

MISSION MYANMAR

83% BUDDHIST
OPPRESSIVE MILITARY GOVERNMENT
EXPLOITATION, PERSECUTION
UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS

I am very excited about my upcoming journey to Myanmar during the month of July. We have been given a door of opportunity in a Bible School training Pastors, Evangelist and church leaders.

I hope this brief history helps you catch a bit of the excitement that has been building in my heart since this opening was presented.

Burmese Christians are grateful to American missionaries for introducing the gospel, nurturing their newfound faith and building institutions like schools to benefit the people from as early as the 1800's.

That relationship ended abruptly when all Christian missionaries, were expelled from Burma in 1966 during early decades of military rule.

The religious liberty of Christians in Burma was curtailed sharply, but faith has continued to grow.

Because of (political) changes, public ministry was forced to stop. The remaining churches were not able to do anything in terms of mission, in terms of evangelization and outreach. They were not free.

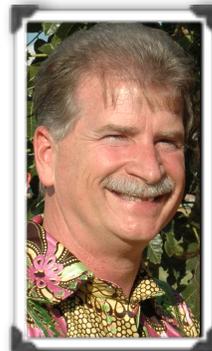
Not even allowed to construct church buildings. The country's name was changed to Myanmar in 1989.

Since Myanmar's shift from a military dictatorship to a fledgling democracy just two years ago, things have taken a more favorable turn for the country's Christians.

Burmese democracy leader and winner of the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize Aung San Suu Kyi publicly praised patriarch missionary Adoniram Judson for the good done to the Burmese people.

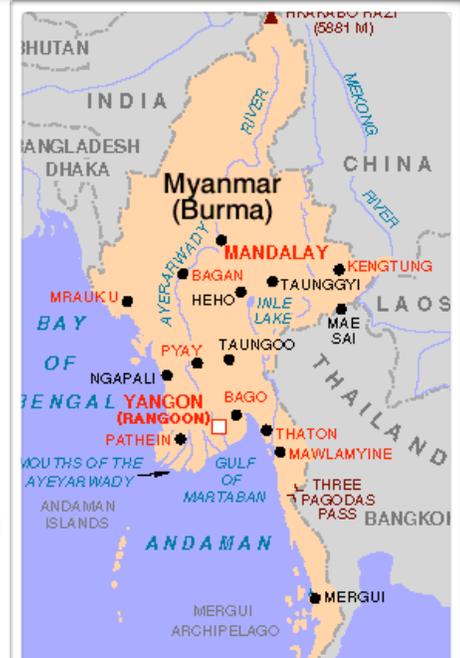
I believe God is now opening the door for Christians from around the world to join the Christians of this isolated nation as co-laborers in the Gospel to Myanmar.

Although there are still strict limitations on what can be done openly. The time is now, for a fresh move of the Holy Spirit. There is a new opportunity for relationship, and the power of partnership, in God's mission to help reach these people with the love of God.



The people of Myanmar are hungry for the goodness of God. Together we are responding as God's answer to prayer.

NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE!



POPULATION: 45.5 million
CAPITAL CITY: Yangon
CLIMATE: Tropical monsoon; cloudy, rainy, hot, humid summers
RELIGIONS: Buddhist 83%; Christian 8.7%; Muslim 3.8%; Chinese 3%; Other 1.6%
PEOPLE GROUPS: 141
UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS: 50
LANGUAGES: 107
PERSECUTION INDEX: 25th in the worlds worst
FACT: Buddhism is strongly entrenched among the Burmese majority

"If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."

JesusMark 9:23

THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIP

PRAYER

- That Steve would be bold and effective in his communication.
- For the hearts of those that he will teach to be receptive, as Jesus said, "having ears to hear."
- Safety for his journey and for Cindy in his absence.

PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION

Take time to prayerfully and personally recommend others to become partners; you know others who Steve and Cindy do not, that may value what we are doing together with you in obedience to the Great Commission.

PROVISION

- Send a special contribution towards Myanmar trip expenses \$5,000.
- airfare
 - food
 - lodging
 - text book project