

## COATS



## Scott & Tan Coats

### MYANMAR & THAILAND

#### LANGUAGES

Thai  
English  
Burmese  
Shan  
Akha  
Lahu and more

#### MINISTRY PRIORITIES

Abolishing Global Slavery,  
Education,  
Training and Capacity  
Building

#### BIRTHDAYS

Aphiwan 2/16  
Scott 8/22



#### LOCATION

Myanmar & Thailand



#### ABOUT

In association with Hope International Development Agency, TAN (Aphiwan) and SCOTT support Thai and Burmese nationals in their own ministries. As residents of Chiang Rai, Thailand, they seek to bring spiritual transformation, social change, and economic development to the ethnic minority peoples who inhabit

the hills of Northern Thailand, the East Shan State of Myanmar (Burma), and other neighboring countries. As a result of recent events in Myanmar, the Coats are also significantly involved in relief work across the border.



The Thai Karen community of faith are joining hands to help those in need on the Myanmar side. Here a Thai Karen church leader visits and encourages a woman and her children living in a temporary shelter in the forests of Karen State.

## “ MINISTRY STORY

In the midst of crisis, the community of faith has come together to respond over and over again throughout history. The crisis that has come about in Myanmar (Burma) since the military took control of the government in early 2021 has seen people of faith all over the world step in to help. Among the Karen, churches in the hills throughout Northern Thailand have loaded up pick-up trucks with rice, salt, dried soup, clothing, blankets, mosquito nets, and much more which their members have donated, and they have driven the three to ten hours to the border to distribute to those in need on the Myanmar side of the border.

Once delivered to the other side, which sometimes is very difficult, a network of pastors and church leaders have been distributing the goods to those in need. In many areas in the Karen and Kayah States, local Christians have taken in those who have fled persecution, so that they have a place to live. It is a time of great tribulation in the lives of many in Myanmar and the local believers have

been responding with an outpouring of compassion and care. When we see what local people like the Karen in Thailand and Myanmar are doing to help others, let us be encouraged to join the family of faith to respond with our resources, even when it may seem limited. Together we can make a difference in people's lives.

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that God will open our hearts and minds to find ways to care for those in need near and far.

Pray that people's hearts in Myanmar will be turned toward Jesus, and a great revival will take place during this time of crisis.

Pray that God's hand will be on the powers that be to bring peaceful social and political transformation in Myanmar.

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## SCRIPTURE

*“And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?”*

Esther 4:14b (NIV)