



## **Prayer of Peace: Relief and Resistance in Burma's War Zones**

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The recent horrific typhoon which struck Myanmar in Southeast Asia focused the world's attention on the incredibly callous military dictatorship currently in control of the country formerly known as Burma. The scenario of a cruel autocrat backed by a well-equipped modern army attempting to eradicate an ethnic group inside his country which opposed his rise to power is all too familiar both historically and today. The independent producer of this moving documentary portrays the plight of the native Karen people as they are pursued throughout the region's largest country in an effort to document the many charges against the ruling junta. Interviews with soft-spoken refugees about their endangerment include English subtitles along with a well-paced, smooth narration to pointedly illustrate their perilous predicament. The assistance provided the potential victims of genocide by outside agencies and their own Free Burma Rangers fighting force is emphasized. The film's six chapters are also available individually on the DVD. Bonus features include a short film, *This Is My Home*, by the same producer documenting the country's dilemma and the human rights violations leveled against the country's leaders; the complete program in the native language of the Karen, which will hopefully be a source of inspiration for them; and a lesson plan/guidebook which includes a list of Web sites offering current information about this heartrending holocaust in the making.

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