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APPLICATION FOR SUPPORT

Name: Pastor Vel Za Siama	·
Name you are called by if different:	Shama
Your birthday: May 29, 1966	Your Wife's birthday: February 6, 1980
Your Wife's Name: Mrs. Van Lal Mu	ani
Your tribe (if any): Lu Shai (Mizo)	Your Wife's tribe (if any): Lu Shai (Mizo)
What is your nationality? <u>Burmese</u>	What country do you live in? Myanmar
Your Children's Names:	Your Children's Birthdays:
Jean, Lal Ram Dini	May 17, 2002
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1. Please write a detailed testimony of your salvation, and call to the ministry.

Though I grew up in a Christian family, I did not know the Lord as my Savior until I reached the age of 21. One time we had a crusade in our Church and my Mom (thank God for a Christian Mom) requested the preacher to deal with me about the plan of salvation and it took me 3 nights. On the third night, with much prayer, the Holy Spirit began to let me understand that ONLY by grace through faith I can be saved and not by good works because it is a gift (Rom.6:23;Eph.2:8-9). No matter how sinful I am, the Lord still loves me and died on the cross to pay for my sin (Rom.5:8; Jn.3:16), so that I would have eternal life. The preacher also showed me and explained to me verses like-1Jn.5:10-13; Rom.10:9,10, and to make the long story short, I accepted the Lord Jesus as my personal Savior and Lord of my life, and I prayed to Him right then and He saved me.

After wards, I eventually began to have a burden for the lost souls. I tried to share the gospel to my friends but they would not listen to me because of lack of knowledge about the Bible. My desire (burden) to know more the Bible got stronger and stronger until such time I surrendered to study in Bible college which I never wanted to do in my life before I got saved. By the provision of God, I went to the Philippines and studied the Bible at Asia Baptist Bible College in 1990. By that time, I did not know the call of God though He might have been calling me. All my intension, at the first time, to study the Bible was that I would know more the Word of God so that I might be a better help to my Dad in his Church. However, the Lord had a greater purpose for me. During my 2nd year, I began to hear the call of God as I studied the Word, but I ignored. The Lord account (Continue at the back page, please).

2. Please write your personal doctrinal statement.

- 1. The Bible (66) is the inspired Word of God and is the ONLY and final authority for human conduct.
- 2. There is one and only one living and true God; that in the unity of the God-head there are three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection.
- 3. We believe in the Genesis account of creation that man was created in God's own image and after His own likeness.
- 4. Jesus Christ is true God and true man.
- 5. Salvation comes to man only by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.
- 6. Jesus Christ rose bodily from the grave, and is interceding to the Father for us.
- 7. Believers in Christ are members of the local Church which is His body.
- 8. Baptism by immersion and the Lord's Supper are the ordinances of the Church.
- 9. Every believer is eternally secured being "kept by the power of God."

3. Please write a brief testimony of your wife.

(Below is the testimony of my wife, and I translated it.)

I was born on Feb. 6, 1980 in a pastor's family. My father became a pastor after retirement from military service.

My father always teach us on salvation but I could never grasp the assurance of salvation until I reached 16. I always get doubted on my salvation because I thought salvation is by faith plus good works, and I knew I was not good enough for God. On a Sunday morning of July, 1996, my father showed me verses of the Bible like-Rom.3:23; 6:23; Jn.3:16; Eph.2:8,9; 1Jn.5:10-13; Rom.10:9-10; etc., etc., and explained them to me. I amazingly began to understand those promeses of the Word of God, then I accepted the Lord Jesus as my personal Savior and Lord.

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After I got saved, I began to have a burden to serve the Lord in any way I could. So I went a seminar of Sunday School Teachers' Training course that lasted for 3 months. Not long after I finished the course, my husband and I met and got married after a year on Dec. 9, 2000.

It is my joy and privilege to be a help to my husband and be apart of the ministry that God has entrusted to my husband. I pray that the Lord will use both of us effectively in winning the lost to Christ and for the furtherence of the gospel to the whole country of Myanmar. My prayer also is that the Lord will use us to help the poor children and orphans who are desperately in need of help, for the glory of God.

The Lord continue to speak into my heart. I kept on thinking the lost souls in Myanmar even on bed time. I began to realize how many people died in just a second without Christ. The Lord told me that it is my job to tell them of the Good News before they die. If I don't tell them He will require their blood into my hand (Ezekiel 33:8,9).

On my third year in Bible college, we had an Annual Missions Conference that lasted for 3 days. On Sunday night which was the last night, the guest speaker preached about mission and challenged us to surrender into fulltime ministry. The Lord stired my heart and melted. At the invitation I went down to the isle with tears and said, "Lord, I know clearly now that you want me to GO. Here I am Lord, send me!" I surrendered my whole being to the Lord for His ministry. The Lord put a burden into my heart especially on planting churches in Myanmar and bring the lost souls to the body of Christ where they can grow fruitfully for the Lord.

Now, as I have began to start a Church, we always encounter with children and orphans who could not go to school because their parents could not afford for the expenses. As a result either they become theives or monks and stay in a monastry where their souls get lost from the Lord forever. My heart is broke when these children or their parents asked me if I can support them for their education because I myself could not to do so. I took one orphan for myself and let him go to school. He got saved just 3 months ago. He will never depart from the truth of God in his life again (Prov.22:6), but to grow in the knowledge and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. My prayer is that the Lord opens up a door for us, as a Church, to support more orphans and children so that they not only find education they need for life, but also find the Lord they need for eternity. And, the Lord will be glorified.

4. List your monthly needs and costs. 1. 2 houses rental (for Church use and family use)
5. Do you have any monthly income, and if so, how much?
Yes, I have. My sending Church supprts with P 3000.00 (\$60) per month.
6. Are you employed by a denomination? (Do you receive a salary from a denomination?)
No.
7. Do you work any other jobs, and if so, what are they? How many hours do they require each week?
No.
8. Please check the types of ministries you are regularly involved in:
✓ church planting ✓ discipleship Bible school teacher Bible translator radio preacher ✓ open air evangelism film team ✓ evangelism ✓ childrens ministry ✓ tribal evangelism slum ministries leper ministries ✓ literature distribution prison ministries other (explain)
9. Are you actively and consistently involved in training others for the ministry?
Yes.
10. What are the names of preachers that you have trained? Where do they serve? 1) Bro. Zechariah Run Tin Cheu- Independent Baptist Church. 2) Bro. Aung Aung-IBC. 3) Bro. Maung Maung-IBC. 4) Bro. Hung Ling- Ebenezer Baptist Church (our mission Church).
11. Where did you attend Bible school? Who trained you for the ministry?
I attended at Asia Baptist Bible College in Manila, Philippines. I was trained for the ministry by Dr. J. Boyd Lyons, the pastor of Baptist Bible Church and the principal of the college.
12. What ministries have you been involved with in the past and where were they?
AWANA, S.S.Extension Class, Home Bible Study, Good News Club: Manila, Philippines Assistant pastor: Kale Myo, Myanmar. 13. How many churches have you started?
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One Church, and two mission churches.

14. What are their names? Where are they located?

- 1. Independent Baptist Church Ward 7, Shew Phy Thar, Yangon.
- 2. Ebenezer Baptist Church Sabe 4th street, Shew Phy Thar, Yangon.
- 3. Independent Baptist Mission Thauh Chian, Yangon.
 Additional to these above, our Church is also helping Varpui Baptist Church in Varpui, Kale Myo.

15. What countries do you serve in and what tribal groups do you work with?

Myanmar (Burma)

We are primarily working with the dominant Burmese people, but our goal is to reach every trib in the country.

16. How many languages do you speak and what are they?

- Burmese
 English
 Tagalog (about 35%)
 Lu Shai (Mizo)
 Tiddim
 Falam
- 17. How many souls have you led to Christ in your life? Abbut 300 souls. How many have you baptized in your life? 9

18. Do you work alone or with other preachers? Give details.

I was commissioned and sent by the Baptist Bible Church in Manila. So I serve the Lord through the authority given to me by that Church. I am their sending missionary, but we are a local independent (self governing) as a Church.

19. Are all your children Christians and have they been baptized? If not, please explain.

Not yet. Because my baby is only 3 months old and is not in the stage of knowing what's being born again.

20. What is your house made of and how many rooms does it have?

I have no house.

21. What are your favorite foods?

Burmese food, Chinese food, American food.

22. Describe a typical daily schedule.

- * Get up at 6:00am and pray. Go to bathroom, do necessary cleaning. Read my Bible about 3 chapters and pray.
- * Eat breakfast between 8:00 to 9:00am. Go visitation for 2 hours. Carry on things need to be done whether for Church, family, or social relations.
- * Eat lunch at 12:00. Fellowshiping with my family and rest for a while.
- * At about 2:00pm, study the Bible or prepare a sermon for about one and one half hours; then pray.
- * At 4:00pm, make some physical exercises or make some necessary household keeping. Then take a little rest; watch TV; take a bath.
- * Eat supper at 6:30pm. Have fellowship with my family.
- * At 7:30-8:00pm, have a family devotion and prayer time. Then watch the news at 8:00pm.
- * After the news, continue to study the Word or prepare a sermon until 11pm. Then pray and go to bed.

23. Describe your wife's typical daily schedule.

Gets up at 6am and pray. Goes to the bathroom. She takes care of the baby and a sister cooks the meal. While the baby is asleep, she reads the Bible and pray; and keeps the house in order. She is there when I need help. She prepares my dresses, puts Bible, tracts, umbrela, handkerchief, etc., all together in my visitation bag before I go out to visit. Goes to bed at 10:30pm.

24. Do you grow your own food or do you purchase it?

I purchase it because I have no time to grow food for my own.

25. Though you will not be employed by FINAL FRONTIERS, will you be willing to acknowledge (when asked in person or in writing) that you receive support from us?

Yes.

FINAL NOTES:

Remember that we will use the information you give us to write a short biography about your family and ministry. The more detailed information we have, the better. Also, we will need four to five photos of your ministry (including one of your family). Such information will help us, not only in finding a sponsor for you, but also for other men around the world who need help. When sending photos, please remember to always write an explanation on the back side of the picture.

Funds will be sent to you (once approved and having found a sponsor) on a quarterly basis. If your report has not arrived at our office by that time, your support will be suspended until we receive your letter or quarterly report. If political or geographic barriers prohibit you from mailing quarterly reports, exceptions can be made. However, we must receive information as often as possible to be accountable to the donors.

If you would like to give us other information than what was asked for, you may do so.

Please pray for us daily that God will equip us find sponsors for men like yourself, in need around the world.

Our Church offerings and tithes could never meet the needs of our Church which is the primary reason why I need your support. We need support for our missionaries and Church workers. My preacher boy, Maung Maung, needs to study piano and the cost is \$40 a month. Please pray also for a Church property for us.

Tanks, and God bless.

This application was translated by: Pastor Vel Za Siama

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