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As Victory's directors got to know her, they discovered her dream of becoming a nurse. She excelled and CFI awarded her a scholarship for nursing school.



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Dear Friend of the Persecuted Church,

Did your final year of school include a city-wide flood, dodging police crack-downs, and risky mission trips that required hired security?

Victory Bible Academy students toughed it out. On top of their classes, they had other challenges. Many grew up in refugee camps where despair is like a millstone around the necks of even Christians, and hand-outs teach dependence.

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When floods ravaged the village, students gave clean water, fresh food, and clothing to at least 40 families. They cooked and delivered hot meals until the village could get back on their feet. They led mission trips into areas of Myanmar where militaries were clashing.

In March, sixteen young Christian leaders graduated! All are now serving as missionaries - some in unexpected places.

Lah Khu Htoo is one.

Humble and strong, her life has not been easy as a Christian minority.

Like many refugees, she left her family to travel to Thailand for schooling. She hoped for a future outside of the barbed wire of a camp and the oppression that plagues so many in her home country of Myanmar.

It wasn't long before she was taking the lead in her academics.

Lah Khu Htoo dove into her studies, learning English and Thai, digging deep into Scripture and growing her relationship with Jesus. She shone in village outreaches and dedicated her Christmas holidays to serving oppressed people in Myanmar.

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her dream of becoming a nurse. She knows that Jesus is the Great Healer and wants to help build His Kingdom.

Nursing school is not typically available to refugees. Still, she quietly trusted God.

In December, her passion to give medical care for the poor got personal. Her father, who had been ill in a refugee camp, went to be with the Lord.

As graduation crept near, Victory's staff kept searching for a medical school that would accept her. Everyone wanted to see her succeed. She caught the attention of a local ministry and they arranged an interview at a hospital in Karen State (in Myanmar). The miracle we had been praying for!

But there was one hitch. Tuition. How would it get paid?

On March 16th, Lah Khu Htoo stood before her teachers and peers to receive her diploma - and a complete scholarship for nursing school in Karen State.

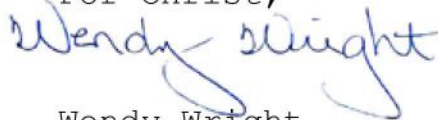
Just weeks before graduation, generous donations to Christian Freedom International arrived in the mail. They covered not one, but two scholarships for Victory students!

We named her nursing scholarship in honor of Luke 9:2: "He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal."

The second student's scholarship was for a school on hotel hospitality. We named it "Entertaining Angels Scholarship" after Hebrews 13:2: "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

Please pray for Lah Khu Htoo as she studies. She's in a mission field of unbelieving peers for six months, then can work in hospitals across Thailand and Myanmar or even open her own health clinic in a needy village.

For Christ,



Wendy Wright
President

P.S. Can you help more students with schooling expenses at Victory Bible Academy? The new class of 40 students arrive in July. Your donation can give a young Christian student the grounding in Jesus and skills to serve their persecuted brothers and sisters.