



## Faith, Hope, and Love

Global Ministries

Winter and Spring Ministries Update

### Time to Pull Out the Stops



*Mae La Refugee Camp in Thailand (photo credit: Mikhail Esteves)*

Dear Timothy C.,

As you read this, Jill and I will be on a plane heading to Thailand once again to teach seminary students, Bible school teachers, and KHTS faculty members, preach in Karen churches, and minister to Burmese refugees. The weeks are going to be full to overflowing as recent events have exacerbated the suffering, needs, and anxiety on both sides of the Thai-Myanmar border.

Meanwhile across the globe, Goma has now fallen to M23 rebels in Eastern Congo. We are grateful that Dr. Bolingo and our other FHLGM staff members are safe, despite two of our staff members being robbed at gunpoint in their own homes. The morgue is overflowing after 3000 people were killed, and the hospitals cannot keep up with the countless injured people, let alone support the victims of the **atrocities**. Thousands of **displaced people** are being pushed out of the city with nowhere to go.

We are doing all that we can from long distance. We have sent humanitarian aid already, and plan to send more as donations continue to come in. By the

end of month, we are hoping to resume our monthly webinars on *Saying Yes to God* in Beni, Butembo, and Bukavu, if not Goma as well. Now, perhaps more than ever, the pastors and chaplains are hungry for relevant biblical teaching and encouragement.



*Thousands of displaced people fleeing from Goma  
(Photo Credit: AP Photo/Moses Sawasawa)*

In Southeast Asia, the situation keeps going from bad to worse. The conscription law has already netted 45,000 unwilling conscripts to fight for the junta, and young men military age (ages 18-35) are no longer allowed to leave the country. Every MIT faculty member, who is a parent of a teenager or young adult, feels anxious and powerless to protect their children.





On top of all the internal issues in these countries, the biggest bombshell of all was the unexpected freeze on US foreign aid. Already many are being severely affected in the **Congo** as well as in **Myanmar**, where the freeze is triggering a **healthcare crisis**. Among the nine refugee camps in Thailand, where I will be teaching and preaching, seven of them had to **shut down their hospitals** or medical clinics due to freeze of aid. The Thai government is doing what they can to mitigate the crisis, but **already one person has died** due to being cut off from her oxygen supply.



*Tim preaching at Kawthoolei Karen Baptist Bible School and College (KKBBC) in the Mae La Refugee camp, with Saw Newton interpreting in 2024. He will be returning to KKBBS to be the keynote speaker at graduation in March.*

As you might imagine, I am writing today with a heavy heart. Yet, at the same time, I also have a high level of expectation for how God is going to, once again, work in amazing ways through our ministries, both along the Thai-Myanmar border and in Eastern Congo.

We cannot solve the many huge problems or assuage all the fear, but we can do so much through teaching seminarians and leaders, meeting with refugees, counseling with the traumatized and terrified, and simply be a caring, mature pastoral presence.

It's time to pull out all the stops. It's time to move forward in every way we know how to teach, inspire, and encourage our brothers and sisters in Christ in these troubled regions of the world.

Thank you for caring, praying, and standing with us.

In Christ's service,

*Timothy C. Griffith*



Just published! Read Tim's latest blog post on how Christians need to draw on Micah's teaching to handle the present global crisis amid so much turmoil at home and abroad.

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## How can you help?

Please rally with us as we are pulling out the stops to meet the expanding needs for our services in Myanmar, Thailand, and the Congo by making a donation to our **general operating fund** or designating your gift for one of the priority items below.

For those wishing to contribute specifically to address the growing humanitarian crisis along the Thai-Myanmar border and in Eastern Congo, please mark your gift either "**Myanmar Crisis**" or "**Congo Crisis**".

The full list of current priorities is below. Thank you!

### Faith, Hope, and Love Global Ministries Current Wish List:

1. 500 copies of What Can We Expect from God Now in the Karen language for distribute among Karen refugees in the Thai refugee camps (\$1000)
2. Humanitarian support for war victims in Goma, DRC. (\$80/family for coal, rice, oil, and maize)
3. Humanitarian support for Karen refugees, suffering from massive cuts in U.S. aid, resulting in closing of hospitals and loss of access to medicine and doctors
4. Books on New Testament theology for seven refugee camp libraries (\$150)
5. Distributing Biblical Reflections to Christians within Myanmar via Facebook (\$150 enables us to reach 300,000 people each time; \$250 enables us to reach 500,000 people.)
6. Sponsor one or more MIT students to study with Tim in Chiang Mai, Thailand for an intensive course at the end of May (approximately \$500/student)

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"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen"  
(Ephesians 3:20-21, NIV)

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