

Thailand-Burma (Myanmar) Culture and Christian Mission Tour

12 Days: January 17 – 29, 2013

Joan and Allan Eubank, Sugar and Nat Yontarak, and Laurie (Eubank) Dawson look forward to introducing you to the land of smiles, lovely people, beautiful sights, warm hospitality, and Christian Missions in Thailand followed by an amazing journey into Burma (Myanmar) to build relationships, explore the culture and celebrate 200 years of Christian Missions in Burma (Myanmar).

Due to the extraordinary nature of the 2013 tour plans to visit Burma the group size must be kept small. All interested parties should complete the attached application form ASAP. Trip costs, logistics, and travel agent information are also found on the application. For more information in the US please call Shari Monson at 253-405-2795 or sharijacksonmonson@Gmail.com Friends in Thailand interested in joining us please contact Allan and Joan or call the CCI office.



Joan and Allan Eubank are the tour's personal guides along with Nat & Sugar Yontarak and representatives of Christian Culture Institute of Thailand. The tour is sponsored by the Thai Christian Foundation. It is our sincerest hope that you and your family will join us.

Itinerary:

Thursday January 17th Arrive BANGKOK

Check in Royal River Hotel and enjoy a riverside BBQ Dinner



Friday January 18th BANGKOK

Morning tour of the Royal Palace and Wat Po;
and evening enjoy dinner and concert at Nat & Sugar's home



Saturday January 19th BANGKOK

Visit a Women's' Prison ministry, tour the Ancient City, and see
the Siam Niramit Show

Sunday January 20th NAKON PATHOM

Morning worship in the Lao Song and
Sam Yek-Village Church, on return to Bangkok

Final night in the Bangkok Royal River Hotel



Monday, January 21, 2013

Depart Bangkok for Yangon aboard Bangkok Airways Airbus A320 at 0905 (breakfast is served on this short flight)



Mrs. Sawitree of CCI
"On Eagle's Wings" Dance

Arrive in Yangon at 10:00 am

Everyone will obtain their Visa on arrival during processing through Customs & Immigration. Please be sure you have 2 passport size photos of yourself to complete the process.

Visa on arrival is only available at Yangon International Airport and Mandalay International Airport. To apply for visa on arrival through the express visa service of Asianventure Tours, the applicants are required to provide such personal data as: **Name and Surname, Gender, Father Name, Date of Birth, Place of Birth, Religion, Occupation, Nationality, Residence Address, Purpose of Journey, One Scan of First Passport Page, Two Passport Photos, Date of Entry and Departure to/from Myanmar, Arrival and Departure Flight Number, Passport Number, Issue Date of Passport, and Expiry Date of Passport (Only passport valid over 8 months from entry date accepted).**

Once through customs and baggage claim the group will be met by your host representative who will stay with you for the rest of your stay in Myanmar, board your waiting air conditioned coach, and transfer to

your hotel. The remainder of the day and evening are yours to explore Yangon on your own.



Tuesday, January 22, 2013



Yangon (Yangon – Bago- Yangon)

After breakfast at your hotel, board the coach for a scenic drive through Myanmar's countryside, to Bago. Formerly known as Pegu, Bago was once the capital of the Mon Kingdom of Lower Myanmar in the 15th century.

Sightseeing in Bago includes the beautiful 55-meter long reclining Buddha, Shwethalyaung, and the Mon style Shwemawdaw Pagoda famed to be one of the most venerated in all of Myanmar. Its spire stands 114m high and is even taller than the Shwedagon Pagoda. Your

group will also visit the old Palace "Kambozathadi" as well as the huge Four Sitting Buddha's known as "Kyaikpun". Your day in Bago will wind up with a walking tour through the colorful Bago Marketplace. On the way back to Yangon, visit the Allied War Cemetery near Htaukkyan, the final resting place for over 27,000 allied soldiers.

Wednesday, January 23, 2013

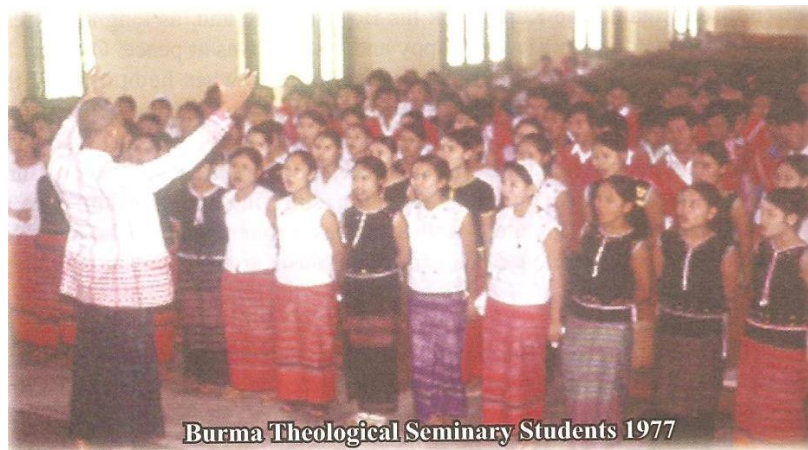
After breakfast enjoy a full day of sightseeing Myanmar's largest city, once called Rangoon, today known as Yangon. Yangon is considered one of the most exotic cities in Southeast Asia. Some of the many attractions to see include the 2,000 year old Sule Pagoda, Chaukhtatkyi (a giant reclining Buddha), the Bogyoke Aung San Market, and Kaba Aye Pagoda (built for the 1954-56 Buddhist Synod). The most important structure of all is the gold-encrusted Shwedagon Pagoda (pictured below). It is said to contain hairs of the Buddha. This is the most sacred site for Buddhists living in Myanmar. The pagoda is estimated to be 2,500 years old and can be seen from anywhere in the city. Shwedagon is covered with gold plates and diamonds. Remarkably, it has survived not only age, but earthquakes and outside occupation, and remains today an important pilgrimage destination for Buddhists all over the country.





Thursday, January 24, 2013

Enjoy another bountiful breakfast at the Park Royal, followed by another full day of sightseeing in this fascinating city of more than five million people. The itinerary for the day will be provided by the host representative after arrival in Yangon.



Burma Theological Seminary Students 1977

Friday, January 25, 2013 – Sunday, January 27

Spend the next 3 days visiting with local people and taking part in ministry activities with the Eubanks. The group will have many unique opportunities to learn about the local Christian community that is celebrating the 2013 bi-centennial Jubilee of the arrival of Adoniram Judson in Burma. This same year, in November 2013, the Karen Baptist convention will celebrate its centennial 100 year anniversary in this place. And if that wasn't enough, the Yangon Karen Baptist Home Mission Churches Association will be 150 years old in 2013 as well. This is clearly an ideal time to come to Burma to interact with today's leaders who are marking their historical roots on the church in this amazing part of God's world.



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Monday, January 28, 2013

After breakfast, depart Yangon for the short flight to Bagan. Upon arrival the group will be met by your host representative and taken to your air conditioned coach. Today's tour will visit the most magical of all places in Myanmar, SHWEZIGON PAYA- ANANDA PAHTO -GUBYAUKGYI TEMPLE - SHWESANDAW PAYA. In case we've hit our limit with temple visits, we can make a detoured visit to the villages in Bagan. Enjoy the perfect end to the perfect day in true Bagan style as you watch the sun set quietly behind the countless pagodas from the top of the one of the Pagodas.

Tuesday, 29 Jan 2013

After breakfast, spend your last hours shopping for exquisite local handicrafts from the local Bagan merchants. Transfer to the airport just after lunch to begin the journey back home to the USA, or wherever it is that you call home.

