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Dear Friend of Cetana and Myanmar Youth,

We write to ask for your support for the Dickason-Young Family Scholarship. The U.S. and Myanmar Cetana boards launched this initiative on July 1 of this year. The scholarship honors the commitment to Myanmar of Bertha and Frederick Dickason, and the Dickason children—David, Jean, and Lois—and Lois's husband, Jack Young, who founded Cetana almost 30 years ago. From the beginning, the foundation's mission was to provide educational opportunities to the country's young people. That mission is as relevant today as ever. The scholarship will provide full support to two Myanmar students annually to study in Thailand for a master's degree in pursuit of a teaching career.

We have witnessed in the last 18 months enormous economic and political setbacks in Myanmar. The devastation is both broad and profoundly personal, especially for young people who saw the progress of the last decade erased in a single day. The educational system has been decimated. Children have had their dreams of the future dashed by violence and turmoil, and countless young adults who were planning careers have had to suspend their studies.

And yet, they continue to hope. As one student wrote to us, "Although the world may say 'No,' I won't give up. I will always try to reach my goals and make my dreams possible."

The quiet courage and unbroken spirit of these students inspire us. With their will and perseverance, progress toward democratic reform will eventually resume in Myanmar. In the meantime, it's essential that we continue to develop the talent and leadership skills of the next generation.

Won't you help these students now during this very painful chapter in Myanmar's history? Every dollar of your gift will directly support this scholarship program. Your generosity will enable Cetana to help young people for many years to come, regardless of the challenges of a particular moment in time.

We are deeply grateful for your loyal support.



Susan C. Jennings, copresident on behalf of the Cetana board