

## YEAR END APPEAL

November 20, 2023

Dear Friend of Cetana,

Cetana will soon celebrate the successful completion of our first two Dickason-Young Family scholars' master's degrees. Both scholars will finish their programs in the next six months.

"John" received his department's outstanding student award in September and will present his independent study results and take his comprehensive exams in March. Beginning this December he will apply for English-language teaching jobs on the Myanmar-Thai border and with NGOs working on Myanmar.

"Chris" will finish next semester. His study has been focused on technology-assisted communication. He hopes eventually to receive a Ph.D. and become a teacher-trainer.

Myanmar youth like John and Chris who seek to continue their education face enormous challenges today. In addition to security concerns, there is limited opportunity within the country to undertake meaningful, high-quality post-secondary study. Limited financial resources have led to intense competition for scholarships to study abroad. One organization has reported a 400 percent surge in applications for scholarships for foreign study in Thailand. Cetana's scholarship program addresses this urgent demand. With your support the Dickason-Young scholars can fulfill their potential and acquire the skills they need to teach others. Education opens and frees minds, and an educated populace is a condition for a democratic and just society.

Cetana's scholarship committee will soon review applications for this year's scholarship grant cycle. As we enter this season of thanksgiving, we ask you to consider how you might support the deserving and determined youth of Myanmar. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a difference. Your help changes lives.

If you have made a recent donation to Cetana, you have our deepest gratitude. If you have not yet had a chance to make a gift, please consider one now. **Because our board's support covers all foundation administrative costs, every dollar goes directly to this scholarship.** 

With gratitude, Susan C. Jennings and Lois D. Young

How you can help Myanmar youth during this critical time: To donate online: cetana.org/donate

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