

# Taunggyi Christian Center Update

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## 1. Christian Women Seminars

Most of the churches in Myanmar have not much teaching for the women especially in the churches of the countryside. Therefore, Ruth has been trying to fulfill this need for the women since many years ago. Every year, she makes trips to different parts of Myanmar and teaching the women.

**The 2nd Hpar Kant Christian Women Seminar.** There are Rawang Churches and Lisu Churches in Hpar Kant. Last year, Ruth went to teach the 1st Christian Women Seminar among the Rawang Churches and this year, she went to teach the 2nd Women Seminar among the Lisu Churches. The seminar was from Nov 27 to 30. She also took a friend with her. Ruth shared two lessons with the women, the Book of Esther and the Characteristics of Godly Women basing on Pro. 31: 10-38. Her friend taught the art of Floral Arrangement. So, the seminar was a great encouragement for the women there.



Ruth and the Hpar Kant Christian Women Seminar

**The Lehe and Khamti Christian Women Seminar.** Again, Ruth and Cherry went to Lehe and conducted a Christian Women Seminar. It was the first Women Seminar ever conducted in Lehe and it was a great encouragement for the Naga women. The seminar was from Feb 26 to March 2. Ruth taught the Book of Esther and Cherry taught the Women Circle Life lessons. Ruth and Cherry also sadly learned from the Naga women that according to their culture, the Naga people don't like a child born with birth defect and also the birth of twins. They consider them as through the evil spirits. However, after the seminar, the Naga women have learned every born child is God's masterpiece and so, precious and they also told Ruth and Cherry that they will again share with the other women who are left behind in the village.



Lehe Women Seminar

After the Lehe seminar, Ruth and Cherry came back from Lehe to Khamti and conducted another women seminar at Leh Pan Church, Khamti for three days, from March 5 to 7. There were about 100 women at the seminar.



Ruth, Cherry with 7 TBC Naga Students



Khamti Women Seminar



Mis.Kim Wan is cooking for the seminar



A Naga Village Ritual house

## 2. Students Fellowship Visit

Taungyi Bible Collage is trying to keep a good relationship with the churches. Therefore, with the President's support, Manasseh took 15 students and went to visit four churches, Linn Hkay Christian Church, Hkon Thit Wun Christian Church, May Zele Christian Church and High Park Christian Church from last Dec 16 to 26. The visit was also like an internship program for the students. At every church, the students participated with preaching, testimonies, teaching the children and singing. Every night, there was a student night concert at every church. Thus, through the visit, the churches have come to know more about TBC and thus, it strengthens the relationship between the churches and TBC.



## 3. The Passing of a Co-Worker

Mr. Sai Tun Aye, one of our co-workers went back to the Lord on last Jan 17. He was a very dedicated and committed evangelist. He was the founder of the present Linn Hkay Christian Church. When he and his family moved to Linn Hkay and started the ministry, there was no single believer but now, there are about 80 church members, new converts. His funeral service was done on Jan 19. Being he was a good example not only for his church members but also for non-believers and his funeral procession was the biggest ever they had in Linn Hkay, the people said. After the funeral, Manasseh gave baptisms to four youths who were converted by him before his death. Therefore, his death was a great loss for the Lord.



## 4. New May Zele Church Construction.



With the donation of Mr. Gary and Mrs. Jane Martin, Mr. Peter Fish and his church elders have started the construction of a new church building from the second week of last Feb. They have done now 80% of the construction. May Zele village is a big village of 200 families but of them; only 50 families have accepted Jesus Christ so far. Therefore, if the new church building is done completely, it will become a very precious resource for reaching the rest of the villagers, the ancestor worshipers. Even on last March 18, Peter got three baptisms of new converts converted from the ancestor worship. Praise the Lord!

## 5. Hymn Books

With a donation from IDES, Manasseh and Ruth were able to buy and share 300 Lisu hymn books with three Lisu Churches. Now, every church member got a hymn book and they can praise God at any time. The singing and praising songs will touch their neighbors who don't accept Jesus Christ.



Distributing the hymn books

## Word of Thanks

Firstly, we would like to thank Mr. Gary and Mrs. Jane Martin for their donation and generosity for the construction of a new May Zele Church. Secondly, we would like to thank IDES and Blanchester Church of Christ for their gifts for the widow of Mr. Sai Tun Aye. Thirdly, we thank IDES again for the donation for 300 Lisu hymn books for three churches. Finally, we are so thankful to all of you who are helping us our ministry possible.

## Prayer Requests

(1) *Taunggyi Christian Center have sent 10 TBC graduates, 7 Naga students to Lehe and 3 Lisu students to the Southern Shan State since 2015. Last month, one of our Naga students named Timothy got 15 baptisms of new Naga converts. So, TCC is now in need of an evangelism fund to help those students. Each student will need at least \$100 per month to serve the Lord in full time. So, anyone who would like to contribute for the need of those students, please send your donation with noting as " TCC Evangelism."*



*Timothy's giving baptisms to the new converts*



*The Land that the committee wants to buy the Center*

(2) *Khamti is located at the junction of high way of Lehe and the water ways of upper and lower Chinn Dwin River and also the airway from Central Myanmar. Therefore, it is very important to have a Biblical Training Center for outreach, leadership training and for other ministry purpose. As the first step, we need to buy a piece land for the Center. The price of the land is a little bit cheaper there. It will cost only \$4000 for a land ( 120 ft x 180ft).*



*The Land for building the youth minister's house*

(3) *Linn Hkay Christian Church is in need of constructing house for the youth minister who has taken the responsibility of Mr. Sai Tun Aye. They have already bought the land but no fund for the construction of the house. They will build just a small house and it will cost approximately \$5000.*



*The bamboo walls are replaced with the plastic sheets*

(4) *Lehe Christian Center building is now too old and its bamboo walls were damaged by heavy rain in each year. Therefore, its bamboo wall sheets were replaced with the plastic sheets just for temporarily. So, now it needs to rebuild again. Lehe Evangelizing Committee said that the wood and timbers are cheaper there and it will cost only \$4000 to rebuild it. Since it is used for multi purposes like as the meeting places, conducting the various seminars and for other purposes, it is very important to rebuild as soon as possible.*

If you would like to contribute for the ministry of Taunggyi Christian Center, please send your donation according to following mailing address:

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