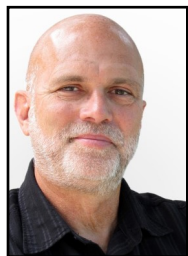




## A New Year With Overflowing Gratitude by Kent Odor



**Kent Odor**

American involvement has been very fruitful and the reports from the field

The first quarter of 2018 has been full of activity in Myanmar and Thailand, with hundreds of new believers joining the family of God. Extensive



**Baptism**



**Joy in New Believers**

are fantastic. Two New ACS Board members experienced extensive visits. Partner missions FAME and IDES were also in Myanmar. Our ACS workers gave helpful support. And, another STADIA preschool/ Church was planted and dedicated in a Buddhist community.



**Grace Preschool**

Mike Gerber, a new Board member, and his wife Lee Ann traveled in Southern and Central Myanmar and Western Thailand visiting churches, 6 Bible Colleges, new mission fields, and surveyed presently unreached areas. Mike preached at several leadership training events and also pulled out of the archives of his experience his agricultural training in Swine Care and Development. Many evangelists in Myanmar are bi-vocational. Raising pigs and rice are a normal part of life. Mike's agricultural background and years of experience became an added bonus to his effectiveness with the leaders. Lee Ann's love for children and children's workers endeared them to her. As she taught them she was a true encouragement to many women and their critical mission.



**Welcoming Mike and Lee Ann**

A second new Board member, Chuck McDaniel traveled intentionally to overlap with Mike and explore with several key Asian leaders the opportunities to expand business training among the church's leaders. As the culture is quickly westernizing under the new government, a need is emerging to equip the church leaders on how to join in the cultural financial movements that are raising the costs of living and creating barriers to further expand the gospel. Creating self-supporting churches and church planting movements into unreached areas remains a primary mission goal of ACS. Perhaps there are some among our readers and ACS supporters that have marketplace experience and teaching gifts and could be used like Mike and Chuck to further equip Asian leaders in the skills needed for the days ahead. If your heart is tugged as you read this, please contact us and let's have a conversation.



**Chuck McDaniel and Mike Gerber**

During this first quarter, most of the Bible Colleges had graduations releasing many new workers into active service. EBI celebrated its 25th anniversary. Joshua Leme, the founder of EBI - Emmaus Bible Institute, was the first Burmese student to be allowed to study at Cincinnati Bible Seminary Graduate School. Upon his graduation, he



returned to found that college in Yangon for the training of leaders in the southern regions of Burma. It has now graduated many hundreds of evangelists and many new tribes have had churches established. Also, training conferences occurred like the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Golden Triangle Seminar in MaeSai, Thailand. A new Seminar in MaeSot Thailand on the western border was also held this year for evangelists working among the Burmese Refugees along the border.

And finally, the reach of the evangelists is continuing to expand into new areas. News comes weekly of new conversions and baptisms. The primary reports we hear are from workers that ACS is funding in newer areas. But, the work of the Gospel that has had its roots in

Burma from the Morse's beginnings in 1950 is now indigenous across the country. The churches in the north continue to produce missionaries on their own. Some of the villages are in the midst of the conflict in the land. Sometimes the Christian villages are caught in the crossfire and our help is needed. On behalf of the ACS Board, we thank you for your continuing support in dollars and in prayers. Both are absolutely critical for the furtherance of new work. We confirm the words of the Apostle Paul to the Corinthians in his second letter, 9:12- ***"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God."*** Thank you and may the Lord continue to bless those in Asia through all of us!

## Mike and Lee Ann Gerber Visit Myanmar and Thailand by Mike Gerber



Mike with leaders in Chin State

It was just over a year ago after a quick 10 day trip to SE Asia, my wife Lee Ann and I mentioned to Kent Odor the idea of us going to Myanmar and serving for an extended time.

Kent and Marcia

and Mark Morse and many others were extremely encouraging and so after much prayer and not nearly enough preparation, we landed at the Yangon International Airport Christmas week. We were naïve and curious and excited about the experience but had literally no idea how God might use this experience to shape us or use us.

The next two months were an amazing and powerful time. We traveled to places all over Myanmar and Thailand visiting ministries and new churches and potential church sites. We were able to teach and encourage and learn. We were able to pray with them and hear their stories. We were able to share in the teaching at a couple of seminars for evangelists and pastors as well as teach at Bible training centers. I was even able to share lessons about the art of raising pigs to pastors searching for ways to feed their families and supply their ministries! I watched as Lee Ann, armed with

flannel graph figures and a good translator, told Bible stories to little children who stared with wide eyes and giggling anticipation. We watched as groups of kids came to the stage during worship each week and sang and danced to songs of praise for our King while Buddhist parents watched with a mixture of pride and curiosity.

And of course, we met so many faithful and Godly men and women serving our Lord often in hard and difficult situations and yet their primary concern was the lost people among whom they lived and served. Many of them made such an impact on us that they have become permanent additions to our personal prayer lists.

We continue to process what we have learned and what God is trying to teach us through all of this. Of course, the lessons and challenges occurred at many different levels but one thing is abundantly clear from the last few months. ACS is making a difference! If you are reading these words YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE in the Kingdom!



Lee Ann Teaching Children



Mike and LeAnn at Golden Triangle Seminar



Mike and Lee Ann at Grace Preschool



Your faithfulness is building churches and training evangelists. Your gifts and prayers are supporting church planters and preschool teachers and orphanage directors. Your faithful giving is impacting people in so many other real and practical ways that if we listed them all the list would fill the pages of this newsletter! This is happening in the largest of the cities and in the most rural of villages. God is truly honoring your gifts and answering your prayers.

But there is also a sobering reality that remains vivid for me. The physical and nutritional needs of SE Asia remain real. The reminders of malnutrition and disease and human trafficking and drug use are everywhere. The spiritual needs are also very real. Eighty-five percent of the people of Myanmar profess to be followers of Buddha and do not yet know Jesus. Of the 135 -140 different tribes that claim Myanmar as their home some of those tribes have yet to hear a proclamation of the power and saving love of Jesus Christ.



Providing Dental Help



Feeding the Hungry

We have come back to our comfortable and comparatively easy life having been stretched and encouraged because God is moving in huge ways. It occurred to us

that whatever encouragement we were able to bring... Whatever lessons we were able to share... Whatever value to the kingdom we added... happened first and foremost because we showed up! Maybe that is not the most spiritual insight possible but this trip reminded us that God can and does use us... He can use the resources He has blessed us with... If we just show up and make ourselves available. God is moving in Myanmar and Thailand and all over SE Asia and we all get to be a part of that. What a humbling privilege.

If you would like to know more or hear specifically the opportunities to give or serve we would love to share those with you.

## Golden Triangle Seminar

16<sup>th</sup> Golden Triangle International Christian Leadership Seminar at MaeSai, Thailand in Partnership with GBM - Gospel Broadcasting Mission.

7 Rs.... (7=Perfection) Refreshment, Recharge, Rest, Retreat, Recreation, Relaxation, AND Reinforcement to go forward to serve our King!



## MaeSot Leadership Seminar

2<sup>nd</sup> Christian Leadership Seminar at MaeSot, Thailand - EQUIP TO SERVE.

Book of Hebrews —  
Prof. Mike Flinchum  
Christian Leadership —  
Prof. Mike Gerber  
Prevention of Human Trafficking —  
Rapha House Staff





## Women's Seminars in Naga Land

Dear Brother Kent and Friends,

Ruth and Cherry, our youngest daughter, are at Lehe, the Naga land conducting the first Christian Women seminar. Cherry is teaching the Naga women along with her mother.



**Ruth and Cherry with two Naga Women**

Through the Lord's grace, Ruth and Cherry have done two seminars, one at Lehe and another at Khamti successfully. These seminars were more than successful. Especially from the trip and the seminar at Lehe, Ruth and Cherry have learned in how much difficult situations, our TBC Naga students are serving the Lord. The Naga people are very poor, superstitious, uneducated and ignorant. Our students have to endure many kinds of difficulties, troubles and hardships in sharing the gospel among their own people. There are now 5 our Naga students



**The first Lehe Women's Seminar**

who are spreading the gospel among their own people. One of them, a student named Timothy, called and shared with me a good news that he got 15 baptisms of new converts on last Saturday. PRAISE THE LORD! There are still hundreds and hundreds of Naga villages who don't know Jesus Christ. Therefore, there is a lot work to be done there....

On this trip, Cherry taught the Naga women CHE lessons. They were so thankful to her because they have learned many things that they should know. Some Naga women came to attend the seminar from two days of journey on foot and some mothers came to the seminar with bringing babysitters for their babies. Ruth and Cherry also sadly learned from the Naga women that according to their culture, the Naga men are not giving much care to their wives in the time of child-birth. Therefore, Ruth and Cherry were

asked to let me come to conduct a men's seminar for their husbands in the next year. Therefore, I will have to go back to Lehe to teach the Naga men if the Lord willing. The villagers are very poor and even they don't have enough blankets and thus, at night they have to make a fire under their bed. Because of this, sometimes, their houses catch fire accidentally. You will see all in the pictures. Your Brother in Christ, - Manasseh Fish

*(See all photos on the ACS website.)*



**Farewell handshaking at Leh Pan Thar**



**The 3rd Naga Women's Seminar in Khamti**

## FROM THE FIELD . . .

### Sai Tun Aye

Our Asian brothers and sisters exhibit a faithfulness to Christ and His cause that is both inspiring and challenging. Their diligence to persevere under all circumstances is humbling to those of us who get to hear their testimony and try to share their load. Most recently a pioneer evangelist in Shan State, Myanmar left this life on earth and received his eternal reward. He had been an evangelist in a Buddhist village with no Christians of any denomination nearby for the last ten years. His support system was the leader who had



**Manasseh is Preaching at the Funeral Service**



trained him and ordained him to the work and some other evangelists who lived far away. He received \$100 a month through ACS for many of those years. He established a strong church and had many conversions. He even led the youth of his church to travel to other villages on "mission trips" to serve others and learn to evangelize.

He was led to Christ as a Buddhist young man by the family of his future wife. His wife's father, as a young man, carried the preschooler Ruth Margaret Morse over the snowy mountains in China to the Salween Valley after the J Russell Morse home was destroyed by a flash flood. Steven became a powerful evangelist and his youngest daughter married Sai Tun Aye, our Shan Evangelist. Of late, Sai Tun Aye was diagnosed with Sugar diabetes and Tuberculosis. There is no treatment for that in his remote area. He left a widow with two teenage sons and a vibrant church of several hundred heaven bound believers. At his funeral, four more young people were baptized. That is not a normal funeral. This "missionary family's" testimony is a true inspiration for all of us. Thank you for supporting ACS workers like Sai Tun Aye. Together we will have a long fellowship in Heaven.  
— Kent Odor



**Baptism at the Funeral**



**Praising at the Baptism Site**

## Peter at May Zele

Dear Brother Kent, Peter and his church elders have started the construction of the new church since last week. Now is in the second week. Through the Lord's grace, the construction of the new church is getting in shape slowly. Please keep remembering the construction in your prayer not to have any interruption or interference from outside. If it is done, it surely becomes a priceless resource for spreading the gospel especially among the ancestor worshipers. Thank you very much. May God bless you. Your Brother in Christ, - Manasseh Fish



**May Zele Church Construction**



**Yohan Yotkiri**

## Yohan Yotkiri

Dear Marcia, I know our father LaVerne Morse (ACS) and I worked together for about 32 years in Asia, Thailand, Cambodia, Burma, and now we have a very special place in Laos today. So for 32 years I did not forget, and all that we have worked together continues to grow and nourish the church community and do evangelism, and expand the kingdom of God.



**Laos Children's Mission**

We are going to Laos to Bowkeaw province for Laos Children Mission on March 4-5, 2018. Please pray and help for their need in daily food's. And we

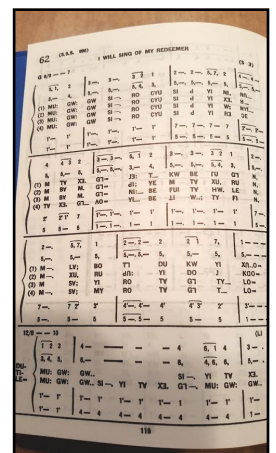


**Yohan and Leadership Team**

are adding two bedrooms to their home. Please pray for ACS-Laos project in care for the Laos Children Home for education project. There are about 25 children in the project. We are in need of \$5,000. Thank you. - Y. Yohan Yotkiri ACS - Chiangrai of Thailand

## New Hymnbooks

Thank You to IDES for assisting in the purchase of Lisu Hymnbooks for new church plants among Ancestor worshipers in Shan State. We also thank LATM for 1000 new Hymnbooks for the KhongSo in Chin State. They are new readers in their own language and this enables a major move forward in their spiritual formation. We are also thankful for David Morse and his literature team in Thailand for providing the layout and technical help needed to prepare these documents to be ready to print. On this project four different Missions worked together in wonderful teamwork to provide for the ongoing expansion of the gospel.



**Lisu Hymnbook**



## Report from Simon

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Greetings from our Asia Mission Field. Our Family is doing well under our God's care and planning for Summer Vacation soon. Our summer holiday is from March to May.



Simon Thaug

**TRUST GOD'S PROTECTION 100%** -There were explosions in 3 places in western Myanmar where we planned to go for a mission trip. We almost cancelled the trip.



Traveling west to the KhongSo

But Trusting God's protection and decided to go as we are called S.O.S (Save Our Souls), saving souls are emergency.

**DON'T GO WITH EMPTY HANDS** - We are more blessed to bless destitute brothers. It is our Motto.. "Don't go on Mission Trip empty handed!" Taking something to help them before sharing The Gospel. 1 John 3:17-18

**FEDWELL NUTRIOUS FOOD** – My Canadian Friend Danny Schat has a food factory in Myanmar and he donated 160,000 meals (Worth US\$ 20,000) of Food to the poor. We shipped these foods to refugees in the north and west.



Fedwell Food

**PASSING CHECK POINTS** - God is faithful and protected us. All the food safely arrived in Myitkyina after shipping 7 days by train. It took 4 days to ship to the west.

**FEEDING PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL FOOD** - We distributed and fed food to the extremely poor villagers, the hungry and the refugees. And then we shared the Good News... Sharing the Great Hope in God.



Sharing Food

**BAPTISM** - 18 People accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior. We taught them Baptism, born again in God's family and become citizens of God's Kingdom. They confessed and were baptized in the name of The FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT. God's Kingdom is expanded. Our local fellow ministers will continue to follow up and disciple them.



KongSo Baptisms



**CHALLENGES** - We are called S.O.S again to go 2 more days to another extremely remote area of villages, near Bangladesh border. It is a great danger and we decided not to go this time. God's willing, we will go there sometimes in this year.

**NEEDS** - 1. US\$ 5,000 FOR Palawah Christian Hostel (Boarding School) for Education of Children.  
2. Scholarships for poor children. (\$40 per month)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYER SUPPORT. GOD'S KINGDOM IS TREMENDOUSLY EXPANDED BY YOUR PARTNERSHIP. May God continue to bless you. Your Fellow Servant of our Lord Jesus. – Simon Thaug

## New Videos . . .

Simon has sent videos of some of the work. They can be seen on the [www.asiachristianservices.com](http://www.asiachristianservices.com) website in the Blog section.

See the ...

- (1) Building process of the Hope Preschool,
- (2) The graduation exercises of the Grace Preschool and
- (3) Simon's most recent mission trip to the KhongSo People along the Bangladesh border.



Building the Hope Preschool Church



Grace Preschool Graduation



# Update on the ACS Partnership With stadia

## The Burma/Thailand Church Planting Project

**Our Joint Mission:** To spread the gospel through the formation of 10 new churches in new, multi-functional church buildings that serve as weekly preschools for the communities and as weekend church buildings.



Grace Christian Church Building



Grace Dedication Service



Hope Preschool and Church (about 90% finished)



Hope Dedication



Hope Dedication Congregation

### The New Sites

Burmese Leaders have selected the first 10 New Church Sites. Most of the first 10 churches will be among Burmese refugees along the Burma/Thailand border who have fled civil war.

#### Thailand Sites:

3. Me Sot Trash Camp
4. Pop Prap
5. Pa Dae

#### Burma Sites:

1. Grace Village — Done 10/17
2. Hope Village — Done 2/18
6. Myatlay Kone
7. Three Pagoda
8. Pantanaw
9. Palewah
10. Bagu

### What we need in 2018

STADIA needs church planting sponsors to partner with us to provide \$30,000 for each building of these pre-school/church plant models.

ACS needs church planting sponsors to partner with us to provide \$8000 for each church planting evangelist to pastor the church and \$8000 for each Preschool team to teach the children. These funds will be distributed and diminished over 3-4 years to allow the churches and the pre-schools to become self-sustaining. These investments will provide life-changing impact on the children and will introduce the entire Buddhist community to the Gospel.