

# Asia Christian Services UPDATE!

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Formerly: South East Asia Evangelizing Mission • LaVerne & Lois Morse, Founders



*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. -Isaiah 9:6*

**We the Board of Asia Christian Services wish you all a very Merry Christmas!**

- As we serve our Lord, ACS is blessed to have you as **individuals** upholding a great work in Asia that is bringing many to learn of Jesus our Lord and Savior.
- ACS is blessed to have many **churches** supporting the work. Your help is invaluable and we appreciate your constant support.
- ACS is blessed to have **partners** who bring many blessings to the people of South East Asia. Thank you partners IDES, FAME, LATM, GBM, and mPower.

2016 is the 50th year of the mission! LaVerne and Lois brought their family back to the USA from Burma at the end of 1964. LaVerne began teaching at Cincinnati Bible Seminary in 1965 and established the South East Asia Evangelizing Mission officially in 1966.

Since that time, the gospel in Burma alone has spread to over 30 new tribes. Some of them have been totally converted. Great works for Christ have also

been started in India, Cambodia, Thailand, Viet Nam, and Laos. Radio programs to strengthen tribal believers in their native tongues across Asia even into China have been started and faithfully continued to this day. The best and brightest of Asian Leaders have been recruited, sponsored and trained to establish Ministry Centers and Bible Colleges in South East Asia. The Bible and many teachings have been translated into tribal languages. The Asian church is thriving and expanding into new areas speaking to those who still have not heard. Over 40 tribes have been reached through Asian missionaries supported or encouraged by Asia Christian Services.

LaVerne's plan to execute the ACS mission was very simple. He called it "Evangelism plus 3 L's – Leadership Development, Literature production and eLectronics (Radio, tapes, CD's, and DVD's shared with all)."

We boldly reaffirm that "ACS empowers Asian missionaries to pioneer new works to reach the unreached, plant new churches, and disciple believers to fulfill the Great Commission." That is what ACS has done in the past and with our Heavenly Father's grace, we will continue to do.

## News from the Field . . .

### REACHING REFUGEES BY SOWING SEED OF LOVE. - A Report from Thailand/Myanmar Border

1. TEACHING REFUGEE CHILDREN - Refugee children are hopeless. Our Team is helping them receive free education and the parents come to know God's Love through us.



2. 10,000 MYANMAR HYMN BOOKS WERE RECENTLY PRINTED. - We needed Hymn books and God answered our Prayer. IDES provided the funds and LATM printed the books. David Morse's



CLF Literature Team designed and supervised the printing of the best Hymn books ever. Moses killed a 2 year old Cow for the dedication service and the church he started is using this new Hymn book. Yes, Our God is worthy to be praised forever and ever. Amen. We all will continue our singing to Heaven, never ceasing.

3. BAPTISMS - We sow the seeds. We water. God makes it grow. Our team baptized 7 new converts this month. God's Kingdom is tremendously expanded by your prayer support and partnership.



4. A NEW CHURCH AT PHAYATONSU, THAILAND BORDER - God's Kingdom is expanded through your prayer support. We baptized 9 new converts in



these two months. Now we are doing Discipleship Seminar and plan to send out more disciples to reach more after training.

Jesus said, **OPEN YOUR EYES AND SEE! (Spiritual Eyes) THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST. NOW IS THE TIME TO WORK. THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL BUT THE WORKERS ARE FEW. PRAY FOR SENDING MORE HARVESTERS.** (John 4:34-36) Your Fellow Labor in God's Kingdom Expansion. - Simon Thaung



**New Refugee Disciples**

## F.A.M.E. AT TAUNGGYI BIBLE COLLEGE

Through the Lord's grace, a Health Education Seminar was conducted by a team from FAME. It was a one week seminar. The students were so interested in it and received much knowledge about basic health education. A second seminar, CHE - Community Health Evangelism was just for the evangelists serving the Lord in different parts of Shan State. Please keep remembering us in your prayers that everything will be done well. Thank you very much. May God bless you. - Manasseh Fish 10/28



**TBC Faculty and the students with FAME Team**



**CHE Classroom Training**



**FAME Team at Taunggyi**

## REQUEST FROM PAUL SENG AUNG

Greetings in the name of our soon coming Lord Jesus Christ. We had a Bible Study Conference on 17-20 October, 2016.

I would like to request you to pray for the poor Naga Christians who are living on the border of Myanmar and India. They are suffering from many kinds of disease and over 90 children have died. Please pray for these poor Christians to be able to get help with medical kits. Please pray for financial help for this Naga Christians those who really need help. Thank you and God bless you. - Paul



**Paul Seng Aung Family**

## REPORT FROM MANASSEH FISH ON TRIP TO MYITKYINA...

Mr. Lemesi, Mr. Titus and I went to Myitkyina, Kachin State to attend our church's annual meeting. The meeting lasted for two days, from Nov 16 to 17. There are over 100 church leaders coming from our churches from all parts of

our country, Kachin State, Lehey, Khamti, Chin State, Southern Shan State, Northern Shan State, Eastern Shan State, Mandalay and Yangon.

The meeting selected 11 members of Myanmar Churches of Christ Evangelism Committee. I was elected as one of the committee members. I also got the opportunity to meet with the church leaders from all parts of our country. Especially, it was great to meet with the Naga Church leaders coming from Lehey and had fellowship with them. They shared me that all our Naga TBC graduates are actively sharing the gospel in Naga region. We arrived back home safely this early morning. God bless you. Yours Sincerely, Manasseh Fish



**Manasseh and Lemesi heading to Myitkyina by train**



**Church Annual Meeting**

## A LETTER FROM YOHAN YOTKIRI IN NORTHERN THAILAND...

I am sharing with you a brief history of my work with ACS and brother LaVerne Morse. I carried the cross of Jesus Christ with him for 34 years in northern Thailand, Cambodia, Myanmar and Laos. I started with R. LaVerne Morse at CBI in Chiang Mai. In Northern Thailand I began mission works of the Church of Christ with the Lahu and Akha ethnic groups in 1982-1986. And after that my wife and I moved to Cambodian Christian Service of the Khmer immigration Site B camp at Surin province, Thailand and worked inside Cambodia from 1987-1996. God blessed for many Cambodian people to become our Christian family.

During the year 1996-2016, I was back to my mother's hometown of Chiang Rai, Thailand. I worked as Evangelist and founder of the Church of Christ's gospel of Asia Tribal Mission in the Golden Triangle for ethnic tribes and in the eastern part of Myanmar, and in Laos. Currently, there are Christian churches in many villages of ethnic tribes.

At this time, there are many ethnic groups in need of the spread of the Gospel. They need to set up a new church and to educate Christian leaders in Laos, and work with ethnic children to learn more and to develop a better life in Jesus Christ.

At September 15, 2016, I am 54 years old and my wife is healthy. She was sick and we prayed for healing and God healed her. I have created a community and Canaan Christian Church in Chiang Rai.

It is the center of Christian tribal Asia leaders training. It has a children's dormitory for Christian life and social development. Please keep in contact with the prayers and support. The strength of ACS is our family. And we grew in our mission like the spirit of Russell LaVerne Morse our teacher, to follow the Good Shepherd. - Y. Yohan Yotkiri



**Yohan and Yalisa Yotkiri and Lahu Women**

## LETTER FROM PHILIP IN NORTH EAST INDIA...

Greetings from NE India. It is a great privilege for us to be working as partners and co-workers with you in manifesting and witnessing the Love, Concern and Grace of our Savior, Lord Jesus Christ. Through your constant support we are able to serve the suffering souls both physically and spiritually. We are always thankful that the ACS has been the pioneer and our constant support in carrying out the Great Commission of Christ.

As you are familiar since earlier, that the suffering souls of Moloshidi valley and Pinozop valley are still in desperate need of our help. Many, whose lives have



been saved are ever grateful to you for your kind help. Our local 15 village health workers have been constantly engaged in providing medical and dental care, sharing the Gospel, praying for the sick people and guiding them to be faithful in Christ. Some of them are pastors, evangelists, deacons and church workers. They are doing an excellent job. We have been providing our health workers regular training to upgrade their medical and dental care knowledge. 35-40% of the patients we provide medical and dental relief are still non-believers. We hope to win them one day.

Now is the dry season which is good for transporting and storing the medical supplies. There is still no road communication in the valleys. People have to walk 5 days to reach the last village. Since we started providing medical care, the mortality rate has gone down drastically. Recognizing the noble works done by our Christian people the local administration under the Government of Arunachal Pradesh has awarded a Recommendation Certificate recently. We hope we will be able to win many people in the Government to Christ one day.

Therefore, Dear brother Mark and brother George, we humbly request you for support of at least \$7000 for this time. This will be used for purchasing medical and dental supplies to be used in the valleys. They will be transported and stored to be used for the whole year of 2017. With this amount thousands of lives will be saved. In Moloshidi Valley, now we have 20 villages to provide the medicines with more than 6000 population. And in Pinozop valley (Myanmar), now we have 4 villages to provide the medicines with at least 700 population.

Starting from last week of December we are planning to organize Medical Camps in 5 different places in Moloshidi valley. It will take more than 15 days. People from Pinozop valley also will come to the medical camps. So, we humbly request for support. Some of the medicines will be used during the ensuing Medical Camps also.



**Philip Ngwazah and his wife**

In February 2017 mPower team will come to give dental training to our health workers. Looking forward to hear soon from you. May God continue to bless you in abundance. Thank you so much. -Philip, Co-worker in Christ. Miao, Arunachal Pradesh

## LETTER FROM TASANEE

It's been a great lost this year. We lost our spiritual father LaVerne just 2 months ago which brought sadness to many of us. We suffer when our beloved one disappeared from this earth, but we rejoice that he is with Jesus Christ forever and we will see each other again.



**Tasane and the refugees**

I am working with refugee children at the border of Thai/Myanmar since about 5 years ago. They fled from the war and extreme poverty in their country to live at the border for a long time. They are still very poor people. I believe the best way to release them from poverty is education. Their children will have a lot of choices in their lives if they have education. Thus, we are planning and praying to operate kindergarten as the beginning for these refugee children. Your prayers would be very much appreciated. Mark and I always know that because

of LaVerne and your support, encouragement, guidance and teaching us, we are able to serve our living God today. We will never forget LaVerne's challenges to us by saying "Aim for High Goals". These are some photos taken from our recent trip in Mae Sot, the border of Thai Myanmar. - Tasane



**Children at the Trash Camp**

## Introducing ACS Missionaries . . .

Our mission statement says.... **ACS empowers Asian missionaries to pioneer new works to reach the unreached, plant new churches, and disciple believers to fulfill the Great Commission.** In this and upcoming issues we want to highlight some of the key workers that our General Fund support fuels forward in their efforts to pioneer new work. Thank the Lord for each one...

**Titus Bee** is Lisu. He graduated from Putao Christian Bible School which was established by LaVerne 55 years ago. He has been an evangelist and church planter among Lisu and Palaung tribal

people for many years. He has trained and appointed Pastors and Elders in every planted church. He was a dear friend of LaVerne. Recently he was trained and equipped by mPower to do dental work. He also uses medical kits to heal the people and has recently baptized 23 new converts and planted 4 Churches at the Maiping area, Shan State.

in the Nam Sam area and sharing the gospel. He and his wife are caring for and schooling three children of Lisu ancestor worshipers to show the love of Christ to their parents. Mr. Aung Moe also knows some medical knowledge and he is also using it as an aid in his evangelism. He now has four new families of converts.



**Mr. Aung Moe and family**

**Titus Bee is reaching Lisu and Palaung people**



**Who worship evil spirit, Animism.**



**Medical Kit is a tool in Evangelism**



**BAPTISM ON THE MOUNTAIN WHERE THERE IS NO RIVER**



**Aung Moe and his wife with the Lisu ancestor worshipers**

**Mr. Aung Moe** went to Nam Sam to continue the work started by Mr. Asa Leme. Mr. Aung Moe is a TBC graduate. Before his conversion, he was a Buddhist. His wife is a Lisu and they have two children. He also can speak the Lisu language fluently. Therefore, he is making visits to the Lisu ancestor villages

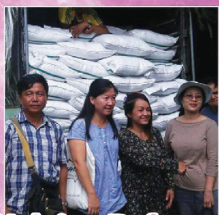
**Moses** is a graduate of EBI and was sent to the Thailand border in 2006. Moses reached these refugees by giving medical care and education to their children and helped improve their overall welfare. IDES provided relief supplies such as rice, dried fish, clothing and medicines that enabled him to show God's love to them. After 10 years of service, he has baptized over 200 Burmese Buddhist refugees and planted Bethany Christian Church at Maesod, Thailand. He is going the second step of the Great Commission... MAKING DISCIPLES... teaching



### Maesod Christian Church (Refugees)



Moses family Helping Refugees



them. When they go back to their villages, he is equipping them to be witnesses of our Lord and expand God's kingdom. Moses and his wife have a huge heart for serving the refugees in this area.

**Mr. John** is a TBC graduate. Just after he graduated from TBC in 2011, he went to serve at High Park Church of Christ as the minister and an evangelist.

His father is a Burmese veteran and a former Buddhist. After his father's conversion, he became a very devoted Christian. His mother is a Lisu and John



John with his parents

is the only son of his parents. He had 24 baptisms of new converts in the past year and now there are over 100 church members. He is still single and young so, whenever he gives baptisms, he asks the elders to baptize. As Shan State is a Buddhist state, most of the state people are Buddhists and some of them worship various kinds of spirits. Therefore, the people don't have the creation worldview. As long as we can't change their worldview, they refuse to be converted. So, getting a convert means a great success for us. Working from his church as a base,

he is sharing the gospel with other non-believers.

**Mr. Sai Tun Aye** is a Shan evangelist. He was a former Buddhist. After his conversion he went to study the Word of God at Mularshede Bible School in Putao. His wife is named Ah Tar and she is the youngest daughter of Mr. Stephen who was a pioneer Lisu missionary and a close friend of Mr. LaVerne Morse. After graduation, Mr. Sai Tun Aye went to Linn Hkay, his native place with his family and started spreading the gospel from June, 2005. Linn Hkay is located about 150 miles to the southeast of Taunggyi and is a place of only Shan people. When he began, there was not a single Christian. However, through his hard work and commitment for the Lord, he has 21 families of converts in the past 11 years. Mrs. Ruth Margaret Johnson donated for the construction of a church building and thus, now there is a Christian Church in Linn Hkay. Praise the Lord! Recently he organized a youth team for evangelism and he and his youth team are making evangelism trips to nearby areas to share the gospel.



Mr. Sai Tun Aye and Family

### Giving Baptism to Refugees



Obedying Great Commission of Our Lord.



Congregation



Manasseh is preaching at the new church dedication service

## Matching Fund Opportunity

In memory of LaVerne Morse, a gracious donor has offered to match special designated donations sent to ACS for the remainder of 2016 up to a total of \$25,000. This is a special and extraordinary opportunity to bless the work in Asia. Please send year-end donations to ACS with a note: Matching Fund.

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