? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth."

I John 3: 16-18 (TNIV)

Rick puts his heart into the school.

Barefoot Doctor School 2012
Saving Hundreds of Lives!

By Rick Astone, PT, Dean of Barefoot Doctor School

The Barefoot Doctors Training Program for 2012 was a huge success! We graduated 26 students in March. They had completed 540 hours of classroom time over the last three years, besides many hours of practical experience in the field. **These highly trained and specialized Barefoot Doctors have returned to some of the most remote areas left on the planet. They are charged with providing village health care, health education and appropriate referral in areas where often times there literally are no doctors.**

Learning suturing techniques on pig feet.

Collectively these 26 student Barefoot Doctors saw 3383 patents in 2011 alone! The data from their simplified patient logbooks was extremely helpful in tailoring the last six weeks of training to their specific needs for their regions. In their logbooks, they had listed the diagnoses and treatments given for

Hands-on training in dentistry.

the patients they saw. From this we had a better idea of the medical issues in their country. According to their logbooks, malaria was the most commonly treated condition, with 473 cases in 2011. They also treated many patients with intestinal worms, gastrointestinal problems, and skin diseases.

Part of the training this year included adding CHE (Community Health Education) training for the first time. CHE is a well established organization with proven results in the field of community health. CHE expanded the Barefoot Doctor Program's strong emphasis on disease prevention and health education. Our hope is that through proper medical and community health training the Barefoot Doctors will save many more lives by preventing disease before it happens while at the same time curing existing sicknesses.

This year we were also blessed to have an outstanding dental training team from mPower work with the students for a week. Dental care and prevention are a major need of the people in Myanmar. The Barefoot Doctors program has had a challenging time finding dental training until this year. The students were very eager to learn a great deal about dental care, including how to extract teeth. To be fully certified in extracting teeth a student must do quite a few real extractions under supervision.

The teaching methods included creative but simple techniques such as using images and visual aids, felt boards, teaching cubes, case studies, student presentations, ARS (audience response system), re-enactments, actual patient's stories, interactive group activities, the students drawing pictures/calendars/graphs, and Western methods of testing and lectures. Our goal was not only to educate the Barefoot Doctor students but also empower them to teach their fellow villagers. We want them to do more than simply treat patients. Equally important,they must educate the population about disease and prevention, or even train other villagers to do a simplified version of what they can do. In this way their collective effect is magnified exponentially. This can equate to a real profound change in a region or country. We know many of them have already begun teaching villagers and children in the last two years.

Bandaging up fellow students!

We heard many amazing stories of challenges and successes. One of our older students, Ken Saw, who is also an elder and leader in his area, gave a powerful testimony. **He told a moving story at graduation that when he was a**

young man, people were dying like flies every year in his village. Once the Barefoot Doctors were trained in his area there were less and less deaths. He remarked that the once well travelled path to the graveyard is overgrown with weeds because so few people are dying now. He thanked God for this and for training Barefoot Doctors to carry on this worthy ministry.

I thank God for the Barefoot Doctors' willingness to serve and for all those who support this training program. Without the support of many churches and individuals in the West. this would not have been possible. Not only are the Barefoot Doctors well trained, but they have also been given the equipment and medications to start out their medical ministry. They have already been used by God in amazing ways and I pray that they will be used even more powerfully now that they are official Barefoot Doctors.

The Best of Religion and Science

By Bjorn Nilson MD, MPH, FAAP, AAHIVM
Global Health Specialist, UCSF

Dr. Bjorn teaches with enthusiasm.

Science and religion are two of the greatest forces directing the behavior of humanity. The creative and ethical alliance of these two influences is our best hope for altering the evils of human poverty, ignorance, disease and degradation of the Earth's biosphere. Good scientific education and faith based support have come together at the Kalnin Leadership Center to train twenty-six Christian village health workers from seven disenfranchised nationalities of Myanmar (Burma). .In Northern Thailand, they were trained in practical health care and sound Christian principles that they, in turn, share with their own people.

Frontier Labourers for Christ has provided a model center for national Christian leaders to train in front line, practical, scientific medical care. They came from the mountain villages of Myanmar where there are no doctors and the nearest medical facilities are often several days walk away. The course is divided into three six-week sessions spread over three years and teaches these spiritually mature men and women how to treat and prevent diseases and refer villagers of all ages with health problems.

Practical training is most effective.

Our medical instruction at the Kalnin Center is located in this modern, comfortable retreat center in rural Northern Thailand. The students participate in morning devotional services and

Translators -- Abraham and Sarep Pung hard at work.

are provided with healthy traditional meals, simple but comfortable housing, recreation facilities and a spacious, well equipped classroom. As medical course director I am supported by a number of volunteer physicians, nurses, dentists and an excellent full time on site course administrator. The other medical instructors have come not only from the U.S. but Canada, Thailand, Myanmar and China.

The following is one personal example of how this alliance of science and a faith-based organization can come together in creative education and cross cultural discovery.

The previous year some of our students had bought simple digital cameras, so we asked them to take pictures of patients with diseases they could not identify to share when they returned for this session. One such patient was a rice worker who had sustained a small puncture on her leg that had progressed to a severe deep ulcer. I clipped and digitally sharpened the image and displayed it with our LCD projector. Three of us Western doctors with some tropical disease experience puzzled over the differential diagnosis. The class joined in and observed that others had seen similar leg lesions in rice workers. Part of providing the best in training that science and the Kalnin center has to offer is the access to the internet right at the podium. Further discussion and online research revealed that the patient probably had meliodiosis, a disease not uncommon among South East Asia rice workers who are exposed to irrigation water many hours a day. Our barefoot doctor had personally treated the patient daily with fastidious wound care as we had taught and an appropriate antibiotic. The wound healed in a few days.

The combination of Christian humility, caring, and conscientiousness of the barefoot doctor with the appropriate use of the modern technology (provided by the backing of our Western churches) allowed us all to learn how to diagnose and cure a not uncommon indigenous disease.

All too often religion and science are depicted as opposing forces. We are all aware that both can be the source of evil but it seems clear to me that people of faith and people of science must work together if we are to navigate the precarious shoals of our common future.

N.B. Based on this and similar experiences one of our donors generously provided simple, good quality digital cameras to all of our graduating barefoot doctors to promote a sharing of experience and knowledge.

Also, see Dr Buie's blog for the story of the djenkol bean, a very similar incident happened while he and his wife were teaching barefoot doctors. barefootschool.blogspot.com/2011/02/buies-last-day.html

Incidentally, the djenkol tree is a leguminous plant that fixes nitrogen in the soil, requiries no cultivation, is an excellent source of protein and, like all trees, binds CO2.

Graduation Day!

Barefoot Doctor Testimonies 2012

Htun Kyi – Muu tribe Pastor and Evangelist - Rakhine State

Before I received the Barefoot Doctor training, I faced many difficulties. The Buddhist villagers didn't trust me or listen to me. Buddhist monks have more authority than government officials in our area. They control the people and tell them what they can do. There are 80,000 Buddhist temples in our area! Yet, there are very few Christians in Rakhine State (bordering Bangladesh). The villagers look down on Christians, mistreating and not allowing us to rent houses.

One day a man in our area had a very severe ear infection. He went to a witch doctor for healing and paid him a lot of money. Yet, the sick man didn't improve. The Buddhist villagers advised him to go to the Christian pastor (that is me) and ask for my help. They told him that my medical treatment would help him get well. So, that man came to me. I prayed for him and treated his ear infection with penicillin and cleaned his ear with hydrogen peroxide and eardrops. I did this for four days and the infection cleared up completely!

At first, that man thought an evil spirit had been driven out from his ears! Later, he realized that he was healed by the power of prayer and by the medicine. After that, the villagers began to really respect and trust me. Other doctors kept asking for money but didn't really heal the people. I treated the people with Jesus' love and patience and they got well! The villagers saw that I was different from the others. As we learned in class:

Good Training + Good Medicine = Good Doctor

After that, the villagers loved and protected me, telling others that I was a member of their family. They helped me to rent a house. **I found a house that the people believed was full of evil spirits. They couldn't believe that I could stay there without any harm. They began saying, "How powerful Christians are! More powerful than evil spirits!"**

Last year, I treated over 300 people. Most of them were Buddhists. I also treated one Buddhist monk and one Buddhist nun. I evangelize regularly and visit and encourage the people. Praise God, I have been able to establish a small house church with one other Christian family.

Htun Kyi checks blood pressures and shares Jesus' love in Rakhine State.

I will not forget to pray and thank God and FLC for the Barefoot Doctor training. May God bless the mission and all the doctors and teachers. Now I am able to treat the people medically and plant spiritual seeds despite the persecution.

Pray for:

1. ***Funds to buy and repair a house for church and ministry***
2. ***God's guidance, protection and blessings on Hturn's medical and spiritual ministry***

Mai Mai -- Yangon -- Director of Kindergarten

Mai Mai with Beverley at Chiang Mai Airport.

Before I came for the Barefoot Doctor training, I couldn't help the sick people or the sick children in my Kindergarten. Now, I am able to treat those who are ill and heal them! Many Buddhists know that I am a Barefoot Doctor and they trust me more and more. They send their children to my Kindergarten because of my medical training, even from far distances.

One man came to me with hypertension. I prayed for him and gave him medicine for hypertension and he became well. God convicted him and he also quit his life-time addiction of chewing betel nut. His wife thought that I had given him medicine to stop his betel nut habit! I told her, "No, it was not medicine that caused him to quit chewing betel nut. It was God's power!" She was very happy about this and from that day on, became my friend.

I started a small clinic near my kindergarten. The sick people come to me there for treatment. I also train Bible college students in medicine and those students assist me in the clinic.

I treated three Buddhist monks with arthritis for three months. I gave them penicillin and ibuprofen and they felt better. **The monks were healed from other health problems like insomnia. I shared about Jesus, not representing a western religion but that Jesus is for all people in the world. I asked the monks about the teachings of Buddhism. Then, I shared about sin and salvation through Jesus. The monks told me that they will think over what I said seriously.**

Mai Mai treats children, older people and even Buddhist monks with Jesus' love and medicine.

Seven new people are now coming to my church since I treated them medically. I thank God for also bringing children to me; one each year. I have adopted three orphan children and would like to adopt another four orphans. I don't call them orphans or our place an orphanage. I call it Peace Child Care and Development.

I thank God and FLC and all supporters for your love and the opportunity to study at the Barefoot Doctor School. If I didn't receive this training, I could not take good care of the children in my kindergarten. I also help church members who are ill and go to Buddhist villages treating the sick and sharing the gospel.

Prayer for:

1. ***My children's ministry to grow and bear much spiritual fruit. Now, I have 35 Buddhist and Muslim children in my school.***
2. ***Funds and work completing a multi-purpose building; Kindergarten downstairs and church upstairs, next to our present location.***

Thinbey Punggu -- Evangelist in Tachilek, eastern Shan State

Thinbey and Naw Din are both Barefoot Doctors and evangelists in Shan State.

Last year I treated more than one hundred people. Most of the people had malaria, gastric problems, skin diseases and ear infections. Children had worms, parasites, flues and injuries. Some had hypertension, headaches and urinary problems.

Evangelizing animist villages.

My brother-in –law introduced me to an evangelist who took me to many villages. I shared the gospel in two Lahu villages; Ja Do and Ja Si Ba. In these villages, there are two groups – animists and Christians. At first, the animists hesitated coming to us but soon they brought sick people with gastric ulcers and many children with pneumonia, ear infections and skin diseases. We treated them in the evening and some were healed by morning! They came back again and we witnessed to them. "You were healed because we prayed to Almighty God. This medicine was donated by Christian people who love God very much."

We prayed for the villagers again and some gave us chickens to thank us for treating them. At night, we had fellowship together and shared the gospel with them. I used pictures to share about two families – one a Christian family and one Satan's family. I put the cross in the middle between those two families. **Out of eighteen people, six raised their hands to accept Jesus as their Saviour. One lady went home and shared the gospel with her husband.**

They called me to come back to their two villages again at Christmas time. These villages are two hours away by motorbike and then another four hours on foot climbing up and down the mountain. Sometimes there is heavy rain and the river is overflowing.

I am so pleased to serve the people as a Barefoot Doctor. Because of the Barefoot Doctor Program, I can treat many sick people and educate them about health care. I thank God, FLC mission and all the doctors who made this program possible.

Sharing about Satan's family and God's family.

Pray for:

1. ***God to open doors for a new church plant among the Shans and Burmese in Tachilek.***
2. ***My medical and spiritual ministry and my family. For God to provide funds for a house for our family. We will also use the house for a church.***

Treating village lady with a serious gastric ulcer.

Naw Din Gawlay, Shan State evangelist, Bumbakhen

I have been an evangelist in Bumbakhen for eight years. The people here are mostly Buddhists. They study my life carefully. They observe that many pastors are drinking, smoking and chewing betel nut and are not good examples. However, the people notice that I am different and a good man.

Now, some have come and joined our church fellowship. We have 30 members. Three were baptized last year; one Kachin and two Buddhist Burmans. Some of our church members are school teachers. These teachers introduced me to the sick people and I treated them. The people respect the school teachers and listen to them so this is very helpful for my medical and spiritual ministry.

In most of the cases that I treated the people had: malaria, diarrhea, headaches, skin diseases, ring worms, anemia, pregnancy, injuries, eye infections and gastric ulcers. The water is not clean so they get many infections.

The people said that our medicine is not the same as other medicine. It is more effective. Before I give medicine, I pray so God really blesses and uses this medicine. I treated 230 patients in my area last year.

One man was a nominal Christian. He was drinking and had a serious motorcycle accident. His chest was injured and he had broken ribs. I prayed with him every day and gave him medicine and medical treatment. He got well and also stopped drinking! Now, he attends my church regularly.

Treating a deep wound with Jesus' love.

Baptizing a new believer in the river.

Two ladies also changed their lives after my medical treatment. Before, they were nominal Christians but now they are spiritually mature. One of the ladies lives very far away from the church yet comes faithfully to church every Sunday. One lady who had gastric ulcers for ten years is getting better now through my medical treatment.

I want to thank God and FLC. I would have no opportunity to study medicine if it was not for the Barefoot Doctor School. I am not only able to treat the people medically myself, I also join a team of FLC evangelists and Barefoot Doctors. **We go to many villages in Shan State, preaching the gospel and healing the sick. We have been able to learn great things from the Barefoot Doctor School. We have learned not only medicine but also the Word of God.**

Prayer for:

1. ***We are teaching 54 Buddhist children in a small rented house. The children can pray, sing Christian songs, memorize Bible scriptures and learn Bible stories. Yet, the house is too crowded. Pray that we can build a Christian Kindergarten soon.***
2. ***Funds for a much needed church building in Bumbakhen.***
3. ***Our area is very difficult. There is rebel warfare, unstable situations on the Thai-Myanmar border and many nominal Christians. Pray that our church members will remain strong and faithful despite the upheavals.***

Lbawn Zung, Ngaw Chan Tribe, Pastor & evangelist, eastern Kachin State

L Bawm Zung (second from left) with fellow Barefoot Doctors enjoying morning tea.

Most of the people in my area worship evil spirits. My first step is making friends with the villagers. Then, when they are sick, I quickly go and treat them with Jesus' love. Through this medical ministry, some families now believe in Jesus as their Saviour. They asked me to remove their evil spirit altars and burn them in the fire. Last year, twenty evil spirit worshipping families became Christians and were baptized. Now, they attend my church!

One man, over fifty years old, was seriously ill. He worshipped and sacrificed animals to the evil spirits to appease them so that he would get well. Nothing worked. At that time, I was going house to house treating the sick. This man came to me and desperately asked my help. I told him, "God can do all things to glorify His name, so let's pray together." The man allowed me to pray for him. Then I examined him and observed that he had a serious gastric problem. I gave him medicine, omeprazole and ranitidine for gastric trouble for fourteen days. **I prayed for him and he got well and completely healed. Then, I shared the gospel with this man. He accepted Jesus as His Saviour, was baptized and in fact, his whole family has become Christians too! He is now a strong believer in my church.**

The people saw the glory of God displayed! Now I can go into all the homes of the evil spirit worshippers. Some are still stubborn so I keep visiting and praying for them. Among these spirit worshippers, they have dysentery, diarrhea and gastric problems because of the dirty water they drink in the villages.

I have been invited twice a year to teach and treat the young people medically at three government schools. I treat health, ear and dental problems. I can also preach and share the gospel with the students. The principals and government officials allow me to do this and don't oppose my teaching, in fact, I have their blessings! They also attend our Christmas celebrations at my church.

Teaching health care to children at the Christian Kindergarten.

This is the great benefit of the Barefoot Doctor program. Before, I didn't dare approach the school but because of my medical training, I have been invited to treat the students. This has also opened doors for spiritual ministry at the schools. I teach and treat children at a Christian kindergarten as well. I go there every day and teach the children about washing hands, personal hygiene, healthy eating and many other health matters.

In addition, I travel to the China border and treat the people there. This is a remote area, where Lisu, Chinese and my tribal people live. They are very poor and with poor education. I treated over 400 people there last year. When they are healed, they are willing to listen to the gospel message with much gratitude.

I want to thank FLC mission because of your love and care for my tribe. Before, we didn't have any medicine, medical treatment and training among our Ngaw Chan people. I am the first one to receive this training among my people. The Barefoot Doctor program is very valuable and beneficial for us. Don't forget our Ngaw Chan people. Please work together with us and help our people.

Pray for

1. God's wisdom and ability in treating the people, physically and spiritually

2. Clean water system in our area is urgently needed

Samuel Yungkhung, Naga Tribe Literacy and Bible teacher in Nagaland

In Myanmar, most Nagas are Christians but they are nominal Christians. On Sunday, women and children go to church. The men don't go to church.

I use my Barefoot Doctor training to help my people both physically and spiritually. When I treat the sick, I share with them, "God must come first in your life; medicine second." I explain this first of all and then pray with the sick before treating them medically. I tell them, "All blessings come from God and we must give Him the glory."

Samuel (left) loves young people. He can still play takraw (rattan ball) with the best of them!

One family came to me with a baby boy very sick with dysentery and only one month old. I treated the baby with metronidazole and cephraton for two days and the baby got well immediately. The family thanked me and praised God. They gave me many eggs in gratitude.

I travel village to village treating the sick people in north-west Myanmar, near the India border. Most of the sick have dysentery, malaria, tuberculosis, seizures, ring worms and gastric problems. I treat the sick with the medicines donated from Christians in the West. All the people are healed. They thank me but I tell them, "Don't thank me, thank the Lord!"

I also teach and train the villagers in seminars on healthy living, personal hygiene and preventative measures. Now, they are much healthier!

Through praying, teaching and treating the sick, some have been born again spiritually and gone on to Bible school. Now, they are serving the Lord! Presently, two former patients are studying at Bible colleges in India and four at Bible colleges in Yangon, Myanmar.

This Barefoot Doctor program is very beneficial for my Naga people. In our villages, we don't have medical clinics or hospitals. That is why I go village to village and house to house treating the sick people. I travel by foot up and down the mountains. It takes two days to reach each village. If I didn't know how to treat the people medically, the little baby with dysentery would have died. We, Barefoot Doctors can help the people medically and spiritually and save many lives. We all really thank FLC mission for this program. Praise God for this great blessing for our people.

These Burmese children need medical care and Jesus' love

Pray for:

1. ***The young people in Nagaland; many are addicted to alcohol and drugs like heroin. The older men won't go to church. Pray for spiritual revival!***
2. ***The Myanmar government, for political reasons, won't allow us to hold Christian conventions, camps or Bible training seminars in our area. We are not even allowed to celebrate Christmas. Pray that God will change this***
3. ***I want to train Naga young people in healthy and spiritual living, village to village. Pray for this and for me to have good health, protection and power from God.***

Ken Saw -- Rawang tribe, Municipal Office Clerk, Putao, Northern Kachin State

Ken Saw (on right) with fellow Barefoot Doctor students.

Last year, I travelled with a Barefoot Doctor team, village to village treating the sick people. We walked 50 miles by foot up and down the mountains and visited 16 villages in all. Diseases that we encountered were: malaria, diarrhea, hypertension, arthritis, gastric ulcers, skin diseases, asthma, epilepsy, leprosy, parasites, malnutrition, ear infections, injuries, cataracts even in children, hernias in children, hemorrhoids in young people and adults, anemia, appendicitis.

We met a lady suffering from a painful uterus for two months. She was too weak to walk. We treated her with IV glucose injection and metro medicine. Then, we carried her on a bamboo stretcher forty-two miles by foot over the mountains. It took us three days to reach the Putao hospital. The doctor there gave her a blood transfusion. The blood was donated by the local people. Two days later, after recovering some of her strength, she was operated on. The doctor found a tumor in her uterus and removed it successfully. Afterwards, she rested in Putao for two months and then returned home by foot. Now, she is very healthy. **She thanked us with tears saying, "Without your help, I would have died."**

Our Barefoot Doctor team of 7 -8 people treated over 900 sick people last year in our remote northern region of Myanmar, close to China and Tibet. When we visited the villages: 1) We held healthy living seminars to educate the villager in health care. 2) We shared about the Barefoot Doctor School and FLC mission. 3) We prayed for the sick. 4) We treated the sick.

The Barefoot Doctor program is very useful and effective for our people. In our remote areas, there are no hospitals and no doctors. When the people are sick, we can treat them. Physically, we can save lives and spiritually, we can also save lives. I don't have enough words to thank the mission for this valuable program.

I used to work in the government. Yet, I couldn't help the people physically or spiritually. Now, I can help the people in both ways. This makes me very happy. I feel like I am almost a pastor! I am doing Jesus' ministry; healing the sick and preaching the gospel.

I shared the gospel with the young people and with nominal Christians. After I shared, one Buddhist lady wanted to know more about Jesus. She is a school teacher. Now, she has become a Christian.

Barefoot Doctor team sharing gospel and healing the sick in remote northern Myanmar.

Carrying sick lady over mountain passes to the hospital.

Prayer for:

1. ***God will continue to bless and protect FLC mission in Putao and all FLC ministries***
2. ***The Myanmar government to open up especially in Putao***
3. ***God will bless FLC board members and bring unity and ability to do more for His glory.***

Extracting decayed teeth that have been hurting for years.

Preaching the Gospel and Healing the Sick

By Pastor Jon Ulm

Pastor John Ulm teaches with passion.

The Bible training our Barefoot Doctor Students receive each year goes hand in hand with their medical training. **Luke 9:2** says that Jesus sent out his disciples **"to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick."** This is the same approach we follow in the Barefoot Doctors ministry. We emphasize to our students that they have not succeeded as Barefoot Doctors until they have healed the sick **AND** preached the Good News! Many people have been brought to Christ through this ministry, and many churches have been planted by our Barefoot Doctors.

We offer two weeks of intensive Bible training each year to the students at KLC. Pastors and Bible teachers come voluntarily at their own expense to teach every day in the classroom, Monday through Friday. This year we were very pleased that two of us were able to stay at KLC and, therefore, spend a lot more time with our students than in previous years. Many personal conversations provided us the opportunity to encourage and strengthen them spiritually (all with translation, of course!)

Pastor Simon Percy shares his love of God's Word with the Barefoot Doctors.

We are grateful to Pastors David Tucker and Simon Percy (both from Great Britain) for coming all three years to teach Bible to our 26 students! David took the students through an intensive study of 2 Timothy, and Simon taught them how to preach from the Gospel of Mark, as well as other topics such as spiritual warfare. Pastor Don Prince (from Canada) also taught two different years, and we thank him and Judy for taking on the challenge of teaching God's view of sex and sexual issues (which came up during their medical training). Simon helped on this topic, too, since the students had many questions.

I was glad that I could come to Chiang Mai both in 2010 and 2012, which allowed me to help with their orientation when they first arrived at the school and to wrap up their Bible training the two weeks following their graduation from medical training. Included in their Bible and ministry classes were these studies: 1 Peter and dealing with persecution, Philippians, the Acts of the Apostles, the ministry of the Apostle Paul, church planting and evangelism, personal holiness, marriage, and parenting. In the evenings, we had devotions together this year which allowed Simon and me the opportunity to address some other topics and answer the students' questions.

Carpentry Class

In this final year of training for the Class of 2012 we decided to offer a basic Carpentry Class for the students. Most villagers in Burma have to build their own houses and make their own furniture, if they have any. We had 12 students participate in this class. We taught them basic principles for carpentry and why they are important. We showed them why it is necessary that houses and furniture be plumb and square and why their measurements need to be as precise as possible. Some of them

Pastor David Tucker asks God to bless the Barefoot Doctors.

Jon also trains the students in carpentry. Here they are making a hard wood bench.

Barefoot Doctor ladies enjoy a delicious meal at our Ferraro Hall.

had never used a tape measure, square, or level before. We had the advantage at KLC of using a power drill, but we also showed them how to do the same work with regular hand tools. They lined up to try out the electric drill for the first time!

Our class project was a new bench to be placed outside the Barefoot Doctors classroom at the Jones Building. The students worked very hard on this project, and everyone was very pleased with the results of their labor. All of them wanted to have their pictures taken on the finished bench! Since it is made of hardwood, it should last for a very long time.

If you want to know more about the Barefoot Doctors, I encourage you to look up our blog on the internet. The address is: www.barefootschool.blogspot.com.

It was a great joy and privilege to teach and encourage these brothers and sisters in Christ! They are so devoted to the Lord and so passionate about taking the Gospel to the people of Myanmar. We are humbled by their devotion, and we thank God for allowing us to get to know them so well. Our prayers for them will continue on as they minister physically and spiritually to the suffering peoples of Myanmar.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this proven, very effective and beneficial Barefoot Doctors Program.

Having evening devotions and relaxing in front of the new Carl Rennert Residence Hall.

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