



EARTH MISSION ASIA

*Earth Mission Newsletter*

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***Dear Readers,***

The world we live in can be so troubling... sometimes we may wonder if the turmoil will ever end. When will we be able to relax and be free? We're not alone in our questioning... and there is hope to be found in knowing that God will help us move from worry to praise once again. The troubles may not go away... but oftentimes these trials knit families, friends and communities closer together as they share each other's burdens. I pray you all find strength for your journey through whatever might be causing your brow to furrow... peace in the storm.

*"Why am I so sad? Why am I so troubled? I will put my hope in God, and once again I will praise him, my savior and my God." - Psalm 43:5 (GNT)*

**Laura Hesselink**  
**US Administrative Director**



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## *Earth Mission Asia*

"T-RAD Clinic began as a single clinic project treating patients in the Kyaukkyi district of Myanmar, but it has expanded to include a variety of healthcare projects to support and implement Earth Mission Asia's mission. As the project progresses, the emphasis is on providing people in Karen's remote areas with high-quality healthcare. Before COVID and the military takeover, T-RAD Clinic was full of energy with EMA family members to implement its purposes. EMA volunteers, leaders, staff, and students were enthusiastic about building a hospital. They prepared everything needed to make it happen, not knowing what would happen next in the world or Myanmar. Unfortunately, COVID hit just as they were about to finish preparing to build the hospital. Nearly two years later, Myanmar experienced a military takeover, halting the hospital construction project until now. T-RAD Clinic went through some adjustments as well. Due to social distance restrictions, the admin office and clinic were separated. The work process was delayed since the clinic, and the administrative office collaborates because the clinic treats patients, and the administrative office manages a portion of the treatment and clinic management process.



Despite many harsh conditions, it is remarkable to note that none of the T-RAD Clinic employees wavered in their devotion to patients, responsibilities, and the clinic. They were even more determined than ever to support one another, particularly the patients in this challenging position. Looking back, there was no way T-RAD Clinic could have overcome and endured all of this if its staff had not remained steady in the face of difficulties. T-RAD employees can stand firm in any situation because they understand what they are doing and who they are reaching out their hands to help. They want to be there for individuals in pain, especially in this struggling situation. They are aware that patients in those areas, particularly those in Karen's remote areas, need them and their services when their cases are too complex for jungle clinics to handle. Most of them do not want to travel to the city and visit the

hospital to get treated, owing to transportation difficulties, language barriers, financial constraints, and accommodation problems. On the other hand, T-RAD is the location for them to solve all of their problems and receive proper treatment. That is one of the main reasons T-RAD Clinic stands firm in this complicated situation.



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T-RAD Clinic now has more doctors and nurses on staff to treat and care for patients with various ailments. It has also progressively and extensively become a well-known clinic in the surrounding areas, a clinic capable of hosting and serving as the site of medical internships." – Pann Yu Nway, TRAD Administration Director

## *T-RAD Clinic*

Did you know that some of our patients travel for hours to reach our clinic? Thanks to your support the T-RAD clinic saw 1545 outpatients, had 19 admissions and performed 2161 lab tests in the first quarter of 2022. Providing quality healthcare cannot be done without your help.

SHARE, PRAY, DONATE, to provide Health for the Hidden.  
Thanks for continuing to support EMA's work!



## *Rain Tree Clinic*



"I am Naw Paw Eh Khue, 23 years old. I am the only girl among my five siblings. All of my brothers are married and gardeners like my father. I joined the EMA Physician Assistant program because healthcare has been my passion since I was little. As I grew up, I forgot to take notice of my love for medicine as it almost disappeared inside me. However, as it is commonly said, "True things always find back their ways.

It grew inside me again after taking care of my disabled aunt, who had suffered from a big wound on her leg. She was not able to go to the hospital because she



could not walk, so I was the one who took care of her cleaning and first aid her daily with some medicine that we had. As I did that, I found that I enjoyed doing it, and it also made me learn that if I can take care of my aunt, I also can take care of my Karen people who suffer from different diseases.

Once I graduate from EMA, I will serve my people in every way I can." — Naw Paw Eh, EMA Year 2 Physician Assistant Student

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### *Young Heroes*

"During my time at EMA, I thought of giving up my studies several times, but I am glad that it did not happen. Whenever giving up came to mind, I looked at EMA leaders and pulled my thoughts back. I saw that EMA leaders work hard for Karen people, especially in the medical field.

I often thought our EMA leaders were not even Karen, but they were so dedicated, helpful, and loved our community as their people and family.

Then I decided I would help my Karen community as much as possible. Eventually, the love of EMA won over my thoughts, and I continued to walk with the love of EMA leaders and teachers on the road of the EMA PA program.



Now, I am a proud EMA PA Graduate." — Saw Gay Wah EMA PA Graduate

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## *Prayer Requests:*

- Pray for the COVID-19 situation in both Thailand and Myanmar, affecting families, travel and businesses.
- Pray for non-rainy weather in Myanmar, especially in the Jungle. A lot of rain has affected our supply transportation.
- Pray for funds needed for construction and transportation at the RTC.

*"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." ∞ Romans 12:12 NIV*

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