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government institutions, and she used Chinese at home and church. Lilian says of herself that she “learned about the conflict of different cultures and also learned to appreciate the differences.” Many of the students at TBTI are from Myanmar and she comprehends their situation.

students in the classroom. The Kwoks thank the Lord for the churches in Myanmar that are willing to generously receive TBTI students in their locations where there is more stable Internet and electricity.

Prayer requests include the TBTI students, especially those in Myanmar. May they have the perseverance to continue their studies online and not be led into any temptation. With a second wave of the pandemic, the people of Myanmar not only face physical challenges, but the economy, education, and food supplies are affected. February’s military coup in the country added additional strain. Pray for God’s provision for CBM’s mission partners in Myanmar: the Zheng Zhu student centre and the Lahu mission project which seeks to share the gospel in remote villages. While Lilian will continue under the Kwoks’ supervision as they relocate from TBTI to Toronto this month, she will be the active support person for the ministries in the Golden Triangle. This is a prayer for Lilian, adapted from Hebrews 13:20–21 (NIV): *Now may the God of peace ... equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in you, Lilian, and us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*



In July of 2019, Lilian Yang was appointed as a national field staff member with Canadian Baptist Ministries to serve alongside Conrad and Fiona Kwok in the Golden Triangle region of Thailand. With the support of her husband and daughter, she took on a full ministry load of teaching at Thailand Bethel Theological Institute (TBTI), teaching at Grace Disciple Training Center (in Burmese, the language of Myanmar), and serving in some of the local churches by preaching and leading Bible studies in Chinese.

Hearing God’s call to ministry, she studied in Myanmar to earn a BA, majoring in English. The Lord opened the door to study in Malaysia at the Baptist Theological Seminary where she received a Bachelor of Theology and a master’s degree with a major in pastoral ministry. Following that, she received a Master of Divinity degree from China Evangelical Seminary in Taiwan. “In your heart you plan your life. But the LORD decides where your steps will take you” (Proverbs 16:9, NIRV).

In early 2020, COVID-19 brought many changes to the Golden Triangle, especially when the Thai-Myanmar border was closed. As they were able, churches moved to Sunday worship online, and a new model of pastoring and teaching began. CBM’s field workers continued in their personal spiritual growth. Can you recognize some of these challenges faced in Lilian’s family, from their testimony of two adults working from home? “We needed more effort to manage our daily lives, like setting boundaries between family members, managing our timetable and managing a good relationship with each other and with God. ...We have also learned how important the Word of God and His Holy Spirit are in guiding us in our daily lives.”

Lilian was born into a Christian Chinese family in Myanmar. About six per cent of the population of the country adheres to the Christian faith. From her youth, God prepared her to be a multilingual servant. The Shan language was spoken in the community, Burmese in school and



Asia’s Golden Triangle region covers approximately 950,000 square kilometres where the Thailand, Myanmar, and Laos borders meet at the confluence of two rivers.

By July, some church ministry resumed, with limited attendance. Lilian continues with recording a daily devotional for those who are unable to attend church. The new semester at TBTI had to be taught with 20 students online and only 4



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