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Dear ACS Board of Directors, churches and friends,

We are very glad to share with you what the Lord is doing in this part of the world. Hope you will find the stories and pictures in this newsletter encouraging.

Thank you so much for standing with us in this ministry.

In His service,

Nathaney, Stephen, and Barnabas

Miao Bible Institute (MBI)

Miao Bible Institute began in 2005 at Miao town with its main objective to trained young men and women for the ministry. We have established this institute after 3 years of survey made about the best ways and means for effective evangelism. The state of Arunachal, being a tribal dominated state, with its indigenous beliefs have been unreceptive to people of outside tribes. We realized that we should train someone from their own tribe to evangelize their own people.We began this training to reach out to the many tribes of Arunachal Pradesh and those in adjoining state in Assam, who are living without Christ.

We are grateful to the Lord that so far we have trained three batches of students from different tribes: Chakma, Tangsa, Adi, Miri and Lisu. We offer two years in Diploma. It is a joy to see students after two years training, some are serving in their local churches, some have planted new churches in their communities, and some have gone for further theological training.

This year we have only three final year students Though we had several young men came for admission, but we could not take them as the support in June had gone down. We were concern that we will not be able to take care of them. Hence we retained only the previous year's students alone this year. Ever since we started this institute our dream is to increase the number of students each year but this has not happen so far due to financial shortage. We do have 7 students in third batch as the stipend was sent in advance for the year but reduce again to 4 students in fourth batch. But we do hope and pray that we will be able to start with many more fresh students next year. Please pray for us and MBI that God will provide the means for His glory.

We are thankful to ACS who have been supporting Arunachal ministry all these years. Also our thanks goes to Bro Norman and Bro Mike Sandlin whom ACS has sent to meet us and it is through their initiative some fund were raised and sent towards student stipend, construction of Bible Institute and music instruments from High Point Church of Christ which is to be use in worship service at Miao Town Community Church of Christ. We are very happy to have two school buildings (of wooden frame, bamboo wall and tin roofing) for hostel as well as for classroom.

Though construction incomplete due to financial shortage, students lives there and Bible class conducted in new construction. These buildings could accommodate more number of students than before. Presently we conduct Sunday school class in new school building.

Again we are thankful to ACS as well as all individuals and Churches that are supporting Arunachal ministry where Miao Bible Institute is major part of ministry. We would earnestly request you to continue to be with us in the days to come too. We would also request you to support and raise fund to meet the most immediate need to complete the school building construction as well as the stipend to enroll more number of students in Miao Bible Institute.

Barnabas teaching the second year students.

Nathan with MBI teachers.

Thanks Giving at Injan Church of Christ:

On 14th August 2010, Injan Church of Christ invited us to join with them in Thanks Giving. Two choir groups went from Miao and Nathaney shared the word of God.

Nathaney shares the word of God while Layophu translates (left)..Lisu youths of Miao presenting a special song (right).

Testimony of Mr. Sheychin Lawe:

I am Sheychin Lawe, a Tangsa Naga preacher. I have been serving as a local pastor in Singmao Church of Christ since 2007. There are altogether sixteen families and all of them are farmers. There are forty-two baptized believers attending the church. Last year ten youths were added into the church.

This year due to excessive rains, the church members could not do their farming especially those who do *jhum* (shifting) cultivation. Pray for them.

My family members are doing well, except for our second son who is suffering from malaria occasionally. Continue to pray for us. We want to thank ACS for supporting us financially.

Sheychin Lawe and family (left) and brother Tokey and his family (right).

Testimony of Tokey Langching:

My name is Tokey Langching. I received Biblical training under Lisu preachers like Lt.Wayesha, Zecharia, Mapha Danilee and Rowang preacher Peter. I entered into the Lord's ministry since 1966.

I am blessed with five sons and three daughters. Our first son became a prodigal son and till now we have no news about him.

Now I am serving as a local pastor at Ongman Church of Christ. There are fifteen families worshiping together. On 21st August 2010, we celebrated Thanks Giving in the church. Stephen from Miao shared the word of God. Ongman Church of Christ is planning to build a new church. Now the foundation and pillars of the church are laid. Pray for us.

Church members with the church foundation and pillars (left). Stephen sharing Thanksgiving message and Sheychin translates into Tangsa language (right).

Akhonta Chakma:

Akhonta and Kalasona Chakma were the first Chakma couple to be baptized into Christ in 2003. Since they do not have children, they adopted a girl and are very happy to be parents. He stays in M'Pen village which is three kilometers from Miao. He is urging us to make a church on his land. Pray for his family.

Akhonta, Kalasona and adopted daughter (left).

A Chakma lady with others in the background (right)

Visit of Nathan Alan:

During the second week of May 2010, Nathan Alan Quick from U.S visited Miao along with his son Anthony. They were the first American missionary to visit Arunachal Pradesh. We had two days rigorous Bible study and were richly blessed spiritually.

Nathan Alan sharing the message on the Lord's Day, while Philip helps in translation (left). And group photo of those who attended Bible study (right).

Christian Resource Center:

This is a new initiative. Leaders of Community Church of Christ, Miao, discussed together and have decided to build a Christian resource center. The center will have a library, and also as a distribution channel for Bibles and Hymnals. We hope this will be a place where Christian brothers and sisters in this town can access for their spiritual growth.

The generous Lisu society leaders, seeing the need, had donated a plot of land along with an old house (see picture below). We need to dismantle the house and build a new one. We have

estimated around Rs. 300,000 ($ 6,500). We highly appreciate your prayers and contributions towards this noble project.

Avia, Stephen and Sothini, in front of the old house donated by Lisu Society leaders to be used as Christian Resource Center.

Thank you for standing by with. We will continue the hand of God in Arunachal Pradesh in the next issue. Continue to pray for us.

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