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**Dear Friend,**

Reach Beyond is committed to being a source of encouragement and hope in regions of the world often overshadowed by despair and uncertainty. Myanmar is surely one of those places.

Recent reports in international media have highlighted a disturbing trend: young people in Myanmar are increasingly trying to flee the country – driven by new legislation mandating compulsory military service for all citizens turning 18.

This harsh reality has intensified the already pervasive sense of hopelessness, and it's not uncommon to hear from Myanmar's young people that they feel their future has been stolen.

In the midst of these challenging times, a young man who regularly listens to our shortwave programs in the Matu language (a daily segment called Hingna Awl – HA) shared this heartfelt message—

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**“When I feel  
no hope...”**

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*‘During this crisis time, I felt nowhere in my country is safe. Sometimes, there is fighting in the village, we have to hide in the forest because we don’t dare to stay in our house. Sometimes there is no food. Sometimes there are times when I get sick in the forest and suffer a lot. Not only me, but my whole village is also suffering. There are times when I feel hopeless.*

*However, in these difficult times and when I feel no hope, the HA program broadcasts the Word of God to us. I am really thankful to the producers for constantly broadcasting on the HA program to live by faith in the midst of difficulties and challenges, to live by hope without giving up. If not, we wouldn’t be able to receive God’s Word in time. The HA program gives me hope when I have no hope and strength and joy when I feel depressed and sad. Thank you.’*

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This testimony powerfully illustrates the impact of the Matu programs. Our production team has been diligently working to ensure the Word reaches more people, helping them find much needed strength in the Lord during this challenging season.

Our team reports that there is an urgent need for additional shortwave receivers in the country, as the lack of radios has prevented many villagers from hearing the HA program. Compounding this issue, the current situation in Myanmar has made importing and delivering goods extremely difficult. We are actively discussing solutions and ask for your prayers on this matter.

For those with some access to the internet, the HA team has been distributing short weekly podcasts via Facebook Messenger – adding another layer to our ministry and extending our impact.

We deeply appreciate your encouragement as we steadfastly pursue the task God has set before us: bringing His Word to those in desperate need of His peace during these times.

As expressed in Psalms 16:7

*'I will praise the Lord, who counsels me, even at night my heart instructs me. I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore, my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices...'*  
*Amen!*

Kind regards

Dale Stagg, CEO

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