

THE DELANEY FOCUS

Many people are focused on experiencing the 2024 Solar Eclipse. Here are five facts about the eclipse. (1) It has been seven years since the last total solar eclipse occurred in the continental USA. (2) A solar eclipse requires the alignment of the sun, moon, and earth. (3) The event only occurs at New Moon. (4) Solar eclipses do not occur at every New Moon. (5) Eclipse totalities differ in length.

I will be in Nashville on April 8, where the eclipse will only reach 95%. However, only one hundred percent totality reveals the complete phenomena, including the diamond ring, the glorious corona of the Sun, stars in the daytime, and the reaction of wildlife. What a mighty God we serve!

FIELD FOCUS

On February 1, 2021, the Myanmar government experienced a military coup. In the past month, the military junta enacted compulsory military conscription. Under this law, men between ages 18-45 and women between ages 18-35 can be drafted into the armed forces for two years. As a result, many young people are fleeing the country.

In February 2012, I was handed blueprints for a proposed seminary building for the ministry of Dr. Neng Thang. This project will soon be completed. Please pray for classes to resume in the new facility at the beginning of the next semester.



Seminary - Main Building



Girls' Dormitory



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Library

FAMILY FOCUS

Our daughter Julia and her husband Nate Jones eagerly anticipate the birth of twins. Although the twins are due in May, Julia might deliver earlier. Please pray for God's protection of Julia and the twins. Daniel's wife, Marlana, is also due in May. This will be their second child and we want to help their family as well. Please pray for God's perfect timing and wisdom as Mary and I strive to support our children and their young families.

On the evening of March 11, Mary broke the fifth metatarsal bone in her left foot. After five hours in the ER, Mary went home in a boot. An Orthopedic surgeon calmed our hearts with the assurance that Mary would not need surgery. However, Mary must wear the boot for six weeks. Please pray for Mary's foot to completely heal without complications.

FUTURE FOCUS

Our annual BWM Spring Board meeting will occur April 8-9, at Nolensville Road Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee. Five units are coming for appointment, including three singles and two couples. Please pray for more laborers to be added to our missionary family.

From April 21-26, the BWM directors and administrators will return to Southland Ministries in Ringgold, Louisiana, for our annual Orientation week. This is an essential time of instruction for our first- and second-year missionaries on deputation. Pray for a mutually edifying week for everyone involved.

As I close, Mary and I look forward to spending Easter with our children living in Indianapolis. While we focus on the empty tomb, please pray for our missionary families who are striving to convey the hope of the Gospel to the regions beyond.

Faithfully yours,

Pat and Mary Delaney

