



Bringing the message of Christmas and its true meaning "Christ" to over 200 Poor Shan People refugees without any rights who live in Thailand after fleeing the rape, murder and persecution under the leading military Junta in Burma.

Brother Les, Pilar and DCI Family

On 11th, Dec 2006 we took Christmas for the poor and unreached along with the message of the gospel to over 200 Shan people. Thank you all at DCI and all people who helped us, help the less fortunate, bringing them the true meaning of Jesus Christ and the true meaning of Christmas.

Shan State, a Burmese controlled area in Northern Burma, is home to 8 million Shan people and 6 million other ethnic minorities. Although the Shan State Army is at war with the military that currently controls Burma, and over 400,000 people have fled into Thailand, Thailand does not recognize them as refugees.

Officially Thailand claims that since there are many ethnic Shan people who are Thai citizens, "You are like brothers, and are free to come and go as you please." However, many are still arrested and deported, and those that stay work in the fields for substandard wages. In reality, Thailand will not recognise the Shan people as legal refugees because the number of people that would flood across the border seeking help would be overwhelming. Since they are not officially "refugees," it is much harder to get financial or food support from NGOs. They do not receive as much press or international recognition as the other "official" refugees in Thailand.

Bringing Christmas to these people means far more than just having a good time and food in their stomachs, our presence in the slums means hope. It is only through the true message of Christmas that "Hope" is given and the true message of Christmas is Christ Jesus Amen.

The following Scriptures deeply influence what we value and how we serve God and others:"

**(2 Timothy 2:2)** The things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others."

**(Matthew 5:16)** "Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

**(2 Corinthians 4:6)** " For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

**(2 Corinthians 4:4).** As new covenant servants, we proclaim "the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ"

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