

Asia Christian Services UPDATE!

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Report from the Field: 2015 Review -- Simon Thaug

HAPPY NEW YEAR. Greetings from the Asian Mission Field. God has a great plan for you in this 2016 New Year... "PLANS TO PROSPER YOU, PLANS TO GIVE YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE." Jeremiah 29:11.

If you do not step forward, you will always be in the same place. So let's fix our eyes on JESUS and keep pressing forward to our Goal. Philippians 3:14, Hebrews 12:1

THE FRUITS OF OUR LABOR IN 2015

We helped many and distributed relief supplies of food, shelter and medicines to the flood victims. They received God's Love and grace through us. As a result, over 65 people accepted Jesus as their personal Savior.

PLANTED 5 NEW CHURCHES

1. CHRISTMAS HOME CHURCH - One family (15 members) converted to Christ at Jes Lackjar, Irrawaddy Delta area. This family donated half of their land 0.5 Acre for the Lord. We tried to build Church, but were not permitted as it is strong Buddhist village. So we obeyed Jesus' teaching "CLEVER LIKE SERPENT". And build Home Church and named CHRISTMAS HOME, as we dedicated on Christmas day. We also celebrated Christmas Gospel Crusade and performed Christmas concert, Drama, games and gave Christmas presents. I think this is the first church, named "CHRISTMAS HOME" in the world.



Christmas Gospel Crusade at Lack Jar
Christmas Home Church in Lackjar

2. LAKINWA CHRISTIAN CHURCH - It takes 4 days to reach this Lakinwa village as it is located Bangladesh border. We took one day flight, one day bus in the dusty road, and 2 days by boat without roof and

Reaching Khongso people by 4 day trip



Lakinwa Village, four day trip



4 Baptism at Lakinwa Village, Bangladesh border

Lakinwa Village, four baptisms



Khongso Tribe and their King dress

Lakinwa Christian Church Dedication

seat. We reached there and conducted Seminar and Church Dedication. We baptized four new converts. The villagers are volunteers, sawed wood, bamboo, made brick and we just helped zinc roof and cements. The Church building was well done and we celebrated Dedication Service by killing a Cow, 4 pigs.

3. WATERFALL CHRISTIAN CHURCH - Waterfall village is located Thailand Myanmar border. Our Evangelists reached this village by teaching their children. Seven family accepted Jesus as Savior and one family gave 1 acre of his farm for Church. We prayed for this family and started foundation. The villagers are volunteers. P.S. We finished and dedicated the building through donations from the FAME Medical Team in January.



New Church Building for Refugees

Waterfall Village Christian Church



Waterfall Christian Church, Thailand Border



Waterfall Village Church Donated by FAME

4. ROHINJAR VILLAGE - The Rohinjar people are Muslim, living at Bangladesh border. Five families converted by our flood relief mission. It is not permitted to pray at home and build Church. It is now underground Church. They all have to move from the village if they worship our Living God. It is great danger area and need your fervent prayer support.

5. BETHANY CHRISTIAN CHURCH - Bethany village is located Maesod, Thailand. Most believers were Buddhist Refugees. My fellow evangelist Moses reached these refugees and now appointed Joseph as Pastor. Mount Pleasant Christian Church contributed to build this Church. The Christians are volunteers and making BIG BRICK by mixing mud, cow pass, and straw (Like making bricks in Egypt by Israel's slavery).



Bethany Christian Church in Maesod

WORDS OF THANKS AND CHALLENGE

I am deeply appreciative of your fervent prayer support and love for the Lord and the Lost souls. We have a BIG vision to CONDUCT DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING in 2016 by obeying Jesus' GREAT COMMISSION in Matthew 28:19-20. We will choose faithful, reliable, pliable, loyal, humble, teachable disciples and train them to be witnesses for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We challenge you to come to the ripe harvest Mission Field and join in teaching and to reap the lost souls. May God richly bless you, strengthen you, and guide you into prosperity in this blessed New Year.

"You (God) crown the Year with your Bounty, and your Carts overflow with Abundance". Psalm 65:11.

Your fellow servant in the Lord's ripe Harvest field, Simon Thaug - ACS Boots on the Ground Leader

102 New Workers Into The Harvest -- From Three Bible Colleges

MBI GRADUATION -- (Myanmar Bible Institute) Central Burma

Dear Brethren in Christ, Greetings from Myanmar. MBI is moving along with her goals. I would like to mention some statistics so that we can rejoice and move forward.

1. We had 80 students and 29 graduates this past academic year.
2. The total money we spent was kyats 4,63,50,000 (61.5% from abroad and 38.5% from domestic).
3. MBI graduates are working not only in Myanmar but also in the States, Australia, India, Thailand, and Malaysia.
4. MBI Alumni Association is working to recruit and support students and MBI. Statistics in #2 shows the effort. The main future sponsor will be Alumni even though it will take time.
5. MBI chapel offering went to 14 preachers. It is a one-time gift to frontier preachers.
6. MBI pays attention to youth ministry. We have been running the camps since 1994. We have reached thousands of people through the years. It is a big tool for recruitment too. We reduce our effort to two in this summer due to Rawang Festival which falls in the middle of summer. R. James and I will lead Nongmung Youth Camp and Shikun Nangram and Ninsan will take part in Makumgang Youth Camp. We are expecting 700 in both camps.
7. MBI is proud of multi-ethnic student body. We have Shan, Naga, Burman, Badaung, Ngochang, Chin, Akha, Lisu, and Rawang.
8. MBI is producing not only preachers for local Churches but also teachers for other Bible Colleges such as Emmaus Bible Institute, Myitkyina Bible College, Kalay Christian College, Putao Christian Bible Seminary, and Tachileik Bible Seminary.

Let us continue to join hands together for this ministry. Let us move forward to brighter, stronger, and healthier days. May the Lord bless you all! - Yohan Mana



Yohan Mana with a graduate Evangelist



EBI Graduating students in the front roles waiting for their certificates and diplomas



Graduation of EBI and ECBS with our guest speaker



These audiences lined up to greet graduating students after graduating program was over



MBI Graduation

EBI GRADUATION -- (Eastern Bible Institute) Near Yangon

The EBI graduation program was held on February 6, 2016. There were 52 students graduating from EBI and 4 were graduating from ECBS, for master

degrees. The school was breaking for four months as Summer Holidays till the end of May and it will be resumed by us on June 1. - Joshua Leme

TBC GRADUATION -- (Taunggi Bible College) -- Shan State

Through the Lord's grace, today, have done our TBC's 9th graduation successfully. There were 17 students who are graduated this year. They are from four tribal groups, Lisu, Palaung, Pa-Oh and Naga. All graduated students will go back to their areas and share the gospel. A good news is that of the 17 graduates, 5 are Naga students. As I shared with you before, there are still over 100 Naga villages who are still worshipping many kinds of spirits animists. Now, these Naga graduates will be those who will go to shine the gospel light among them who are still in the darkness. Among 17 graduates, our youngest daughter Cherry Fish is also included. We had about 300 guests at the graduation and we

served them lunch. Everybody enjoyed so much. We, the faculty have decided to start next school year from next May because in Jan, the weather is too cold in Taunggyi. Thank you very much for your prayer and support. God bless you.
- Manasseh Fish



The TBC Faculty and the Graduating Students



Manasseh is preaching the Word of God at the TBC graduation



Norman M. Stanley -- ACS Board Member

Relief Work Results: Shan State-Burma/Thai Border

In the Fall of 2015, I.D.E.S. responded to an appeal for help concerning Lisu who had been driven from their villages by the conflict between the military and the Shan rebels in an area along the Myanmar border near the village of Maing Hsu. Approximately 500 refugees were in life threatening distress. The relief outreach gave opportunity to share the gospel with many animist and ancestor worshippers.

The team who purchased and distributed the items was made up of evangelists Mr. Timothy and Mr. Htor Kyar Ha in Maing Hsu, and Mr. Lemesi a graduate of Taunggyi Bible College.

Critical family needs were met by the gifts of food, clothing, cooking oil, utensils and tools needed for gathering and growing new food crops. The local evangelists were able to develop trust and opportunities for sharing the Gospel



Mr. Lemesi and 3 new converts and his house church members who followed to the riverside where baptism is given



Mr. Lemesi and the Lisu ancestor worshippers whom he is sharing the gospel

with the families. They also shared the reasons that others around the world were generously caring and had a desire to help them during these difficult times. Some ancestor worshippers did accept Christ and were baptized. One very ill young girl named Mary had made a decision for the Lord; however she passed away soon there-after. Her father and her siblings were touched by the help from the evangelist and have since started coming to church and the father and the younger brother were baptized in December.

About then, Manasseh Fish, founder of Taunggyi Bible College, wrote this to us...

Mr. Lemesi baptized three new converts including Silas' father who was a great shaman before. Silas is the one who converted first from the ancestor worship and we have sent him to Myitkyina Three Months Bible School. Now, he is studying there and this is the second month of his study. Next March, the school will be over. Actually, his father will also take baptism with him, but because of his father's sorrow over his daughter Mary's death, he postponed taking baptism. But today, he is determined and took baptism. Another two are also the new converts. They are also refugees and converted from the ancestor worship.



Mr. Lemesi is giving baptism to Silas' father

Mr. Lemesi shared with me that sooner or later, Silas' mother and brothers and sisters will also take baptism. This is because Silas and his father are in turn sharing with them about Jesus Christ. Praise the lord!

Norman continued... Many of these displaced families have nothing to go back to because their villages were destroyed. They are also hesitant to return for fear of retribution and landmines. They most likely will remain in this area and become a part of the Maing Hsu community and a local church. Mr. Lemesi is making his rounds with the new villages that are cropping up because of the refugees, and he is sharing God's word. Here is quote from the two evangelists who distributed the relief donations:

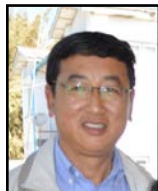
"The refugees are so thankful to them for the donation and that in their lives, they have never experienced receiving such help and kindness. So the villagers who were hostile to the evangelists, become the hosts of the evangelists now, and they started listening to the Gospel. So, from then on, the evangelists go to share the Gospel with them from time to time. The refugees were really touched by the love of Christ through the donation and we hope sooner or later, they will be converted. Please keep praying for them. Thank you very much. May God bless you."

It is evident these refugees are very thankful to I.D.E.S. and their donors in providing these items during such difficult times. More importantly, it is the gift of Christ that was offered and that gift has been received! - NMS

P.S. - A follow up report has come from Manasseh Fish. He wrote... I also have another good news that I received from Mr. Lemesi. He said that he just received a call from Silas' youngest sister and she told him that she and her sisters are very happy about their father's taking baptism and they will also take baptism when Silas come back from Myitkyina Three Months Bible School. Praise the Lord! Silas has two sisters and five brothers. When I heard this news, my eyes filled with tear of joy knowing God's faithfulness. Please keep praying for Mr. Lemesi and for us that we can find more lost souls for Christ. Thank you very much for your prayer and partnership for the Lord. May God bless you.

And the reports keep coming...

We love to share a good news with you that on last Sunday, Mr. Timothy baptized 7 boys and girls. Of them, two boys are the new converts from the ancestor worship and they are the two children out of the five whom Mr. Timothy and his wife Sarah are taking care of their schooling. Their names are Sai Khan and Sai Su So, we would say that they are the fruits of our joined labor after Silas and his sister Mary. Thank you very much. May God bless you.



Yohan Mana -- Flood Relief Results

Western Burma (Mro Tribe) -- Sitweii

This relief project went well. I have a good report from Preacher Yonadan (Rawang) who preaches at Sittwe. There are three families who came to know Jesus through this project in Mingan village, Baukdaw Township. A school teacher and his family, a clerk and his family, and a widow and her children were baptized. Many more villagers are interested in the gospel. We will be able to set a Church very soon. It is on the island. So we need to pray for getting a preacher. I sent the remainings (Ks.1,500,000) to preacher Yonadan today. He will share the money to the needy in Bonnakyun and Baukdaw. Thanks for helping the victims. - Yohan Mana



Buying rice bags at Bungna Kuhn



Preacher Chit Maung got a water tank and GI sheets



Mya Dae village after the flood



Ruth Fish Khamti Christian Women's Seminar -- Manasseh Fish

Through the Lord's grace, the 2nd Khamti Christian Women seminar was done successfully.

Ruth called me and told me that at Khamti airport, they were met and picked up by some TBC students who are serving there. First, they were taken to the minister's house where they were served dinner. Then they were taken by a boat to Leh Pan Thar village where they conducted the Christian Women seminar. Leh Pan Thar village is a village of Lisu and Naga people.

Ruth said there were about 80 women at the seminar and all attended actively the seminar until the end. Ruth also said the women also appreciated our two daughters' teaching and they also praise them for that. This was the second trip for Ruth but for our two daughters, it was the first trip and the first experience of their teaching. I also thank God that the Lord has started using our two daughters in His ministry. Ruth said during the seminar, mostly the men cooked for the seminar because they want all their wives attended the seminar without being disturbed.

Ruth also said at the farewell service, some women with tear in their eyes said that they were so thankful for their coming and teaching. Ruth was also told that there was no one in the past who loved to come to them and teach them like now except Ruth and our two daughters. They were also requested to come back in next year also. The seminar was from Feb 8 to 12 and on Feb 13, Ruth and our two daughters went to visit a church named Hla Thar Gone Church of Christ through the invitation of the minister and the church elders and deacons. Ruth also told me that our TBC graduates there are serving the Lord some as the children teachers, some as youth teachers and some as evangelists. May God bless you. -MF



Ruth, Cherry and Chernu are ready to leave for Leh Pan Thai village



Ruth is teaching



The 2nd Khamti Christian Women Seminar

Bill McClure -- ACS Board Member At Golden Triangle Conference -- Mae Sai, Thailand



A very successful 14th Christian Leadership Conference, jointly sponsored by Asia Christian Services and Gospel Broadcasting Mission was held January 18-22. Again this year it was conducted in rented facilities in the N. Thailand city of Mae Sai. Speakers from the U.S. were Dr. Gary Weedman (Johnson

University President), Mike Flinchum (Thailand Missionary) and Bill McClure (Gospel Broadcasting Mission Director). Asian speakers included Dr. Joshua Leme (Yangon), Jeremy Leme, (Pyin Oo Lwin) and Nurse Nwe New Win (Tachlek).

More than 100 leaders attended this year - more were expected, but passport and/or visa restrictions interfered with their plans. While travel is simple in most parts of the world, it is not in SE Asia where borders and countries are still in conflict. Medical kits were provided to attendees and medical instructions by Nurse Win - then sent out to provide at least some level of medical help to villagers in remote areas where little or no medical facilities or medicine is available. Your support helps make meetings like this possible and conference plans are already underway for 2017. -BM



Dr. Gary Weedman



Mike Flinchum speaks and Jereme Leme interprets

Gift in Honor of . . . Simon Thauang
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