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A Reason to Live

Adventist World Radio (AWR)

1 Corinthians 15:58—“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.”

Aung Ko may seem to be an unlikely church leader. He has been blind since childhood. He admits that he has attempted suicide several times. But he is also a living witness to the power of Jesus that finds people in their weakest hour and lifts them out of despair.

Aung Ko was born into a very devout Buddhist family. At the age of seven, he began to suffer from a disease in one of his eyes. Despite his anguish, his parents couldn't afford to take him to a clinic, and the other eye became also infected. Aung Ko's condition worsened until, as a teenager, he became completely blind. After seventh grade, he was unable to continue his studies.

One day, when Aung Ko was almost 30 years old, a Christian evangelist came to his village and started talking to people about Jesus. As a result of the preacher's messages, Aung Ko and his family were baptized into a Christian church. Since Aung Ko couldn't read books to learn more about Jesus, he turned to audio sources for information. That search led him to Adventist World Radio (AWR).

“It didn't take long for me to start loving the radio programs,” said Aung Ko. “Only the radio could bring me solace. I took notes of the broadcast schedule and listened to the radio every day, which I continue to do even today. Before, I didn't know who God was, but now I know Him, thanks to the radio.”

As his knowledge about God grew, Aung Ko decided he should share what he was listening to, so he called his neighbors and formed a small group, which soon began to meet regularly. He began to focus even more on the radio programs, doing his best to capture every detail.

With his easygoing ways, Aung Ko has become a popular speaker and respected leader. He founded a community service group, the Golden Eagle Handicap Foundation, which helps people in need around the community.

“I am very happy that I have come to know God and the truth of the Sabbath,” said Aung Ko. “Without the message that the radio taught me, my life would make no sense.”

Appeal: Today's offering is for Adventist World Radio. AWR currently broadcasts in more than a hundred languages. Your offerings will help support and expand this evangelistic work. Pray for this ministry and contribute with your regular offerings.

