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Hope on the Horizon



These are the stories.

These are the souls.

These are the portraits of
the lives we're changing.

Twelve-year-old Phyu Phyu Aye lives in the Hlaing Tharyar Township of Myanmar with her mom, uncle, three siblings, and grandmother. Her father died a few years ago, and life has been difficult ever since. Learn from Phyu Phyu Aye about how your partnership is bringing hope to her and her family.

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A CONSTANT STRUGGLE

It is our joy to reach out to children like Phyu Phyu Aye and their families. One of our biggest goals at Orphan's Promise is to keep families together, and Phyu Phyu Aye's story is an incredible example of what that looks like.

Myanmar has faced severe setbacks after the military coup in 2021. Almost half the families that call Myanmar home are living below the poverty line. The family rents a small home but, sadly, finding consistent work has been a challenge for Phyu Phyu Aye's mother. After losing her husband, she became the breadwinner for her family. She works hard collecting plastic and selling it at a factory. She also makes money by washing clothes. But the work isn't stable, and she often doesn't make enough to pay for her family's needs. Phyu Phyu Aye's uncle also has trouble finding a steady job.

Phyu Phyu Aye's mom quickly found herself in debt trying to cover basic needs like shelter, water, and food. Fortunately, Phyu Phyu Aye's oldest sister found a job in a garment factory. Her wages help cover the cost of rent and food, but there isn't any extra to help pay off the debt.

Phyu Phyu Aye said: "Our family has had a hard time since my father died. My mother tries her best to take care of us. Although we are in financial trouble, my mother does not leave us hungry. When I saw the creditors come to collect my mother's debt, I felt pity for her. She has nothing to pay them. Sometimes they scolded my mother, and I felt hurt. I used to see my mother sitting quietly with tears in her eyes. At that time, I didn't know what to do, and I really wanted to help my mother, but I couldn't."

The future for Phyu Phyu Aye's family was uncertain. They constantly lived in fear that there would eventually not be enough money for their needs.



“I’M VERY GRATEFUL TO CBN AND THE DONORS FOR SUPPORTING US. I’M ALSO HAPPY TO BE A SOL STUDENT AND TO KNOW ABOUT THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD.” –PHYU PHYU AYE

SCHOOL OF LIFE

When Phyu Phyu Aye heard about the School of Life (SOL) program from a friend, she was so excited. She dreams of being a teacher when she grows up, and the opportunity to have an education means everything to her.

SOL provides a quality education for kids in her community with the support of a local church. Your partnership makes it possible for Phyu Phyu Aye’s tuition to be covered, so she does not have to worry about her family not being able to afford classes. At school, she is studying hard to learn English and math. She also has access to nutritious meals and a supportive community of teachers and friends. Myanmar is a predominately Buddhist culture, and Phyu Phyu Aye heard about Jesus for the first time at SOL.

“When I joined the SOL program, my life gradually changed. SOL introduced me to God who I can tell all of my problems to and who protects me in my daily life. Not only do I learn school lessons at the SOL program but also from Superbook Bible stories,” she shared. “I’m really happy to know so many new English words. I also like hearing the Bible stories and getting to know God more. Since I’ve known God, I started to pray to Him, and He answers my prayers. I prayed to God for my mother to have money and for a debt settlement. God did good things for my family.”

A GROWING BUSINESS

Phyu Phyu Aye's mom was chosen to receive an investment as part of our program that helps strengthen families. With this financial support, she started a small business cooking and selling fritters to travelers along a main road. She was working hard to grow her business and pay off her debts with help from Phyu Phyu Aye and her brother.

“Every morning before school, my brother and I walk along the streets and sell fritters. We get some profits from this business and are able to have snacks,” she said. “I pray to God for creditors not to come to my house to collect money because I don’t want to see my mother crying.”

With support and guidance from our partner organization, Phyu Phyu Aye's mom was able to save money from her daily profits and pay off her debt in full. Thankfully, the business is doing well, and their family is experiencing newfound stability with a more consistent income.



Phyu Phyu Aye is overjoyed. Instead of worrying about where her next meal will come from or when the debt collectors will come back, she can focus on her studies and be a kid again. She loves singing, dancing, and watching CBN Animation's Superbook. She wants to be a teacher one day and serve in her community by helping other kids learn English. She also wants to have her own house in the future and make her mother proud.

We think that's a pretty beautiful vision, and we're excited to see her reach her goals!



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We look forward to making a difference together.

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YOU ARE THE REASON

Thank you for your compassionate support and generosity. Because of your partnership, lives are changing. Phyu Phyu Aye's future is radically different now that she has access to an education and her mom has the tools and support she needs to be an entrepreneur. Thank you for making this life-changing work possible!

PRAYER POINTS

Pray for Phyu Phyu Aye's family and living situation.

Pray for God's protection and provision over her mom's small business.

Pray that Phyu Phyu Aye continues to do well in school and reaches her future goals.

Pray for Phyu Phyu Aye's family to have a strong connection with God.

Pray for the local church to be able to purchase a vehicle so that they can reach children in the surrounding area with a mobile Sunday school program.

Research shows that most of the population in Myanmar has “significant humanitarian needs and the situation in rural areas impacted by poor agricultural yields and returns is especially dire.” Nearly half of rural families report having limited access to nutritious food.¹

1. Htwe Htwe Thein and Michael Gillan, "Poverty and Conflict Cripple Myanmar's Post-Coup Economy," East Asia Forum, February 27, 2024, <https://eastasiaforum.org/2024/02/27/poverty-and-conflict-cripple-myanmars-post-coup-economy/#:~:text=Nearly%20half%20of%20the%20population,low%20employment%20and%20high%20prices.>



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