



Burma Vision

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Report on Medical Mission to the Jungle School of Medicine Kawthoolei (JSMK) in Karen State, Burma: December 1-14, 2017

The Karen state Burma, the eventual mission destination for Adoniram Judson, has been under a state of civil war for over sixty years. As a result, basic medical care and transportation remain primitive. Many older Karen are blind due to lack of glasses, or cataracts. Burma Vision has partnered with the Free Burma Rangers (FBR) to bring sight to oppressed Burma people since 2007.

In 2010, the Jungle School of Medicine was added to the Free Burma Rangers training camp- enabling local medics to gain valuable medical and surgical skills. JSMK medics have assisted FBR in relief efforts in Sudan, Kurdistan, Syria and Iraq.

Nay Hser is a Karen medic who has been trained in cataract surgery by forward-thinking missionary Scottish and Australian ophthalmic surgeons. Nay Hser sought and obtained support and safe passage with the Karen government to provide vision and cataract clinics in all seven of its districts. In May 2017, Nay Hser was awarded an honorary doctorate from Judson University in Illinois.



In December 2017, Nay Hser traveled to the Free Burma Rangers training camp to teach and conduct optical / surgical eye clinic with the medics at JSMK.



Nay Hser and the medics examined, refracted and dispensed custom-fit glasses and hearing aids to the patients who walked 1-2 days over hilly trails to reach JSMK. A 22 year old heard his mother's voice for the first time.



Over a dozen patients had surgical care for cataracts, glaucoma, strabismus or tumors. Nay Hser trained the medics to sterilely care for his portable instruments and assist in surgery. Careful, gentle and quick technique combined with state-of-the-art, donated antibiotics help, but Nay Hser credits his stellar zero post-operative infection rate to prayer before and after each surgical case.



Nay Hser received a meritorious service medal from the Free Burma Rangers before departing for another remote region of Karen State Burma where he is the only eye surgeon for over one million people.

Sincerely yours,

Robert W. Arnold

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Prov 29:13 The poor man and the oppressor have this in common: the Lord gives sight to the eyes of both.