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Focal Scripture. *Whoever closes his ear to the cry of the poor will himself call out and not be answered.*

(Proverbs 21:13 ESV)

Focal Thought. *“Find out how much God has given you and from it take what you need; the remainder is needed by others.”* Saint Augustine (354-430 AD)

Progress Reports from two projects your Fellowship supported in Myanmar in 2020 are shown below.

Update from the Living Waters Project: The tightest Covid restrictions of anywhere in the country were imposed in our state. Full and open travel was allowed only for a total of 3 weeks during the Covid clampdown. Despite the challenges of ministry and development work under the onslaught of Covid, we rejoice in the good work done. In our water development work, the second water cistern was completed. Repeated emergency water runs into the rugged hill areas were made bringing much needed assistance to drought-stricken villages, tiding them over until the rains came. Our initial plans to expand to a new area by partnering with a Christian clinic for water filter distribution had to be altered due to Covid. But we continued to offer water filters in our own target impact areas.

While Covid restricted certain aspects of our ministry, it also opened additional doors. The shutdown of the state impacted farmers and their families with the shuttering of markets, the closure of roads, and the forced quarantining of people. Therefore, food relief was both an urgent need and an opportunity for development and Gospel sharing.

Thank you for your partnership with us. We are deeply appreciative of the role the Louisiana Ag Fellowship has made through your partnership with our team, as well as globally through the other ministries you are supporting. May the Lord bless you.

Update from the Bhama Team: I regret to inform you that we had to cancel the order to purchase the soil scanner due to the uncertain situation in this country. While we were in discussion about the scanner, there seemed to be progress toward freedom from Covid and so we hoped to receive the soil scanner. But two

months later, there was an explosion of virus cases and our judgment proved wrong. So, to wisely steward every penny of God’s money, we decided to cancel the order and our plans with the soil scanner because of lengthening virus restrictions. Now, in God’s providence, we see this more clearly as the best decision because currently, our country is experiencing a military coup. Because of this, there is no longer any opportunity for agricultural work. We apologize for this and are grateful to all the people that so generously supported the project here.

Project Support. The greatest need of your Fellowship is always for additional funds with which to help the poor help themselves. We need additional members who have a heart for agricultural missions and for helping those who are desperately poor improve their status, both in this world and in eternity to come. Please promote the work of your Fellowship. Feel free to make copies of this newsletter and give them to anyone that might be interested in supporting our missions’ efforts.

Following are examples of projects individuals, classes, or churches can support to provide a helping hand to those who are poor, hungry, and in need of Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord:

Egg incubation facilities for a family or village.

Rabbit project for a family.

Chicken project for a family.

Goat project for a family.

Sheep project for a family.

Dairy heifer project for a family.

Vegetable garden project for a family.

Drip irrigation for a family.

Small greenhouse for a family.

Water filters to provide pure water to families.

Support can be provided by making your check payable to Louisiana Baptist Foundation and sending it to P.O. Box 120, Homer, LA 71040. Indicate the funds are for Ag Missions. All donations are tax deductible and 100% of your contributions go directly to the mission field because the Executive Committee pays all expenses for operating the Fellowship.