

Asia Christian Services UPDATE!

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Dear Friends of ACS, by Kent Odor, ACS Board Chairman

There is much happening for the gospel through the work of our Asian brothers and sisters on the other side of the world! ACS has dispersed funds to workers in Burma, Thailand, India and China in the first half of this year and the reports from the field are exciting as new territory has been gained for the kingdom of God. In an attempt to improve our communication to everyone about all God is doing, we are excited to announce our new website will open on June 22.

Look it over.... www.asiachristianservices.com Just type this address onto a Google search and it will come up for you.

As you explore this new website you will find in the blog section some current news and pictures from the field that will regularly be updated. It also has a donor opportunity for online giving and a list of current requested needs from our evangelists/ church planters and some needs for the schools and the students. We think it will be something that you can feel good to refer others to check out and take note of what God is doing through the workers in Asia.

I am also trying to include some news from the field in each month's donor statement and we have a goal in the future to produce 4 newsletters a year. We do have a good display for the NACC and ICOM and we will be available to personally answer Q and A from long time supporters and those newly interested who will be attendees to those large conventions. Come see us at **Booth Number: 443** and let's encourage each other.

At a recent Board of Directors meeting, we celebrated together the work that is going on in Asia and, it is amazing! In Burma, there are 12 functioning Bible Colleges and 32 multi-tribe evangelism committees that plant and support new churches and new evangelists. ACS is a key asset to the Kingdom of God in Burma as it shores up the expanding works of the Asians with their limited financial resources. It is our desire to perpetuate, encourage and intentionally support pioneering new works as we evolve into the future. According to all the reports we can uncover, there are at least 40 new tribes in Burma that have never heard the Gospel yet. This is a matter of prayer and strategic focus for our future. Burma has over 135 distinct tribes within its boundaries. And about 10% of the country is considered "Christian" by outside record keepers. That would include all denominations. But, at least 40 tribes have never yet heard the gospel! This will be a theme you will hear again and again as we move forward.

Speaking on behalf of the LaVerne Morse family and the Board of Directors, I am grateful for the faithful and significant support that has fueled this fantastic work for many years. Individuals, Churches and Agencies have all donated funds that have supported the salvation and discipling of hundreds of thousands in South East Asia. Thank you for demonstrably caring for those on the other side of the world. They all certainly matter to God and are waiting for a messenger to come bringing Good News.



News from the Field . . .

North Central Myanmar - Yohan Mana - Rawang - President - MBI

"MBI (Myanmar Bible Institute in Pyin-Oo-Lwin) had a good year (2014-2015). The classes ran well, and the students worked hard. There were 27 graduates on the graduation day.

We are in summer now in Myanmar. We are preparing for Summer Youth Camps. There are two teams this summer: one team will be led by Daniel to Naga hill, I will lead another team to Putao and Nongmung. Daniel's team holds "let the light shines," and my team "the living God" (Dan 6:26) as themes. We thank our faithful donors for providing the funds for this project. The camps will be held in the



A Team of Youth Camp

last part of March and the whole month of April. We all are excited about the camps and expected the great outcomes.

I have a different approach for youth camps this year. Special personal testimonies of Buddhist converts will be a big part of the program. Khun Zaw Oo, a Khamti Shan, will share how he has known Jesus, and he has led his brother, Khai Myo Htun, to Christ. He will also share how he has faced difficulties as a young Christian among his people. Of course, he will focus on "the living God," our theme. May the Lord bless you all. In the name of the Son of the Living God, Yohan Mana

Prayer Requests:

1. We still need our old land to get back from the government. The official inquiry has done twice.
2. We really need peace in Myanmar. Ethnic forces and government forces are fighting in the north and in the northeast. Peace talks cannot move forward.
3. All summer plans are being attached to MBI ministry: teaching, preaching, recruiting. We need God's guidance."

Northeast India - Nathaney Ngwazah – Lisu

Nathaney studied in the Chennai Bible Seminary located in southern India. He is a pioneer missionary beginning works in new unreached areas of Northeast India. There are over 100 languages spoken in his region. He is working with the refugee Chakma. He is trying to ensure that his work has enough resources to remain unhindered by his dependence on US funding. His request is for start up money to begin a self-supporting business to fund his ministry. This is his report... -KO



Nathaney

"I am very happy to send a few photos of the ministry we do here in Arunachal Pradesh, Northeast India. On 10th May 2015, the new church at Punyabhumi village was inaugurated. Now the villagers have a place to worship God. They were very much excited. The villagers collected bamboos for the wall. The rest of the needed materials were given by Community Church of Christ Miao.



Nathaney -- New Church

Many non-Christians of the village came for the inauguration, heard the gospel message and had wonderful fellowship lunch. The group photo in front of the church was taken after the rest of the villagers gone home. The Lord's ministry

is continuing as He blessed us to be a channel of His blessings. The following is our proposal for a project which will assist more in the ministry.

PROJECT: Cardamom Plantation

As you are aware of our financial status for all these years, it is our sincere hope that you will take concrete step after going through our proposal.

ACS supports for the Northeast Indian evangelists hardly covers our living-link due to shortage of funds. Whereas costs of essential commodities are increasing year after year, making us hard to manage our family needs. For this very reason we have decided to do cardamom plantation starting from this year, as this is one of the easiest ways to generate funds for the family needs and mission works. The production can be obtained from the third year of its plantation. The present market price for the product is Rs. 800/- per kilos.

Estimates:

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| 1. 5000 nursery plants @ | Rs.6/- | 5000x6= | Rs. 30,000 |
| 2. Transportation charges | Rs. 10,000 | | |
| 3. Forest clearances | Rs. 20,000 | | |
| Total - | Rs. 60,000/- | Equivalent to US \$ 1000 | |

*This estimate is for one family only. We request for **four families**, which means **four thousand dollars only**.*

1. Nathaney Ngwazah,
2. Stephen Fish,
3. Aphu Bamabas,
4. Caleb Yobin

We look forward to hear positive answers from your end. May our Lord Jesus richly bless you all."

News from Shan State ...

A church Planter named Peter and his wife moved into a very remote Lisu village. This area is so remote, the children have no government schools so the children and the adults are uneducated. The village is animistic and ancestor worship centered. -KO



Peter -- Baptism

This is the report...

"...I sent a good news that as Peter and his wife are trying their best in sharing the gospel among the Lisu ancestor worshipers, God doesn't fail to reward their labor. He is faithful. It is that last month, they got another two baptisms of new converts. Praise the Lord !

And also before, those Lisu ancestor worshipers didn't know the value of Christian marriage. So, the young people just eloped and lived together. But now through their teaching, they have come to know to value the Christian marriage. So, I also sent a picture of a couple of new converts'



Peter supervising a Christian Wedding

wedding which is led by Peter. Thank you very much for your prayer and support. God bless you."

News from Myitkyina ...

The Church of Christ is very strong in the Myitkyina area. This spring, the churches of Christ sponsored a large youth conference for the area and invited youth from denominational churches. The next generation of youth are a great concern to the church leaders because of the "western influence" that is coming into the country as Burma is opening itself up to the world. -KO

This is the report....

"...I went to teaching a youth conference of combined churches, Churches of Christ, Baptist churches and the churches Assembly of God of Myitkyina area. I took Caleb with as my companion. The youth conference was held for three days, from March 26 to 28 and there were totally 2038 youth coming to the conference.

We divided the youths in two groups, one group in church building and another group in the Church hall and we conducted the teaching. Through the Lord's grace, the youth conference was also more than successful. It was a place of encouragement, fellowship



Youth Conference 2

and unity for the youths from the difference churches. I was also requested for next year youth conference also by the committee of youth conference. I sent some pictures of the youth conference and my teachings. Thank you very much for your prayer and support. God bless you."



Youth Conference 1

**News from Northern Burma – Putao...
From Manasseh Fish**

Conferences for Women only are culturally new in Burma. Men and Women sit on separate sides of the building and if they are at a training conference, they occasionally might have a session for women only. To have a conference for several days for women only is the new thing. Ruth Fish is a very strong Women's teacher and a Pao but, she is married to Manassah, a Lisu. This invitation and event was so encouraging. - KO



Ruth and Cherry on the Mularshede Bridge

“Through the Lord’s grace, Ruth and Cherry, our youngest daughter were back home from Putao safely ... The first Christian Women seminar that Ruth conducted in Putao was at Mularshede village. It is the village where Mr. LaVerne and Mrs. Lois Morse once settled and shared the gospel among the native people of Lisu and Rewang. Before, it was also called Mular Di. The village is named after Mular river. Mular is the name of the river and Shede or Di means plain. It is also the most beautiful village because a river named Mular river is flowing beside the village and this river makes the village more beautiful. This river originated in the snow capped mountains in the north and so, its water is cold, clean and so pure. Nowadays, many tourists are coming to visit there as our country is more open. Thank God.

Ruth said there were over 200 women seminar at the seminar and since it was the first Christian Women seminar ever conducted in Putao and the women were so encouraged. Ruth was also asked by women with tear to come back in next year also. Ruth also loves to go back to them in next year also. Ruth said that her heart was melted when she saw them with tear when they departed one another at the end of the seminar. Ruth said she had two assistant teachers, one from Myitkyina and another in from Putao.

The Christian Women seminar at Mularshede was from March 16 to 20 and after that Ruth and her two friends went to teach another seminar at Marmishede village which is about 8 miles to the south of Mularshede village. Ruth said there were also over 150 women at the second seminar... Thank you very much for your prayer and support. God bless you.”



Ruth teaching at Mularshede Women's Seminar



Christian Women's Seminar

From the Eastern Shan State – the Thai/Burma Border – Simon Thaug – Lisu

Refugees are leaving Burma because of rebel and Government soldier conflicts in western Shan state and are gathering at the border.



Refugee Camp

Many unreached peoples have been displaced and as refugees they are hearing the Gospel for the first time. Here is a brief update on Evangelist training and new Refugee work....

“Dear Friends, We have well done Discipleship Seminar. My old professor Mike Flinchum came and taught Nehemiah Leadership... (Pray, Plan, Never Give up, WELL DONE among opposition and Get Eternal Reward..) Great Lesson.

These 22 Disciples go back to bear more fruits among hopeless Refugees.

- Ahphong MB is dedicated to serve the Lord at Trash Camp School. 99% are Buddhist Student and He will teach HISTORY OF ISRAEL, Begin from GENESIS... ADAM TO JESUS.
- Philip planted A new Christian Church at Waterfall village.
- John Fish planted a Church at Sandy Village.
- U Thong started a Church and School at 48 village. These are along the border.

Thanks your prayer support for us. We sow the seed, You water, put fertilizers... BUT GOD MAKES IT GROW. 1 Cor. 3:6-8. May God continue to bless you as you pray and be partner in expanding God's Kingdom among helpless refugees. Your fellow soldier, Simon”



Simon Conference 1



Simon Conference 2

A Summary of some regular ACS Mission needs

Our Asian Leader partnerships are the central part of the overall work. Some of our financial and personnel support is in Thailand, China and North East India but, Burma has remained a central hub. We facilitate leaders beyond the initial Lisu and Rawang to include many new tribes whose leaders are now in our network. We emphasize self-supporting works. ACS primarily supplements their work unless they are pioneering new areas and then we supply almost all their support.

A continual need - We send funds to scholarship Bible College students at \$15- \$20 a month for 10 months a year per student depending on the location. This covers room, board and books. This means a Bible College trained church planter's education is \$600-800 total for the four years of study. We feel there is not a more cost-effective mission dollar spent.



New School Year at TBC

An available need - Evangelists on about \$100 per month can establish a new self supporting church in a new un-reached village usually in 12-24 months. This means that a whole village can know eternity with Christ for an investment of about \$2400.

An annual request - Big building projects for a church, meeting house, or a Bible College building can often be funded from \$1,000- \$7,000 depending on the project and the location. We are so grateful to Ruth Morse Johnson, who recently funded a college chapel and a dormitory at Taunggi Bible College. These buildings will help greatly in the expansion of that good work and they were finished by the start of classes.



Seeing in full view of the first and second girl's dorm



New sleeping beds for girl students in the new girl's dorm

A fairly regular request - A training event can be held for a week and the cost for 125-150 evangelists will be \$3,000-5,000 that covers everything: Food, housing, and transportation costs. Sometimes a request is made just to buy the rice for the conference or just to pay for transportation. At some events, the participants walk sometimes two weeks one way to attend. They might drive the pigs with them to provide the meat for the conferees. Their dedication to Christ and, their love for the people - both those still lost and those who have been incorporated into the church - is an inspiration to us. We are delighted to share the financial load with them to ensure their further training and encouragement.

Several times per year - We channel funds for medical and relief work as it is needed. IDES (International Disaster Emergency Services) is a key partner of that work.

A monthly need - The radio broadcasts LaVerne started years ago have expanded into more languages and more times per week. These "short wave" broadcasts are the "only" radio broadcasts in the languages we support. They still are amazingly effective. GBM (Gospel Broadcasting Mission) is our key partner and the leader of this effort.



Very bad water



Children carry the water

And Special Requests come monthly- A recent request is this....

"Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, We mostly using contaminated water ponds. This is one of the reasons people get sick. Our mission Team was able to dig and drill over 10 wells in this summer to give fresh water to thirsty people. We also share the goodness of God who wants to give Living water to everyone that will never thirsty. - John,.4:10...

There are many villages, families who are needing fresh water. A well can provide fresh water about 40 families in a village.

This costs only US\$ 150. We would like to challenge you to share and invest US\$150 for thirsty, suffering brothers. As the Bible said.. 'STREAMS OF LIVING WATER WILL FLOW FROM CHRISTIANS.'"John 7:38

Let's flow God's blessings, HIS LOVE, LIVING WATER to the needing, suffering, thirsty brothers through us. This is the purpose of God for us, living in this suffering World. Your fellow servant, Simon"



Drilling water well



Giving fresh water

A Very Precious Last Word ...

On May 12, 2015 a much loved and a very appreciated brother in the Lord crossed over to his reward. **R. Paul Grimm** was a native from Oklahoma. He graduated from Salpulpia OK in 1951, and married Doylene on February 20, 1953. His career took him to California and while there, he and Doylene befriended and accepted as a son Ahtapa Sinlee from Burma who was a student at Pacific Christian College – now Hope International University. Paul met LaVerne in California at a Missions conference and his love for international missions, he and Doylene's love for Ahtapa, and the invitation from LaVerne all contributed to a 13-year relationship with Asia Christian Services as the Mission Treasurer. Over those years, from their home in Enid, Oklahoma, he and Doylene met, encouraged and supported an era of great fruitfulness through many workers across the whole of Asia. We loved Paul and believe it will be said in Heaven, *'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'*



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