

ALOHA from Burma (Myanmar)

Dear friends,

I started teaching at BARS (Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies) program. I am teaching second and third year computer science students right now. I am also planning to teach Mathematics next semester. They also need Business teachers desperately. Even though I can teach Business subjects, I have to limit myself to two departments because I am not a super man. I limited myself to Math and Computer Science departments.

Students I met are very hard-working and eager to learn. I feel sorry that there is not much opportunity for them after they graduate from us. I have a friend who just graduated from a university and there is no job for him which pays decent salary. He graduated from a Government university, is very smart and knows a lot about electrical engineering subjects. He couldn't find a decent job with his qualifications. Even though the educational system has gotten worse in the past four or five years, it is still producing some smart kids. That makes me wonder what really the main problem in our country is – the education system or it is just the ripple effect of other deteriorating systems.

Anyways, I enjoyed teaching at BARS and interacting with those students. They had food fair on January 18. Students were given out money by the school so they can open a food stall. The profits were used as a fund for BARS program. Students were given hands-on experiences on starting a small business, how to handle accounting problems for their shops, etc. It was also a fun experience for all of us.

Many students also need some more practices on English. I am encouraging them to read and giving them training on how to do self-study so they will be ready for the job market after they graduate from us. I have much hope for them even though I am not sure that they would be able to find a decent job or would be able to start their own businesses with what we teach at school because of the business environment in our country.

All the teachers at the seminary are doing their best for BARS program and the students. I have high respect for all those teachers for their sacrifices and their time. I hope and pray that BARS will be successful in the long run. Please pray for the teachers because we need a lot of prayers from you.

Love in Christ,

Lwin Moe