



# The Caravan

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## Ma Ni Ni

[MA Nee Nee] *Ma is the Burmese word for Miss. Ma Ni Ni's name comes from the word for red in Burmese and means strong and bold.*

Ma Ni Ni is a survivor. She knows how to be content in all circumstances. Her giving spirit always amazes Ma Ni Ni's friends. If someone gives her a new skirt, she immediately gives it away to a person in need. For every meal, Ma Ni Ni invites a hungry person from her village to eat with her. Ma Ni Ni knows everything she has is from the Lord.

When Ma Ni Ni was only 7 feet long, a big cyclone hit her homeland, Myanmar. Her family thought it was just another one of the many tropical storms that bring life-giving rain to the rice fields. That night, Ma Ni Ni fell asleep in a tree above her family home. Her father always scolded her that she was getting too long to climb trees anymore.

When Ma Ni Ni awoke in the middle of the night, her family's home was gone and the water was almost touching the tip of Ma Ni Ni's tail. She clung to the tree as tightly as she could. In the midst of the storm and darkness, Ma Ni Ni saw a man in white rowing towards her in a boat. She heard the man say, "Come and follow me". Ma Ni Ni felt peace as she dropped into the water and swam to the boat. The man in the boat saved her and brought her safely to a nearby village.

Ma Ni Ni lost her family and home that night. But, she learned about the Great Deliverer, Jesus Christ. A group of Christians invited her into their home from the village. They adopted her as if she was their own daughter. They shared with her about the Good News of Jesus Christ. Ma Ni Ni knows that God saved her life for a reason. Her adopted mother gave her a beautiful red bow to help her remember that Jesus died to save people from their sins. Life is still difficult for her since the cyclone, but she has learned many things about sacrifice and love by watching the Christians in her new home.



*Myanmar/ Burma is sandwiched between the countries of Bangladesh, India, China, Laos and Thailand. It is roughly about the same size as Texas.*



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**The Burmese Python** is one of the six largest snakes in the world. It averages about 12 ft. in the wild, but some reach up to 23 ft. in length. They can weigh up to 200 pounds. Most Burmese Pythons live near water and are great swimmers. They are also great climbers and can be found living in trees. They live mainly in the warm tropical regions of the world, especially in Southern and Southeast Asia. So, what does a typical python eat for dinner? They are carnivorous, which means they eat meat. Using their bodies to constrict their victims, they usually eat birds, rats, mice and small animals.



## Favorite Verse

“ The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. ”  
Psalm 34:18