



Meet Your Child

July 2018

Personal Information

Julia (name changed) is a twelve-year old girl who is in grade five. She attends Dekkone High School in Yangon. She would like to be a singer when she grows up. She enjoys playing badminton and her favorite subjects in school are mathematics and Burmese. She has one brother (U Nok Tun). Zin's father is a farmer who lives in the northern part of Myanmar. Her parents work very hard to provide for their family but the family's farm is not sufficient to provide for the family. There is also no high school in her village. She traveled four days by foot, river and bus to reach Yangon.

Your prayers and monthly sponsorship will help provide Julia with food, housing, clothes, a school uniform, school fees, books and a Bible. She is an excellent student. Please pray for her studies and that she will grow in the fear of the Lord.



Saramati Hall 2

Child Code: BUR-SHH-2-9

Name:	Julia
Gender:	Female
Age:	12
Grade:	5
Country:	Myanmar
Languages:	Nagamese, Burmese
Ambition:	Singer

Sponsor:

Community and Project Information- History of Saramati Hall I and Saramati II

□ Saramati Hall I began by faith in 2012 with three children. Our contacts (a husband and wife team) began praying about educating and discipling a few Naga children who Lord willing would later become leaders in their villages. Against all odds, many enormous challenges and with faith in God they began Saramati Hall I. They now have eleven children (representing six different tribes) living at their home in Insein Township in Yangon. These children are from the far away Naga Hills. In May 2018, ten more children arrived to move into Saramati 2. This home still needs to be finished and funds are needed to complete the home (bathrooms, kitchen, water tank, septic tank, and beds). Presently there are 11 children in SH-I and 10 children in SH-II plus 2 wardens. So, there are total 23 of them comprised of various sub-tribes of the Naga such as Konyak, Maguri, Thangkhul, Tangshang, Machen, Lainawng, Solo, Khamiungan.

□ Nagas are a tribal people group inhabiting northwest Myanmar spread out between Kachin State and Sagaing Division. In India, they are found in Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Assam and present Nagaland states.

Their land has been used by various Insurgencies for hideouts by which fact the government of Burma neglected them. The first American missionaries came to present Nagaland state in India 150 years ago. Until then the Nagas people were all animists. It is taking a long time to spread Christianity among the Nagas due to lack of education, communication systems, and different sub tribal dialects. There are nearly forty Naga villages where the Gospel has not yet been preached. Saramati is the name of the highest mountain shared by both India Nagaland and Myanmar Naga hills. Our contact's vision and prayer is that the Nagas will aim very high and be the highest mountain that cannot be hidden for the sake of Christ; that they will be recognized and appreciated by all and that the children will grow in stature, wisdom and the fear of the Lord.

□ After hearing of Saramati Hall 1 and 2 many of the Naga people are now interested in sending their children to a Christian boarding home but they cannot pay for their food and lodging. Your monthly support helps to provide shelter, food, clothing, school fees and a Bible for these children. We praise the Lord for a place where these children can come to grow and learn. At Saramati Hall these children are being educated while being taught the Word of God and shown the love of Jesus. Thank you for helping to bring the hope of our Savior Jesus Christ to these dear children!



Country Information- Myanmar

Myanmar is located in Southeastern Asia between Bangladesh and Thailand, and has a population of about 56 million, all occupying an area slightly smaller than Texas. Its climate is that of a tropical monsoon; cloudy, rainy, hot and humid summers from June to September and lower humidity and milder temperatures from December to April. It remains **the poorest country in Southeast Asia** and among the **fifty poorest countries in the world**. On top of the difficulties associated with poverty, the country has been **plagued with civil war** for almost thirty years. The military government, which was in power until the 2015 election, has a record of widespread human rights abuses and genocide against the ethnic tribes.

Over half a million people have been killed in the conflict, and over two million have fled the country. Many have re-settled in other countries, including the United States of America. However, there are still approximately 200,000 in refugee camps along the Thai-Burma border and in refugee camps in Kachin State. This contributes to the poverty in the country.

Education is only mandatory until the second grade. That, combined with widespread poverty, has made it difficult for most people to receive any formal education. Children's Homes become necessary to support children who have been orphaned, and also to support children in deep poverty who have no way to receive a formal education.

VBB has been encouraging people to pray for the people of Myanmar for many years. God is moving and we are seeing changes in answer to those prayers. In November 2015, in historic elections, the people overwhelmingly voted for freedom and democracy. It is too soon to know what the results of all of it will be, but we are grateful that change is coming to the country! Please continue to pray for the nation of Myanmar. Pray God will protect His people there, that He will move on their behalf and there will be a peaceful transition to a Godly government that will respect the rights of all the people. See <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/35910.htm> and <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/bm.html> for more information on how to pray for the people of Burma.



Thank you for your prayers and support for the children of Saramati Hall 1 and 2. For more information on more Vision for Children projects at Vision Beyond Borders, please contact Rebecca Haffey at children@visionbeyondborders.org. God bless you!