VISION BEYOND BORDERS

THE VIEW FROM THE CROSS IS A VISION BEYOND BORDERS







By God's grace we were able to visit the Kachin soldiers at the front line. We were hiking at 9000 feet, and after a lack of sleep it was quite a challenge. But half way through our hike, we looked up the mountain and we could see the Kachin soldiers excitedly waving at us. That was such an encouragement, and it gave us new strength to hike up.

We were warmly welcomed with hot sweet milky tea and some candies. The captain put some chairs out and called down his soldiers to hear what we had to share. They were all so hungry for God! We brought Bibles in two Kachin languages, crosses, gospel bracelets, medicines and some dried food for the soldiers as well. We shared Psalm 91 and some other scriptures with the soldiers. After we shared God's Word with the soldiers , the captain shared his testimony.

I will quote the interpreter's words: The Captain is 40 years old, has a son and a daughter, and has been a soldier for 15 years. "Life is uncertain; we never know when we have to go. Our families worry about us. They don't have support for themselves; our families struggle to survive living in dangerous zones. They don't live in camps, they are scattered in different areas. The war started again in 2011 and before that, we Kachin were not very faithful to God. We became more faithful after the war began. I went to battle once without praying. Two of my friends got shot, one died there and the other died of the injury. I was wounded (he showed us the scar on his forehead) and I learned from that experience. A friend of mine, strong in prayer, from a lower rank prayed for every soldier. We went to the front lines, attacked, killed the enemy and got 7 guns. After that, I prayed with my friend. I grew in my faithfulness to God. Now I always pray before fighting. In August 2013, I prayed before a fight, we killed our enemies and took their post. We were 40 against 400 (hence the nickname). Before everything we do, a meeting, going to the front lines, we always pray first. This is the first time I meet foreigners."

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Matthew 28:19