



Light of the World Ministries, Inc.
LIGHT OF THE WORLD BALLET

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Shwedagon Pagoda – largest Buddhist temple
in the world is located in Yangon.

LIGHT OF THE WORLD BALLET was invited to minister to the Christian orphanages of Burma (Myanmar) and to present the Gospel wherever we went. We were blessed to see about 25 people raise their hands to receive Christ. We were primarily in Yangon, the largest city.

Monks are a common sight in Yangon.



Burma has a population of 155 million, mostly all Buddhist. Once a prosperous nation, its history is riddled by continuous civil wars. Only until the last 2 years its government is working toward democracy and welcoming foreigners to their land. The USA has recently lifted sanctions held against Burma because of their mistreatment against their own people.



The LW Ballet team was excited to come to this country at such a significant time in Burma's history and on the heels of our US President's visit there. Things are beginning to change for the better in Burma. There is, however, still persecution toward Christians and their getting government jobs or land to build churches. Christians attend home churches.



We were able to perform at and visit 8 orphanages totaling 700 children and also 250 adult bible students. Plus we danced for a Burmese Minister's Marriage Conference and a Children's Disability Home of 200.

Our hosts (above) were missionaries Mike and Kathy Fisher of *East West Ministries, International, Plano, TX* who through Karyn Jordan and her daughter Isabella, friends of our ministry, asked us to come to Burma for the orphans.



The orphans greeted LWBALLET with flowers, signs and huge hugs. The orphans would carry our bags, grabbed our hands or wrapped themselves around our waists. We danced often in the hot sun on the dirt in front of their orphanage. Their homes were simple. Mosquito netting was over their beds. The orphans were well-taken care of and joyful.



LWBALLET performed their children's ballet "YOU ARE SPECIAL" based on the book by Max Lucado plus other dance selections. We have taken "YOU ARE SPECIAL" to other countries, always with great response. The audiences cheered and clapped all through the program!! We taught them dance steps then danced and "played" together. The little girls put Burmese make-up on us!

The orphans also performed for us at each orphanage. They sang songs or worshipped with such passion as shown at right. We had a lot of opportunity to interact with the children who were ages 4- 18, plus with the adult bible students.



God is faithful on our missions in particular when we hit a roadblock – this time the power went out during a performance and we were told it could be out for hours. We commanded the power to go on in Jesus' name – and it did! We can add that to our list of "mission miracles."



Dave, (making his debut as Eli in "You Are Special"), gave the **salvation message** at each orphanage. Neighbors, staff and by-standers were also there. At one program a group of adult Buddhists, neighbors of the orphanage, listened to the message and prayed to receive Christ as Savior!



We are thankful for all your prayers and interest in Burma. We can feel your prayers when we are there.

We are grateful for the salvation of those 25 and our time with the precious orphans. May God bless the people of Burma.



In the Light of Jesus,

**Dave and Pat Rollinson, Mission Leaders
Ashley Rollinson, Performance Director**

