

# What ACS Has in its Hand



by George Drake, ACS Board Member for over 10 years

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Asia Christian Services has been given the wherewithal, NOW, to reach out to the 40 remaining unreached people groups in Myanmar. Thousands of men, women, and youth have been trained and discipled (for nearly 50 years) and are on fire for our LORD and are effectively taking the Gospel to the nations so that the unreached will have the optimum opportunities to say "YES" to Jesus.

ACS was founded by LaVerne and Lois Morse. They remain very generous with their love, energy,

enthusiasm, wisdom, and encouragement. LaVerne developed a formula to evangelize/disciple which has been and still is enormously effective in fulfilling the Great Commission.

## Discipleship = Evangelism plus Leadership Training plus Literature plus Electronics

The formula parts are interchangeable depending on the conditions and needs of the groups.

ACS has developed Bible colleges and a great many Bible schools and short term classes throughout Southeast Asia. It also generates regularly scheduled and well attended seminars (regional, national and international), regularly scheduled regional committee meetings and special purpose meetings which are all ongoing and coordinated events. An abundant and growing list of literature is being developed, distributed and used including Bibles, hymnbooks, training materials, and children's literature. Several language groups now have the entire Bible in their mother tongue and more are currently being translated.

Cutting edge electronics has now become common place. CD and DVD production and the recording of music happens alongside the Radio broadcasts that are produced in many languages.

ACS has many close-knit partners. Just to name a few: **GNPI** (Good News Productions Intenational), **GBM** (Gospel Broadcasting Mission), **FEBC** (Far East Broadcasting Company), *IDES* (International Disaster Emergency Services), **FAME** (Fellowship of Associates of Medical Evangelism), **mPOWER**, **TEAM EXPANSION**, **ACM** (Asia Children's Mission) and **Blessings International**. Many churches, large and small, are partners. Some Bible Colleges and Christian Universities partner with ACS. And, now there are over 1,200 individuals/families on the mailing list.

All ACS ministries in Asia are encouraged to become self sustaining. Many have already made great strides toward that goal. ACS is represented at the North American Christian Convention and the International Conference on Missions. A booth is in operation at both conventions and is represented by multiple board members. Fantastic networking opportunities at these events and others allow ACS to meet with current partners and develop new future partners.

Please pray for the 40 people groups who are still unreached in Myanmar. This is a very attainable goal. Consider partnering with ACS. Use the gifts God has given you to help us complete this Great Commission task and more. I CHALLENGE any one to find an ACS worker, minister, board member or partner who does not tell you that they have been richly blessed and have had an exhilarating and fruitful experience working with our Asian leaders on the ground.

Please visit the website: <u>www.asiachristianservices.com</u>. Time is of the essence. Let us all finish strong for the LORD'S sake and for those still living in darkness. If you were lost, would you appreciate any and all efforts of someone to provide the opportunity to know the Love of Jesus and praise him forever?

## **A Radio Ministry Report** from Audi Mark in Chiang Mai, Thailand

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As you know, we are serving the Lord by media ministries such as editing radio programs for Lisu, Wa and Ngochang programs, produce Christian karaoke songs in different languages, Christian video ministry and visiting Churches in northern Thailand.



All things we produce from studio here, go to all over the Asia. Especially our radio programs are reaching to Communist China, Myanmar, India and Thailand every night. They are receiving our programs every night and grow up in Spiritual ways. We special thank to GBM and ACS missions, those are our sponsors. Also we thank to brothers and sisters those are participating with us by prayers.

We also produce Christian karaoke songs and Christian films in occasionally. After they watch our movies, a lot of people from China, Myanmar, India and Thailand request us to produce more Christian films if we have time. We understand their need and their concerning but for us we do not have much

time. Mostly we spend time with prepare sermons, editing radio programs and visiting Churches at the villages. That's why we spend at the studio 8:30 am to 9 or 10 pm every day.

Also we are planning to visit Myanmar and India in coming December. In this year in northeast India, they will have combine Christmas at Shidi village. This is happen once in three years. If the Lord's willing, we will travel and join with them. We would like to distribute short wave radios for poor villagers at the Christmas convention. You may remember that we used to be there. To reach Shidi village, we have to walk 4 or 5 days in the jungle. They are far from cities. If we deliver short wave radios, they can listen our programs every night.

If we have more times, we will have movie shooting too. The villagers are very exciting to see us and so welcome us to join with them at the Christmas convention and shooting film. They do not have an electricity so that they use generators. Keep pray for us because we are short of fund for our travel expenses. If possible, we five staff will go there. Two of our staff will go to

Myanmar and then they will enter from border to Shidi village. For three of staff will fly from Thailand to India directly. We estimate we need travel expenses at least \$ 750 for each person. We are saving money from our pocket money. We hope we will save around \$ 1,000. The rest fund, we have no idea. Please

remember us in your prayers. This trip is very important to see all Lisu people in India.

If you would like to know more about our trip, free to contact us any time. May God bless you.

Your Brother in Christ, Ahdi Mark (behalf of GBM in Chiang Mai, Thailand)





### Ruth (Morse) Johnson,

a very dear Morse family member has quietly, prayerfully and financially supported the work in Asia from the "background" for many, many years. In 1949

when the communists were taking over China, Ruth Morse, the youngest sister of Eugene, Robert and LaVerne came back to the USA for safety. She married and was never able to return to Asia, but her heart has been a missionary all her life alongside her family. She experienced numerous difficulties and became a single mother. She raised her children through her hard work and led them to love the Lord and her missionary heritage. As she retired, through her wisely invested projects, she has been able to generously support a multitude of important works in SE Asia. These range from church building construction, Medical Clinic construction and the construction of various facilities on Bible Colleges, funding leadership seminars, and property purchases for both churches and self sustaining projects such as tea gardens in India. We recently received a thank you letter from Manasseh Fish and we thought it was time for her story to come out of the shadows and be an encouragement to many of our other long time faithful supporters. We are

grateful to Aunt Ruth for her faithful example of both diligence and character as she took on the role, not of a missionary "goer" but rather of a missionary "sender" and "supporter". We hope this story brings encouragement to us all. - KO





## Honor to whom honor is due . . .

#### Dear Ruth Margaret,

I would like to say a word of thanks to you on behalf of the faculty and the students of Taunggyi Bible College. There wouldn't be enough word to express how much we are thankful to you for your love and generosity towards our Bible College. Since 2006, you have generously made contributions especially for the construction projects year after year. Because of your kindness, now the facility of our Bible College has become better than before. At present, there are altogether 8 buildings in our campus and six of them- the faculty residence, the first and second girl dorms, the library building, the chapel hall, the kitchen and dining hall -were built by your donations. Our Bible College would have not come this far if it wasn't for your help. Every time we look at the beautiful campus with the buildings, we think of you and our hearts are filled with gratitude towards you. We even named our chapel hall after your name. It is called " Ruth Chapel Hall". I really hope you would like it. And also we are going to start the construction of the boy dorm from next December when the rainy season will be ended. Again, thank you very much for your donation for the boy dorm which we have already received.

Until now, we have trained 152 graduates. They are serving the Lord in many ways, some as pastors, some as youth teachers, some as children teachers, some as evangelists among new tribes, some in the gospel radio production program. These are the results of your help and support. I would like to mention three of our beloved students who are sharing the gospel among different tribes. Firstly, Mr. Ba Tin. He is one of our Naga graduates. He graduated in 2011 and went back to his Naga region. At first, there were 30 families of converts in his village but now there are 100 families of converts converted from animism. Praise the Lord! In the same way, Mr. Aung Hla, a Paloung graduate, has gone to share the gospel among his tribe and now he founded a house church of 30 Palaung converts. Accordingly, a Lisu graduate from our Bible College named Philemon has spread the good news among the Lisu ancestor worshippers. Now he has a house church of 45 new converts. There are also many wonderful stories with the rest of graduates. Without your help, such success could not have achieved for the Lord. That's why we are very thankful to you for your care and love for our Taunggyi Bible College ministry. God bless you.



Manasseh with Ba Tin, a Naga Graduate



Manasseh and Philemon

In Christ, Manasseh Fish



Manasseh with Aung Hla, the Palaung graduate



Philemon giving baptism



Kitchen and Dining Hall



Library Building



**Ruth Chapel Hall** 



The 1st and 2nd Girl Dorms



The faculty residence





## The Burma Flood Kent Odor (ACS Board Chairman)

Some of you may have heard about the Flood that devastated Burma in August. The disaster did not make the international news broadcasts. With some diligent research one can find some reports on the internet. This has been a source of great concern to all of our leaders in Burma. We have sent out information to many of our supporters but not all and so we choose to mention this again. We have posted several blogs and numerous pictures on the website. Some of the story and there building process is also included in our new gift catalog prepared for the Holiday season. The disaster was vast. Twelve of the fourteen states of Burma

were declared disaster areas. A huge displacement of people

occurred and several thousand villages were destroyed and hundreds of thousands of acres of land and crops(rice) were also destroyed. Some were damaged from the deep water and the new layers of several feet of mud while others were washed away with no trace left of an original village. There is no clarity of the total loss of life and property and animals. ACS was able to facilitate some great work in relief through the leadership contacts that have been developed through the many years of work. IDES, FAME and a number of churches and individuals have all provided significant support that has met many needs through our faithful leadership networks on the ground. For all of this help we are truly grateful. The end result is that many people (Buddhist, Animist and Muslim tribes) who have previously been closed to our evangelists and church planters were served through this disaster and break though opportunities for evangelism have opened. Thankfully our workers were prepared and ready and sprang into action immediately even before we were able to send funds. Our Asian brothers and sisters gave as generously as they could and they used their ingenuity to secure other resources outside of the church's gifts.

Simon, one of our trusted workers, leveraged a cautious relationship with a Burmese General and was able to secure the availability of a government jet to transport relief supplies to a distant disaffected area. This activity between a Christian and the Buddhist Government sent ripples through many circles and when Simon arrived, a national TV news crew was there to interview Simon for the evening national news. Simon was not daunted by the opportunity and gave testimony of the situation. His words, *"MRTV interviewed our Team and we had a chance to witness our God's Love. We told them, we Christians do this relief mission because:* 

- 1. It is showing God's love.
- 2. It is God's command to love our neighbor
- 3. We are the salt of the world (We are good for the world)
- 4. We are the light of the world (We are to shine in the world like stars)
- 5. We do this to give God Glory."

Your gifts continue providing the fuel needed to propel the furthering of the light of the gospel to those who are still in the dark. We hope the ongoing fruit of the great works that are supported through ACS will be that hundreds of "Simon's" will be trained and prepared for future situations of great need. Thank you all for your generous and prayerful support.

#### Memorials and donations in honor this year so far are:

In Honor of ... Weldon Dixon

from the Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church

In Memory of , , , Vyron A. Fender

from Vivian K. Fender Erwin and Wilma Stock

from Michael W. Stock and from the JW & EL Stock Insurance Company

Paul Grimm

from Ruth Johnson and from A. Wayne Lowen

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