

# Asia Christian Services **UPDATE!**

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Reaching people of South East Asia with the gospel of Jesus Christ

## Golden Triangle Report

This year's Seminar included church leaders from Burma, Thailand, Laos, China, Korea and America. Sessions were translated into at least 12 languages. By any standard this was one of the best meetings yet. ACS thanks all who participated - and a special thanks to I.D.E.S. and several churches and groups that made this meeting possible by their special financial support.



Some of the 150 students plus speakers and faculty at the Seminar in Mae Sai, Thailand

## Christian ministry difficult in Myanmar (Burma) ...

(Christians are strongly opposed and persecuted in this part of SE Asia, so names and places have been deleted from this recent report)

One of our ACS co-workers in Burma wrote: "I mention here the situation in a village which I went to preach six years ago. The only convert was an 80 year old man who was baptized but he died in 2005. We had to quit preaching in this village because the officers opposed Christians and evangelists.

Recently, a family from this village has been insisting they want to be baptized. They learned about Jesus Christ through many resources after we left this village, so they invited a minister from a near by Church of Christ to baptize them. One huge problem was that a family relative is a Buddhist monk at that village. The monk used the officers in that area and put his relative in jail so that he could not be baptized with his family. The minister came to see him while he was in jail. Then he went to see the monk to discuss this matter, and found out that he knows the monk very well. They met each other five years ago. Eventually, they solved the problem and released the man from jail. The man was not baptized this time because we decided to wait until water festival in April so that opposition will not give us any problem in the future. We will be inviting new Christians for Bible study in April. At that time, the family from that village will come to where we are will be baptized there. These days, the officers and the monks allow us to do worship service at homes, but do not allow us to do public preaching.

There are many others who are interested in believing and following Jesus Christ, but they are afraid of their relatives and the officers. The officers in that area control the people and tell them not to take another religion except Buddhism because they afraid that they would not be able rule properly if there are two different religions in that area. Since, they allow us to do worship service at home, this is the most effective strategy of the ministry in this area. Therefore, God has given us the best way to reach the people in this village. We hope that the Buddhists in this village will come to Jesus Christ one person at a time. More than 200 families in this village, and we hope that one day these families will all praise God."



Transportation to Mae Sai, involved planes, trains, buses, pick-em-up trucks, bikes and motorcycles - some came on foot, and all agreed it was well worth cost, time and effort and most plan to attend next year.



ACS co-workers took a photo of traditional Lisu dress in North Thailand.

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## ACS Board Member Passes

ACS has lost a friend and co-worker with the death of Rick Amadio, from a heart attack. Rick lived in Las Vegas - and had recently returned from ministry work in Thailand, where he lived for several years. He had radio broadcast in SE Asia, and later in Las Vegas.

Two close friends wrote: "Rick Amadio has gone to Jesus this evening. May we pray for him and his mother ... Rick will be missed."



**Left** - Baptism follows recent Christmas celebration sponsored by NEast India Good News Services in Miao - one of the missions sponsored through ACS. A Church deacon and his family - **right** - are among the 250 enjoying the picnic meal. The team of Nathaney, Stephen and Barnabus, leads this ministry to the Lisu, Tangsa, Chakma, Miri and Adi tribes in Arunachal Pradesh and Assam.



**Right** - Seminar participants include Nurse Susan Murphy, Rick and Nancy Jett of IDES, and others enjoying the hospitality and a meal in a Christian home while on their way to Mae Sai in Northern Thailand.



**Below**, Lisu people joyfully celebrate New Years in Myintkyina, last February. Many Christian Lisu joined in the celebrations.



The people of Japan, which include many Christians, are in need of our prayers and help. We will forward gifts for Japan, or you may send them directly to:

### I.D.E.S.

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### Estimated Christians in Asia

Country	Population	Evangelicals
Burma	50,143,000	5.5%
Cambodia	15,050,000	0.5%
China	1.3 billion	6.0%
Japan	127,000,000	0.5%
Laos	6,328,000	2.6%
Thailand	67,854,000	0.5%
Vietnam	88,495,000	1.8%

("Operation World" figures distinguish between evangelical Christian and professing Christian)

