

## Karen Fundraising Letter

Greetings,

We have received recent messages from the Kawthoolei Karen Baptist Bible School and College (KKBBSC) and the Kawthoolei Karen Baptist Churches (KKBC) asking for help from the Karen churches in America and those interested in the Karen.

First, there is an urgent need to help Saw Winber pay for his studies at the Seminary in Nagaland, India that has had such a long relationship with the KKBBSC. Saw Winber is a Karen and a graduate of the KKBBSC. He wants to complete his Masters degree in India, then return to the KKBBSC to help teach and share his knowledge. It was thought he had a scholarship but that arrangement fell through. Saw Winber is already in India and needs financial help urgently. There is an immediate need for 20,000 Thai Baht (\$600.00 US) for a notebook computer, a requirement of the seminary. For the regular school and living expenses, the Friends of Burma can provide some help, but there is still a need for an additional \$2,500 US per year. For more information or to make a contribution, contact Neil Sowards at [neildianasowards@juno.com](mailto:neildianasowards@juno.com).

The second request came in the name of the KKBC from Thra Teetoh. On October 6 – 9, the KKBC met and learned of the needs, particularly of the people living in the Klerlwehtoo and Mutraw Districts inside Burma. The local church leaders report that thousands of Karen are short on food. The food shortage is caused because of the cruel treatment of government soldiers. Many of villagers' rice stores have been burned by the army. The second cause of the food shortage is that rats and locusts have destroyed many paddy fields. Unless they receive help, they may face starvation. To solve the problem, the KKBC is asking for help from the Karen churches in the US. Any contribution, larger or small will be greatly appreciated. The money will be distributed by the Internal Relief Committee of the KKBC. You can contact Thra Teetoh for more information at [karenteetoh@yahoo.com](mailto:karenteetoh@yahoo.com).