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“Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!”

Genesis 1:31a (NLT)

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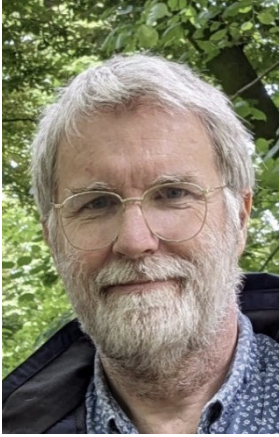
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Pastoral Visits:

At Maidstone Baptist Church we are happy to offer pastoral visits - for prayer, communion, or simply a chat. We can meet at church, in your home, or elsewhere, such as in a park or coffee shop.

If you feel this would be helpful, please speak to Nigel or Al, or to your Pastoral Leader.



As I write, this spring, so they say, is on course to break records for warmth and dryness, and by the time you read this, the summer months will be upon us. Many of us enjoy the warmer days, the longer evenings and maybe the chance to go away on holiday. And if you can't travel elsewhere, there is often a chance to sit in the garden, on a park bench or even by an open window to breathe in the fresh air and enjoy the warmth of the sun.

I wonder what fills your mind in these moments? I find these are often times to quieten my heart and take a breath from the busyness of life, and when I do so, I often bring to mind the well-known and frequently-quoted Psalm 46. And it seems particularly apt in our current worldly political climate. I urge you to read the whole Psalm, but I am going to focus on verse 10.

He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." - Psalm 46:10

It seems to me to be in 3 parts - Be still ~ Know that I am God ~ I will be exalted.

Be still - how good are we at being still? I don't mean the "feet up and fall asleep in front of the TV" kind of stillness. In a recent sermon I described this as a stagnant stillness. But when we are still in God, we experience an active, living-and-breathing stillness that brings new life and new perspectives. Being still in God means we are able to quieten our minds and lay aside (and stop fretting about) current concerns and situations, in order that we can acknowledge God and thus allow Him to work in us. In other words to let God be in control.

Know that I am God - it may sound daft, but we often forget that!! We can be so busy with work, with worry, with life in general that we simply squeeze God out. It's easy to do. To know that He is God is to again recognise His presence, power and authority. As we considered in the service on May 11th, faith is no mere understanding - it's knowledge that leads in action!

I will be exalted - this second half of the verse is often forgotten and yet it is so important. Even, and maybe especially, in the midst of trials and adversities, God is ultimately victorious. God is worthy of our praise! Choose to place Him first and central in your outlook and thinking.

I pray that over these summer months you can find opportunities to be still in our awesome God's presence, and that you will feel renewed and refreshed as a direct result.

Nigel

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An evening with
Andy and Helen Symmonds

Andy, Helen and their sons Joel and Daniel live in Papua New Guinea. Come and hear of the blessings, joys and challenges of serving God through the work of MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship)



Tuesday 10th June
7pm

Maidstone Baptist Church

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Sunday June 8th

Please e-mail contributions to the address on inside front cover

No later than 20.00hrs on this date

BMS Birthday Scheme.

June 15th

June 19th

June 25th

Godfrey prior

Lucie Prior

Christine Frost



Happy Birthday to you all!



**A big thank you from
BMS World Mission!**

It's John Settatee here, BMS World Mission's Church Engagement Manager. I've been in my role for around a year now, which means I have first-hand experience of the difference Maidstone Baptist Church has made through your faithful giving. We really treasure every penny of the £2,230.00 you gave in 2024, as well as your prayers. It's been amazing to witness lives transformed because of you: believers sharing the gospel in Bangladesh, refugees welcomed in Lebanon and mothers delivering babies safely in Chad, just to name a few examples!

You'll know from reading the news that our global economy is feeling a bit battered and bruised. That's why there's never been a better time for me to say **thank you for supporting BMS**. I know from speaking to the breadth of churches supporting BMS that you're pulled in lots of different directions. And yet, when you choose together to give, you breathe incredible work into life. **In a busy world, thank you for continuing to stand up for the world's poorest people, those who long to hear the good news of Jesus, and those forced to flee their homes.** Thank you for standing up for world mission.

There's one story in particular that has really encouraged me from the start of this year, and I thought if it would be an encouragement to your church family to know that your generosity touches real lives like Charles'.



*Charles felt as though life was hopeless before he encountered
BMS mission workers in Uganda*

"I was always uncertain about the future," Charles says, talking about raising his family in Uganda. "This caused me to live in fear," he continues, "and I could not take any step of faith in changing the status quo."

I'm sure you can imagine the undercurrent of fear Charles lived with: will there be enough food on the table today? Will it be nourishing enough to

starve off malnutrition and expensive doctor's bills, or will one of the children fall ill? Charles felt completely stuck. "We never had enough at home," he explains. "I felt a sense of helplessness."

Amazingly, your generous giving has enabled Charles to access special training that mobilises churches to help those around them. The training helped Charles to see himself as a person made in God's image, with God-given resources to help his family. In short, it completely changed his perspective – much better than any temporary hand-out. Charles talks about the training affecting every area of his life. And wonderfully, he's just one of the many, many people you've helped this year all around the world.

I look forward to being inspired by all the support Maidstone Baptist Church will make possible in the rest of 2025.

Every blessing,

*John Settatee
Church Engagement Manager
BMS World Mission*

There are various ways that we can receive donations for BMS.

1. Into Maidstone Baptist Church bank account (please mark BMS)
2. Be part of the BMS Birthday scheme where each year you will receive a birthday card along with a news bulletin and gift envelope. Make a gift and return it to Barbara Williams who sends it to BMS.
3. Into the box at the back of the church. Please put donations in an envelope and mark it as BMS.
4. Coins put into the jar at the back of the church are also for BMS.

We are able to gift aid these amounts, so if you already have a gift aid number from Maidstone Baptist, please put that number on all donations.

If you currently do not gift aid but are able to, then please contact either Barbara Williams or Keith Burgess-Clements for a form or further details.



Prayer Points

June 2025

- Sun 1st It is the start of a new month. May we invite the working of the spirit of God into our schools, colleges, workplaces, our homes, and wherever we find ourselves this week and engage with what God would have us do in these troublesome times of suffering wars, pain and national turmoil.
- Mon 2nd Let us pray for the local leaders of our towns and cities and particularly the new county council leaders following the local elections and the teams involved with change. Pray that today will be an opportunity for any one of God's people who works in these departments to influence decisions according to his will.
- Tue 3rd As students and young people are completing another term, some of whom were very apprehensive about their future, pray that they will see light at the end of their tunnel of learning experience.
- Wed 4th Pray today for all those who are struggling in their personal lives; for the heartaches they face, for the tears they shed, for the fears they have and the anxiety that comes so unexpectedly. Also pray for those who have recently been diagnosed with illnesses and for the terminally sick amongst our friends and families.
- Thur 5th Remember our members who are unwell and receiving treatment in hospital. Pray that the great physician will touch and heal them.

Fri 6th Pray today for the bereaved, widowers and widows in our church and outside, thanking God that he never leaves nor forsakes those in need of Him at such painful times.

Sat 7th Remember all those in our church who are in care 24 hours a day. Pray that they will be aware of God's presence and peace as they receive care.

Sun 8th Let us pray for our Boys' and Girls' Brigades as they embark on their Summer programme. Pray for their spiritual growth and nurturing. Let us also pray for the leaders and support staff in charge of their care.

Mon 9th May we ask the Lord to be with our senior minister Nigel and youth pastor Alastair as they lead the church. Pray for our church leadership team and deacons. Ask God for guidance and perception in these trying times of so much uncertainty.



Tue 10th Pray for all those in our church who are lonely and afraid and unsure of their future and what will happen, especially as we see escalation of the war in Ukraine and the turmoil in India and Pakistan. Ask God to come close and comfort them: He is our comforter and great counsellor 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. He never takes a day off.

Wed 11th Pray for the unrest in various parts of the world where terrorists and murderers are active.

Thur 12th Remember those in our town who are wandering the streets and have no settled place of residence. Pray for those who are sleeping rough who also find it hard to speak and explain their situation. Pray for mercy from those with power in the

community.

Fri 13th Let us pray for the 5 and 2 lunch service which runs monthly and for those who organise it.

Sat 14th Pray for the work of the Street Pastors who are there to support people out on Saturday night in the town, and who may be in danger.



Sun 15th May we pray for our government and the departments that serve the country. Pray for leadership and guidance for them all remembering Kier Starmer and the cabinet.

Mon 16th Pray for Alastair and Kirsty and the work they are involved with here in Maidstone and particularly the youth department and schools.

Tue 17th Pray for those who are victims of persecution because of their Christian faith in many countries around the world, and those who are trying to escape from brutal regimes.

Wed 18th Remember those who are out of work and unemployed. Pray that their needs will be met because we serve a Saviour who promised that He will supply all your needs according to the riches of His glory.

Thur 19th Pray for countries of the world where armed conflict is continuing, that there will be a desire for peace and an end to hatred on all sides.

Fri 20th As some of our young people are soon to start new career pathways or new work, pray that they will put their trust in God the ruler of their life.

Sat 21st Let us pray for those in Maidstone prison. Pray that they will not give up or lose heart. Pray for those who are in prison ministry visiting teams bringing the Good News of Jesus to those inmates.

Sun 22nd May we pray for a renewed vision of the beauty of heaven as we walk amidst flowers, green fields, the setting sun, and the natural beauty of nature in tropical gardens as the summer sun shines. Let us look up towards the skies and picture the beauty of our Saviour.

Mon 23rd Pray for wisdom as we speak to colleagues and friends in our daily walk in life, so that they will have the Emmaus experience.

Tue 24th Pray for schools and colleges as they prepare for the Summer break. Pray for the teachers and lecturers at this time.

Wed 25th There may be those in our midst who need special strength from God as they walk the straight and narrow path of life; pray for those people.

Thur 26th Pray for people who are victims of crime and domestic abuse and young people who may be trafficked for modern day slavery.

Fri 27th Pray for the parents of young children in the church. Pray for wisdom and strength as they face challenging times with internet use and cyber bullying, especially as the long summer holiday approaches.

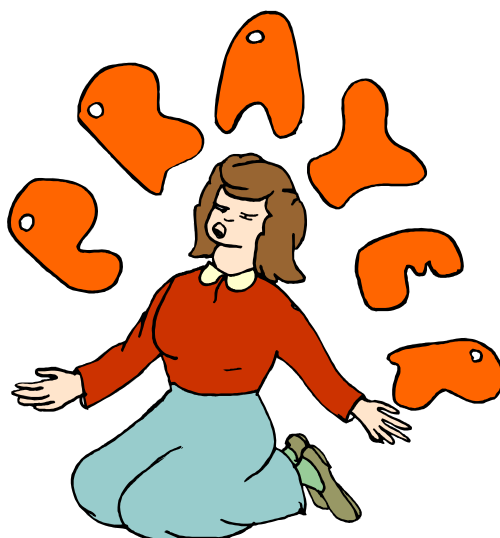
Sat 28th Pray for the Sunday School and those who teach them in these times when being a young Christian is a challenge.

Sun 29th Let us pray for the church treasurer and the responsibility for the



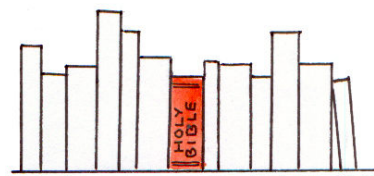
budget. Pray for wisdom.

Mon 30th Remember in prayer children who are unaccompanied when they cross the channel in small boats, as they arrive in England from war torn countries. Pray for their safety from exploitation and trafficking and that they will be cared for by social services.



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As you will know, Barbara Small has been running a book stall at church over recent months, selling all manner of Christian books and other Bible-based resources. Many church members have found this to be a blessing as they have purchased Bibles and other products.



You may also be aware that Barbara and Tommy expect to be leaving Maidstone in coming weeks, and as they leave with our prayers and good wishes, we will need to take a decision as to how and whether we can continue running the book stall. If you would be interested in helping to continue with this ministry - not necessarily every week - please speak to Nigel.



Nigel

Pop-up café update



The above outreach has been running on Friday mornings between 9.30am to 12pm for a year now. During this time we have made a profit and have donated a total of £400 to help support the following groups in the church:-

- ✚ £100 to Little Fishes
- ✚ £100 to Youth Group
- ✚ £100 to 5 & 2 lunches
- ✚ £100 to Camp Amazing

A BIG thank you to all of you who have supported us so far. If you haven't popped in yet, come along - a warm welcome awaits you.

We now need a couple more volunteers so if you have a Friday morning available once a month and feel this is something you would like to do, please speak to Elaine Watson.

Thank you





WHAT YEAR 6 SHOULD NOT LOOK LIKE: A DRC REFUGEE STORY

Wajuma, a Year 6 student from DRC, is now a refugee in Burundi. Tearfund has provided her with some practical support.

Wajuma* is in Year 6. She's at an age where, right now, many of her counterparts in the UK are writing exams in readiness for secondary school and planning things like leavers' hoodies and end-of-school-year celebrations. But, for Wajuma, things look very different at the moment. The lessons she is learning do not come from a safe classroom with a well-meaning teacher. Instead, she is being taught, first hand, the horrific toll that conflict can take on countries, communities, families and individuals. It is a cruel education that no child should ever have to experience.

Until a few months ago, Wajuma was living with her mum in a village in South Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo, going to school each day and doing the kinds of things, dreaming the kinds of dreams, and having the kinds of conversations with friends that many 14-year-old girls do. Her mother provided for their small household, taking on various jobs in order to pay for food and for Wajuma's education.

And then, the violence that has been ravaging their country arrived at their door. The family were forced to run. In the chaos of trying to escape, Wajuma became separated from her mother. Now, Wajuma finds herself alone at a refugee camp in neighbouring Burundi after a long and dangerous journey on foot to find some safety.

Many people in the camp who have made a similar journey tell harrowing stories of loved ones lost in brutal attacks on the way. Fortunately for Wajuma, her mother has been found, but she is currently in hospital in a different refugee camp in Burundi.

As Wajuma faces this really difficult situation, she says that the practical support she has received from Tearfund has been so important. She has received items like food, warm blankets, plastic cups to drink from, plates

to eat off, a bucket for carrying water and some bath soap. She explains that these items have allowed her to maintain some basic hygiene standards, drink some comforting hot tea, and have some protection from the cold at night.

Seeking safety: 71,00 Congolese refugees in Burundi

The UN reports that, since January, more than 71,000 Congolese refugees have crossed into Burundi, seeking safety.

The first places they make it to are transition camps set up by the local government where they are registered and then directed to more established refugee camps to wait out the conflict.

It is in two of these transition camps that Tearfund has been providing some emergency response. Working alongside a local partner, Help Channel Burundi (HCB) and with the local Anglican church, Tearfund has been distributing vital food and non-food supplies to people who arrive in the camps often hungry, exhausted, traumatised and with little more than the clothes they are wearing.

Food, hygiene, shelter, comfort

To carry this out, our local partner assigned a distribution team from Burundi who speak the common languages (Kiswahili and French) to ease communication and make sure that the people arriving from DRC would be understood as they expressed their stories and their needs.

Originally, it was planned to support people through cash assistance – in many cases this is considered the most respectful and dignity-preserving way to help those who have lost everything try to meet each day's needs, but in this instance it was quickly discovered that many people were struggling to access markets to buy food and other essentials, so they preferred to receive pre-prepared kits containing the things they needed.

A team (described as consisting of 'young, enthusiastic volunteers') was put in place to help carry food items for older people and those less able to walk, and priority distribution was given to more vulnerable people like

children who have ended up the main carer for their family, pregnant mothers and people with disabilities during the distribution.

Through this particular response, a total of 718 households received support (that's around 2,555 people) – enough food to last for at least two weeks, along with non-food items like kitchen utensils and hygiene items (like soap) to help reduce the possibility of disease.

This support has also had the added effect of reducing pressure on the local community. Often, in situations like this, communities who are already struggling to provide for themselves end up supporting refugees with food items and other household items that they can ill afford.

**Name has been changed for protection.*

Pray for refugees in Burundi

- Lift up all those fleeing the violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Pray for provision for their needs and for comfort as they face the loss of loved ones, homes, livelihoods and security.
- Pray for peace. Ask God to bring an end to the violence so that people may return to their homes and have the opportunity to start to rebuild their lives again in safety.
- Lift up all the children who have been affected by the conflict. Pray that violence would not be the thing that defines their childhood.

Tearfund “One Voice in Prayer” Tarryn Pegna May 2025

If you have any questions about the work of Tearfund or wish to support them, please do get in touch.

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2nd Maidstone Girls' Brigade & 1st Maidstone Boys' Brigade



Camp Amazing

We had a great time away at Camp Amazing (2nd - 5th May). Contrasting weather meant a bit of change of plan at times but generally we were blessed with a good few days and a full programme of activities.

We had 15 young people camping and a further 10 joined us for a Fun Day on the Saturday. The young adult leaders put together and organised a number of Paddington themed activities including various crafts and the ever popular bear hunt in the woods which all went down well. Sunday was outing day and this year we went to the Adventure Golf at the Ridge Golf Club and then on to the Maidstone Leisure Centre for a session on the Aqua Obstacle course.

The Honeyhill site has a number of new activities available and the young people enjoyed archery, frisbee golf and the ezy rollers in particular and a couple of sessions with the Silent Disco along with games and challenge activities. As always at Camp we were fed very well, this year with all the leaders taking a turn in the cook house.

Alastair and Lottie led our times of devotions around the Paddington Bear theme. The young people were great throughout the weekend and lots of fun, laughter and experiences were shared.

My thanks goes to all who went along as leaders and put in so much time and effort to make the camp the success it was. Thank you too for all of your interest and prayers – they are much appreciated.

And some other things

As in previous years this session is a particularly busy time of year for us all and some things to note are :

- We will be rounding this session off with a celebration evening - recognising the young people's achievements' and promotions,
- We start our Summer Programme activities with all groups in early June and will be out and about most Wednesday evenings

and please don't forget our fund raising **Barn Dance** at Boxley Abbey on the evening of **Saturday 14th June 2025** (£10.00 adult ticket, £5.00 per child (under 16)). Bring your own food and drink. All are welcome.

Do contact me or Al if you would like to purchase tickets or need any further information.

Jane Haslam mbc-415@highg.net

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## PERSECUTED CHURCH



# NO SAFE PLACE

## *The Moving story of Pastor Yang*

Pastor Yang\* is often exhausted and scared. He and his young family in Myanmar have had to grab what they can and flee – not once, not twice, but many times. Most citizens face danger in Myanmar’s ongoing civil war, but the conflict is being used by those in power as an opportunity to increasingly target Christians and other minority groups.

## ROBBED AT GUNPOINT

Pastor Yang recalls one of the attacks, by a radical group, that displaced much of his congregation. “Members of my church were blindfolded and forced to lie down as guns were pointed at them,” he says. “They were not allowed to speak. Their houses were searched for money and valuables. The radical groups took everything valuable.” This wasn’t an isolated incident – the church members were assaulted in this way several times. Pastor Yang’s own home was targeted: “They took my motorbike and stole 150,000 kyats, which was our emergency fund.” That’s worth about £55, which is two months’ minimum wage in Myanmar. “As a result of these attacks, many church members chose to flee from the village.”

## RELENTLESS DISPLACEMENT

Pastor Yang and his family are never able to feel truly at home. The

displacements are relentless. “We moved to another, safer place. We stayed there for a week. There also problems arose,” he says. “Then we fled to the village where my in-laws live. We stayed there for two months. We had lots of trouble there too – we moved again.” As a new parent, Pastor Yang wants to see his wife and children feel safe and secure. The family have never experienced that. “The burden of moving from one place to another with very young children weighs heavily on me and my wife,” he says. “We have had to live amidst the sounds of gunfire and bomb explosions. All this deeply traumatises my wife. My children fear the loud noises. As a husband and a father, sometimes I feel helpless that I cannot make my own family feel safe.”

## A COMPLEX CLIMATE

The threat doesn’t just come from these radical groups. The situation in Myanmar is very complex. Ever since the military coup in 2021, which deposed the government, widespread fighting continues in various parts of the country. The new military government and groups of militia remain violently opposed, and the conflict has displaced millions, with many killed and many more properties and livelihoods destroyed. As a result, Myanmar faces an ongoing humanitarian crisis.

All Burmese people are vulnerable, but Christians face a far greater threat in the Buddhist-majority country. “Even before the coup, we Christians had few privileges,” Pastor Yang explains. “We faced many hindrances when we tried to conduct worship services and church activities.” After the coup, this discrimination turned deadly, as military airstrikes often target churches and majority Christian areas. “The conditions of Christians and Buddhists are not the same,” he says. “Many Christians have been killed in a lot of instances. If we look at the whole country, there are only a few cases of Buddhist villages and monasteries being destroyed. Churches were targets of [military] attacks. They intentionally destroyed tribal people’s and Christian properties.”

Even while living in displacement, believers continue to face discrimination. When aid is distributed, Christians are denied the much needed food and other essentials that are given to displaced Buddhist people.

### GUIDED ALONG RIGHT PATHS

In the face of these extreme difficulties, Pastor Yang turns to the Bible and prayer as sources of resilience. “Our family prays together every night, asking God to give us the strength to go through this Red Sea in our lives,” he says. His wording is a reminder that, as far back as Moses, God’s people have often sought and found His favour during periods of anxious displacement. Particular verses sustain Pastor Yang and his family. “Every night, we recite Psalm 23 before we go to bed,” he says, “and we spend much time reciting Proverbs 3:5-6.” In Psalm 23, David says words still deeply pertinent to the plight of Pastor Yang and millions of displaced Christians around the world: “He guides me along the right paths for his name’s sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me.” Proverbs 3:5-6, meanwhile, declares: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” In both of these precious passages, Pastor Yang and his family see hope and wisdom. The paths they have to walk – or to run – are dangerous and uncertain. But they can see certainty in God’s guidance. “Living in the conflict area and going out for daily chores is stressful,” says Pastor Yang. “Every time we ride our motorbikes, we remember God’s promises in Scripture.” He adds: “We remember God for small things, because we could be killed at any moment. I pray, ‘God, help me come back home safely so that I can see my wife and children.’”

### BATTERED PHYSICALLY, MENTALLY AND SPIRITUALLY

It’s clear that Pastor Yang feels a holy responsibility to serve other displaced Christians in his region, who are also facing increased risk of persecution and discrimination. He knows that it isn’t always possible, from



his own resources. “My church members are my family members. They are my spiritual children,” he says. “Being a father in the family and a pastor in the church, it is impossible to focus only on my family’s difficulties. I cannot ignore them.” He adds: “Our church members also left their homes. I visit them on bicycle, as my motorbike was stolen. Our main problem is the lack of basic needs. Church members have no more jobs. No income. We are battered physically, mentally and spiritually. He sees their need for food and spiritual nourishment, as he visits displaced believers in far-flung places. “People who are down physically and mentally really thirst for the Word of God,” he says. “If we can have programmes to encourage them while they are in need, it will be a great benefit to them.”

## OVERJOYED

With your help, Open Doors local partners can help answer the fervent prayers of believers like Pastor Yang. He first met local partners after his family’s most recent displacement, when they were feeling particularly exhausted and defeated from repeated upheavals. “I was overjoyed to meet the Open Doors partners. They are so passionate to serve persecuted believers like me,” says Pastor Yang. “I soon partnered with them in reaching out to the displaced believers.” Pastor Yang was able to attend persecution survival training, and he can pass on what he learned. “I now facilitate workshops for church leaders and pastors because I know, like me, they need this time of fellowship for encouragement.”

## INCREASING FAITH

Your gifts and prayers can answer the physical and spiritual hunger of displaced Christians. “Despite our desperate financial situation, we try to help our church members and other fellow pastors as much as possible in this time of economic hardship,” says Pastor Yang. “In the past, I could not do so, and it made me extremely sad.” With your support, Open Doors local partners will be able to provide much-needed food to the displaced believers Pastor Yang knows. “We distribute rice, cooking oil and onions to the most needy ones,” he says. “They cry out of joy. When we had much, we were

not mindful of it – but when we have nothing, even one kyat [1/30th of a penny] means a lot.” He adds: “If we don’t provide food to the Christians who are really displaced and in need, I cannot imagine what their lives would look like. The help is for physical needs, but it also helps their faith to increase.” Pastor Yang is deeply thankful for any support and prayers you can offer to him and his community. “Your help is very meaningful to them and it brings us joy,” he says. “I praise God for people like you who fear and love God and are willing to help people. “By the grace of God, we are able to conduct training among the needy people. To the most needy people, we are able to distribute some food and Bibles. This is because of you. Yes, it is because of your prayers and your support. Thank you very much.” The need is far from over. Christians in Myanmar continue to face persecution and discrimination, as well as the terrible impact of conflict. They don’t know how long they will have to be displaced from their homes, or how many more times they will have to gather up their belongings and flee. Your gifts and prayers can sustain displaced believers – not just in Myanmar, but across the world – showing they are not alone.

### **PLEASE PRAY:**

Pastor Yang makes these prayer requests:

- “For food supply for survival for my church members”
- “For support for my family, especially when my children get sick”
- “That Christians in Myanmar can worship God freely and without fear.”

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If you have any questions about the work of Open Doors or wish to support them, please do get in touch.

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