

Dear Palestine,

I've heard that Palestine people is brave freedom fighter. But I don't know where and who Palestine was, until I come here. All of my brothers and uncles were freedom fighter too. After the English rulers gave us freedom, our land was sieged by the Burmese. And the war has been going on long before I was born. I understand and feel the freedom well, and that is why I choose to walk to Thailand.

In Keng Tung Shan state of Burma, where I came from, there was nothing for me to do. Most of young women in the village also escape to Thailand. My mother help me pack rice and wrap around my belly, a milk can to cook rice, matches and dry chilly. There were four of us in my group. My mother told me to leave at night and don't say to anybody even my father.

I really don't understand, but I know if Burmese soldier comes, they will take our women to make their wives, or they may kill us. So we left quietly at night, we walk in the forest along the road heading east to Thailand.

We walked in forest two days and two nights, we could not sleep long, only stop to cook rice and eat and rest alittle as we have to arrive the next town in the third morning, where I met a man who gave me a ride on his motorcycle to the border. He talked to Burmese soldiers at many check point and paid them along the way. I owe him my life, and money. He also gave me a name of a lady I would meet across the border, whom I would work for – my lady master, in her “women's house”. He told me I can pay him back, by giving some money to the lady master, when I can.

You see, I am very lucky person, and always meet kind people, who are good to me. And here I am from Thailand on a plane to Israel and then here to the land of Palestine. With the help of this very kind people, who must have risk his life and spend a lot of money to bring me here to Bethlehem of and to you, my new master.

My life is always lucky, though I don't know how much money I am in dept to these people and this gentleman, who give me my new life in Bethlehem. I must pay back to all these very kind people.

I also thanks Palestine for allowing me in.

Sincerely Yours,

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