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## 6.8 EARTHQUAKE STRIKES BURMA

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*(This article came from three emails Tasanee sent over four days)*

A village named Thalae, about 50 KM from Tachileik the border of Thai- Burma is terribly damaged. At least 10 people died from landslide and building collapsed. Some are missing and hundreds are injured. A pastor named Trangjang Joshua from Tachileik is killed at his home. His wife and 3 children are at the hospital, with hundreds of injured.

Uncle Aram, our fellow servant at Tachileik said that the villagers are in need of emergency help. The government officer just come and see but do nothing. People are very poor.

The transportation and communications are difficult. Six major villages are effected. We have reached 4 villages. Many Christian brothers and sisters were killed and effected.

The victims are in urgent need of temporary shelters, food and drink, bed supplies, clothes and medications for injury. The news media reported that 150 bodies found and 240 houses destroyed. But as I have seen with my eyes, the lost and damaged must be much more than that.

Today we distributed some basic relief supplies to Jakhuny villagers. The village is located about 70 KM from Tachileik the border of Thai- Myanmar. About 140 families are effected by the earthquake.

24 people are killed. 21 out 24 are Christian youths. They all killed at the same Church building while doing youth camp. Over 50 injury are at hospital. Hundreds of injury people at hospital also in bad condition.



**This young mother lost two daughters—ages seven and 10 months.**



**A destroyed church building. More than 20 Christian young people were attending a service there and were killed when the building collapsed.**

## Partnership with Myanmar Christian Leaders Makes Disaster Response Possible

*"I don't plan on having anything to do with going to bring relief to Southern Shan state as this area is OFF LIMITS to foreigners."*  
An American missionary living in SE Asia



**The woman in the white shirt is Tasanee. She has taken leadership roles in disaster relief coordination.**

When Americans are "in charge," of what needs to be done, we often find there are many areas where we cannot go, as this young missionary has learned. The best intentions of the foreign missionary may be unrealized because of various barriers—political, language and culture. But when we work with trusted partners within Burma, we can be ready to serve effectively anywhere in the country.

The model of Asian Children's Mission is to find and support trusted leaders within Burma. They are free to travel within their own country, and are highly effective in evangelism, relief and development projects. These leaders sometimes must risk their lives to go serve in disaster areas, or even in areas that are resistant to the Gospel.