



* The Power of the Gospel *

"I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise. So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the gospel.... For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek."



During my second ministry trip to the nation of Myanmar, I was speaking to the Alumni of the Bible college in a continuing education seminar.

My subject was "Leadership that Builds People". The content was well received and although it is very foundational, this subject is often the key building block that is omitted in practice when it comes to any arena of leading and serving others. There were 40 Alumni in attendance along with active students. Those who have graduated from the college became senior ministers and senior pastors, school principals, visiting Bible lecturers and one is also the chairman of township council of Christian churches etc.

On the last day in an extra session, 11 shared testimonies of how as a result of their study at this college they were seeing notable results in ministry. The alumni gave testimonies of both personal victories and in seeing increase in the results of ministry. These results were in winning the lost, and the ability to preach and teach with boldness and authority in the face of opposition.

Visiting this country for the second time, I was better prepared to face the hot and very humid climate. In addition to the seminar, I remained a few extra days and gave instruction for baptism and spoke at my host Pastor Nwe's Sunday service.

The trip itself was a physical challenge in coping with the time zone difference both going and coming. My flight route was via Beijing China. On the return I departed Yangon at 12 AM to arrive in Beijing 6AM to then depart 4PM Monday and arrive in Chicago 4PM on the same Monday. I did it and it still doesn't make sense other than it was good to return home. It has been one week and only now do I feel somewhat back to normal.

Cindy and I are thankful for those who partnered with us to make this missionary journey possible. Eternity will tell the great impact that was made possible by developing leaders who are touching and impacting so many others.







Over the past 27 years, Steve and Cindy Shoop have invested their lives in ministering the Gospel of Jesus as missionaries. Their passion for helping people has provided them with the opportunity to serve in a variety of ministry positions, as well as the privilege of living in three different countries in Africa.

Today, Steve and Cindy reside in the state of Ohio after living 25 years in southern Africa. Steve continues to express his gift in ministry both in the United States and the nations of the world. Steve has a passion in developing leaders who are established in God's love, grace and peace that comes through the righteousness of faith. GTI's vision is found in their ministry slogan, "Training for Life, Training for Ministry".

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