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Light in the Midst of Suffering: Stories from Myanmar

Myanmar is a nation marked by deep and ongoing suffering. Years of political instability, military rule, civil conflict, economic collapse, and natural disasters have left millions living in uncertainty and fear. Entire communities have been displaced. Families have been separated. Young people are forcibly recruited into military service. Prices of basic necessities have skyrocketed, and even access to communication and education has been disrupted.

Yet, in the midst of darkness, God is still at work.

Through faithful leaders and the ministry of iTEE Global, the gospel continues to spread—not through comfort, but through endurance. These stories are not just about survival, but about transformation, calling, and hope amid hardship.



Enduring Hardship: A Leader's Calling

"Mingalabar," begins Pastor Suan, a ministry leader who has faithfully served in Myanmar for over 30 years. His life verse comes from 2 Timothy 2:3: "Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus."

Suan has lived through seasons of intense restriction. Under earlier military rule, pastors were required to submit their sermons in advance. Officials would attend services, and any deviation from the approved message could result in punishment. Evangelistic events required permits that were nearly impossible to obtain.

Then, for a brief moment, things changed. Around 2015, opportunities opened. Internet access improved, travel became easier, and the gospel spread more freely. Suan learned about iTEE Global in 2017 when he travelled to Mandalay to attend a workshop hosted by iTEE Global. His wife attended a workshop the next year, and both recognized the need for this type of training in their country. By 2019, iTEE Global ministry had expanded across multiple regions, reaching states throughout Myanmar and even into prisons—raising up new leaders among those who came to faith.

On February 1, 2021, everything changed again when the Tatmadaw orchestrated a coup d'état and seized power. "The whole country fell into darkness," Suan recalls. Internet access was cut off. Prices soared. Fear returned. A bag of rice that once cost 30,000 kyats (about \$14.20 USD) rose to 110,000 (\$52.39 USD). Travel became dangerous. Communication became nearly impossible.

Yet the ministry did not stop. When online learning failed, they adapted—moving from Zoom to Viber, and then to face-to-face teaching. Today, Suan teaches

about 60 students across three locations, often traveling carefully to avoid danger.

Even as conflict intensifies, Suan's church continues to serve. The church now shelters 12 displaced individuals—some of whom are hearing the gospel for the first time. "The war has brought suffering," Suan says, "but God gives us the opportunity to help those who suffer."



From Darkness to Salvation: Job's Story

Job grew up surrounded by wealth but also brokenness. His parents struggled with addiction, and from a young age he followed the same path. Gambling, drinking, and violence became his life.

Eventually, he became involved in criminal activity along the Myanmar-Thai border—working as an enforcer in illegal gambling operations.

"I am a huge sinner," he admitted. "No one will forgive me."

But everything changed when conflict forced him to flee. He found refuge at a Bible school—not because he wanted to learn, but simply to survive.

At first, he had no interest in the lessons. But one night, everything shifted.

Pastor Suan invited him to talk. They spoke through the night about sin, grace, and the gospel. When Suan shared Romans 5:8—that

Christ died for us while we were still sinners—it broke through.

"God loves even someone like me," Job realized.

By morning, he had accepted Christ.

"I am no longer a sinner. I am no longer an enforcer. Because of Christ, I have become a child of God."

Restored from Despair: Lay's Story

Lay grew up in a Christian home, but her life took a painful turn. Pressured by her family to pursue a medical career she did not want, she became overwhelmed and lost.

She turned to smoking, alcohol, and drugs. Her mental state deteriorated until she attempted suicide.

"I thought dying would free me," she said. "But even dying was extremely difficult."

Her parents, desperate to help, sent her to a Bible training course. At first, she resisted. The teachings only seemed to deepen her guilt.

But then she encountered something different—an iTEE Global learning community.

Through patient teaching, open discussion, and biblical answers to her questions, she began to understand the truth clearly for the first time.

"Now, I am very happy," she says. "I am experiencing freedom again."

Today, she carries a new burden—not of despair, but of purpose:

"I have a deep desire to restore those who have fallen like me."

Multiplying Impact: From Learning to Leading

The impact of iTEE Global in Myanmar is not limited to individuals—it is multiplying through leaders.

Thuzar, an assistant pastor, once served faithfully but without clear direction or growth. After encountering iTEE Global in 2019, everything changed.

"The lessons are practical and applicable," she shares. "The more you practice them, the more fruit you see."

Today, she is a teaching assistant, helping others grow, and has been part of planting two house churches.

Win, a former Buddhist who became a pastor, spent over 10 years serving without seeing much fruit. "I became discouraged," he admits.

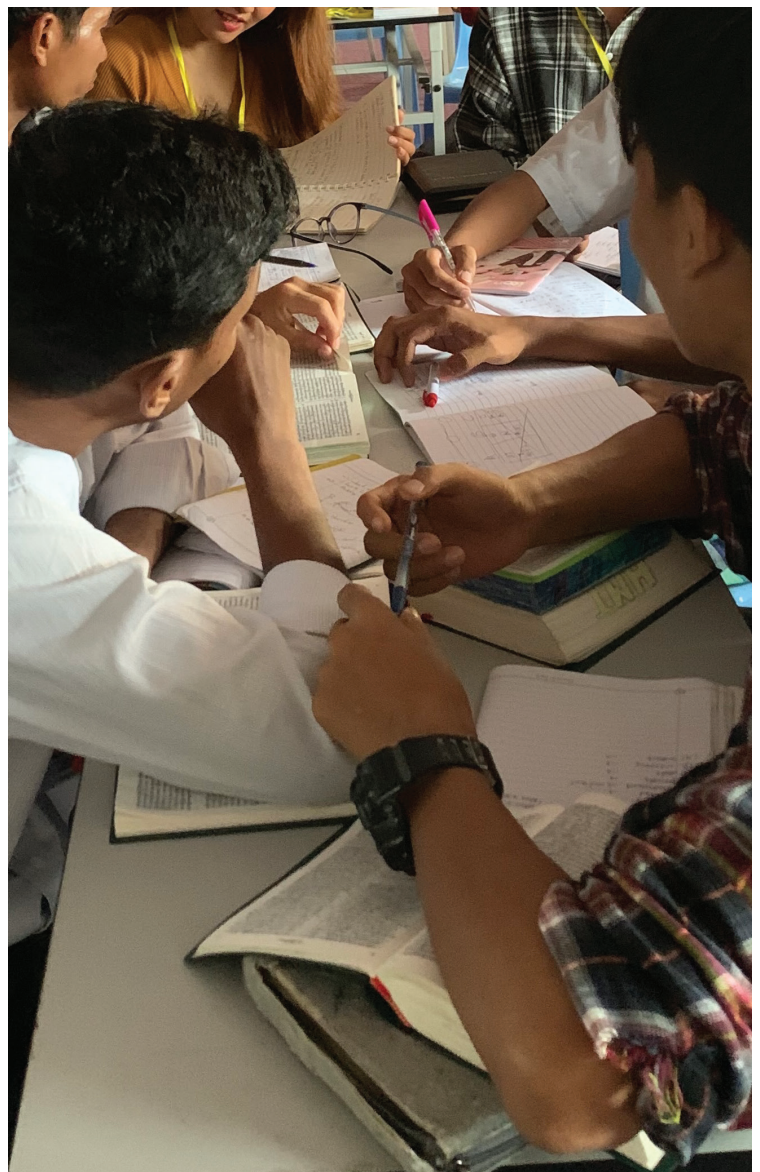
But after joining an iTEE course, he began applying what he learned. His church members started sharing the gospel themselves, and the church began to grow.

"I believe iTEE Global will continue to be used by God in Myanmar," he says, with renewed hope.

San Dar, who serves in children's ministry, had a heart to serve but lacked effective tools.

"iTEE Global became a knowledge bank for me," she says.

Through new methods like learning communities, she now teaches more effectively and is passionate about sharing what she has learned with others across Myanmar.



Hope That Endures

Myanmar continues to suffer.
War intensifies.
Families remain divided.
Young people are still taken into conflict.
Churches are damaged by earthquakes and instability.

And yet—God is moving.

Through hardship, leaders are being strengthened.
Through suffering, lives are being transformed.
Through training, disciples are becoming disciple-makers.

As Suan reminds us:

“God is able. The war has brought suffering, but God gives us the opportunity to help those who suffer.”

In the midst of chaos, the light of Christ is still shining—and it is spreading.

Please pray for Pastor Suan and the people of Myanmar who long for the conflict and violence to end. Pray for protection and continued opportunities for each person mentioned to share the gospel and what they have learned through iTEE Global courses with others. Pray that all their financial needs will be met so they can continue to do the Lord’s work in Myanmar.



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For a detailed list of opportunities, please see iteeg.org/opportunities.

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