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Lois and LaVerne

Greetings from LaVerne and Lois . . .

From LaVerne...

Dear friends and partners in spreading the gospel,

I appreciate very much this opportunity to send my greetings to you through this newsletter.

I have many memories of visiting our Christian friends and co-workers in Thailand, Burma, India, Cambodia

and China. I wish I could go there again but I am limited since I am 87 years old. Thank you for continuing to support the ministry of Asia Christian Services. Remember that we are working to spread the good news of eternal life which is made possible only by our Lord Jesus Christ. I want to remember also that Jesus said to "go spread the gospel to all nations" and that he "will be with us to the end of the age."

I appreciate especially how the gospel has grown through all the years. When we left, there were probably 90,000 Christians in northern Burma. Through the work of the native evangelists, the overall work has quadrupled since then. The Lisu and Rawang preachers have led the way to plant churches among 40 more tribes. The evangelists are working in conditions that sometimes have persecution.

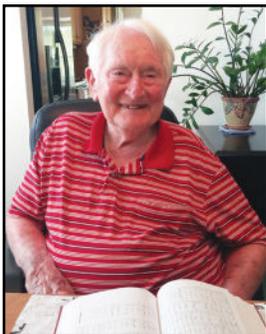
I understand the radio broadcasts by Ahdi Mark and team are reaching 300,000 Lisu in Communist China alone plus they have broadcasts in many other languages. Ruth Fish and her broadcast to the Pao is an example. These go through Gospel Broadcasting Ministry of which Bill McClure is the director and a member of our board.

I was blessed to be able to teach at the Cincinnati Bible Seminary for 23 years. During those years many leaders of South East Asia and other countries like Egypt were students of mine. People that were trained started Bible Colleges and many other good works. I think our God has been greatly blessed through the works of many Asian workers.

Lois and I are doing quite well. We live at Mason Christian Village at Mason, Ohio. Lois and I enjoy very much having visitors and maybe some of you can come to visit us. My daughter Marcia has DVD's on much of the work. You may be able to get some if you request them.

Please pray and give financially so the ministries can continue to be effective and reach many new tribes.

God bless you.
LaVerne Morse



LaVerne at his desk



Lois at her desk

About Lois...

Lois continues to write inspirational articles for *CHRIST INDIAN*, a Christian magazine published by Strategic World Evangelism in Chennai, India. Dr. Leonard Thompson is the editor. She has been writing for this bi-monthly publication since 1992. She has also been working for years on a *Daily Devotional Book*, which includes material she has written over the years for the *RESTORATION HERALD*, *ONE BODY*, and *CHRIST INDIAN*. She is in the final editing stage at this time. Writing to inspire, comfort, and encourage others is her passion.

From Lois...

Our very dear friends in Christ,

Many of us have traveled a long road together in our zeal to see the Good News of the Gospel spread to the uttermost parts of the earth. We thank you for your invaluable contribution to all that has been accomplished in Asia for our Lord.

I am continuing the work God gave me a long time ago to feed God's lambs and sheep through the writing of inspirational devotionals. I would like to share just one of these with you now, hopefully to bring an added blessing to your day.

With love and appreciation,
Lois

April 24

"As a woman with child and about to give birth writhes and cries out in her pain, so were we in your presence, O Lord. We were with child, we writhed in pain, but we gave birth to wind. We have not brought salvation to the earth; we have not given birth to people of the world" (Isaiah 26:17-18).

Must this also be our confession? Or has our response to God been like the trumpet section marching ahead of a vast army of believers who have taken Christ seriously when he said, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19-20). Are we giving birth to wind, or to the people of the world through the proclamation of the gospel? (See Romans 10:14-15)

When I think about the Great Commission, I recall the events surrounding the birth of our daughter Cynthia in our grass-roofed home in Muladi Village, northernmost Burma. The morning following her birth marked the beginning of a short-term Bible school for preach-

ers which was being held in Dukdang Village, several miles from our village. My husband, LaVerne, remained at home with me during those first two days after Cynthia was born. The next day, before leaving for classes, he rigged up a loudspeaker system for me to use in the event that I needed help and had trouble raising someone—a perfect "bedside bell!" When he had the mike connected, he held it up to Cynthia's mouth when she was howling so her voice would flood the whole mission compound! Then he chuckled like a kid with a new toy.

*Have you just been born into the Kingdom? Don't sleep quietly in your "crib" while an unsaved world walks by! **GRAB A MIKE**, and let the whole world know!*



George Drake – ACS Board Member

February 16-18, 2016 the third annual Bible School Christian Leaders' Conference guided by Lisu leadership was held in Yangon, Myanmar. Representatives from a great number of Bible colleges, and a variety of associated ministries throughout several Southeast Asian countries gathered to participate. The conference was very well organized with a joyful spirit from arrival to the benediction.

Over 150 Christian leaders came to this conference including the third generation of the Morse family (David, Tom, Ron and Bob) to share their mission experiences and plan future cooperation to expand God's kingdom. The Morse family shared about their young lives at Mulashidi, Putao, and the Hidden Valley. They gave testimony to God's protection, provision, and faithfulness.

This was a Lisu conference consisting of much prayer, praise songs, worship services, preaching, Bible lessons, devotionals, reports from the field, strategy sessions, and much more all marinated in an outpouring of Christian love, great fellowship, and hilarity. The wonderful and plentiful food was prepared by the Insein Church of Christ which served as the gracious host for the conference. (Insein is a small community within greater Yangon. Joshua Leme is the minister of the church.)

As an ACS representative, I brought encouragement for them to continue going forward to serve our King. We discussed sending more workers into new mission fields, and how we may assist them. Currently over 500 local churches in northern Burma, where the Morse family used to live, have become self-supporting. However, the need to partner with the evangelists as they advance to new mission fields became clear - so that they may go, disciple, multiply, and also become self-supporting.



Honorary Doctorates

At the end of the conference, a special honoring program presented a number of individuals with honorary Doctor of Divinity diplomas in recognition of their outstanding services to the Church and the Lisu community. This was administered by the leadership in full academic attire and included a praise and worship service, scripture reading, the keynote address by Dr. Joshua Leme, a choir, and two girls in Lisu-traditional costumes who distributed the diplomas. Those receiving the honor included outstanding long time Lisu leaders and the Morse family.

Among those honored in absentia were J. Russell Morse, Eugene R. Morse, and Robert Howe Morse (LaVerne's father and his two brothers). Also

included were LaVerne R. Morse, Lois Morse, Ruth Morse Johnson, and Marcia Morse Odor. Together the honorees represented the last 95 years of outstanding sacrificial service in the Southeast Asia Theater. They were all given honor where honor is due. Well done good and faithful servants.

Kent and Marcia Odor sent a letter and a video message of greeting and encouragement from LaVerne which was presented at the conference. The letter was read in Lisu, and the video showed LaVerne speaking in Lisu. These were read and viewed prior to the conferring of the diplomas. The entire room of attendees responded by breaking into an immediate flow of tears and sobbing upon viewing and hearing their beloved LaVerne through the video presentation.



Receiving LaVerne and Lois's awards



Delivering the Award



Singing at Christian Leadership Convention



LaVerne with the Diploma

After the conference, Dr. Simon Thaug, ACS's boots-on-the-ground general, guided a team of us to visit the following:

1. Self-sustaining projects of rice fields, a pig farm, a chicken farm, and a real estate business. Dr. Thaug is establishing a Christian retreat center at Bagu, 40 miles from Yangon.

2. Christian Literature Ministry. ACS helps to print hymn books and Bibles. Our translators have just finished the four gospels in the Hkogos language and printed 2,000 copies. David Morse is helping with this project.

3. Refugees. We were able to visit the Myanmar/Thailand border by driving 10 hours from Yangon. Ahdi Mark (ACS coordinator from Thailand) joined our team. We passed the Salween River flowing from the China Tibetan



Safe in a refugee camp

border where the Morse family used to live from 1921-1950. Many refugees have been and are being reached by ACS fellow evangelists. With an escort, we attended the Waterfall Christian Church dedication on the Thailand

border. There are land mines, but the refugees burn the forests to clear the mines. Yes...they explode while the forest burns...smart strategy. We met our fellow workers: Moses, Yohan, Ahksin, and Timothy. We encouraged and prayed with them.

I have seen how God is doing tremendous work through faithful and amazing servants to expand His kingdom. It was obvious to me that all of ACS's representatives and field workers appreciate your partnership, cooperation, and prayer support. Please visit our website at www.asiachristianservices.com for more information concerning the ongoing mission opportunities.

May you receive rich blessings on earth as you await the thrill of meeting those you bless by your faithful prayers and generous support.



On the banks of the Salween River

News from the field . . .

Rawang Thanksgiving Festival -- Yohan Mana

Rawangs hosted a Thanksgiving Festival (April 19-23) in Putao. This year we had only one youth camp because the people were preparing for this great festival. Thousands and thousands of people gathered together from many countries: China, Thailand, Malaysia, Australia, USA, and Myanmar. We also took part in this great event. Why did we do that? All Rawangs were Animists and Buddhists for centuries. We lived in primitive ways in every sense. Thanks to God for missionaries who cared and loved us. Now Rawangs are almost 100 percent Christian. We have been saved and blessed in every aspect. We have been uplifted in every way. We now have preachers and teachers (spiritual leaders), high ranking officials, technicians, musicians, educators, doctors, and successful businessmen, etc. We just cannot stay silent.

We went through heavy rain. It was muddy. We did not care. It did not stop us. We worshipped, sang, danced, and ate. It went very well. Kachin State's highest officials came to give special speeches and danced with the Rawangs... I also met many friends and relatives from Thailand. Thank God we know him. It is really a great blessing!



Yohan Mana and family

Chiang Mai, Thailand -- Ahdi Mark

The ministries that we are serving at the studio are going well day by day. And our ministries are increasing more and more. We are still serving the Lord in radio ministry for Lisu, Wa and Ngochang. We edit for them every day. 15 minute daily programs for Wa and Ngochang and 30 minute programs for Lisu. In December 2015, we went to northeast India and in February, 2016 we went to Myanmar. When we were abroad, we researched the radio listeners and we found out that most people love to listen in our radio programs. They all are so impressed with the radio programs. They are receiving spiritual food every day.

Besides radio programming we are producing Christian movies and gospel music. They are so effective to all ages - old, young and kids. Our movies are going beyond Thailand to China, Myanmar, India, and to other countries where Lisu people live... We occasionally go on evangelistic trips to Lisu villages in Thai-

land. We took 16 Bible students and 5 teachers to 7 Lisu villages during the school break in April. It was a wonderful trip. We performed dancing, singing, preaching, drama, shared short wave radios and prayed for them house to house... Jay Tsi is the best guitarist and he is serving the Lord by produce gospel music... Sometimes, we work at the studio all night... Jay Yo is a good director for film, a good voice in singing and an editor for Lisu programs. Also he is preaching on radio program. Jay Tsi and Jay Yo are staying in my house and I always encourage them to serve the Lord faithfully.



Ahdi Mark and Tassenee

Khongso Bible Translation progress -- Kent Odor

An exciting new development this spring concerns the Khongso Tribe. Previously we wrote about the conversion of the Khongso people and the recruitment of a Bible Translator who was trained by the SIL organization. His team began translating the gospels and created a written language and a primer to teach the people of the tribe to read Khongso. Last month, a connection was made with his team and David Morse in Thailand - who specializes in translation and printing work. Now a printing of all four gospels has been completed. How exciting it is that the complete story of Jesus is now readable by the 10,000 plus people of this tribe some of whom had been unable previously to read. They can now discover the life that Jesus has brought to all mankind. The Khongso translation work will continue until the Bible is complete, but let the celebration begin, because the story of Jesus can now be understood and the teachings of Jesus obeyed!



The Khongso Translation Team with Simon and David Morse

Great Ministry Needs in Burma at this time . . .

Please contact us directly for more specific information about all of the requests.

1. The ACS General fund fuels many evangelists – feeds their families and covers their travel. It is distributed monthly to four accountability groups and dispersed according to the wisdom of those leaders. We have committed to these leaders a monthly distribution amount. Recently the general fund been short at the end of the month and so they have not received their total needed funds. A shortage in this fund is a shortage in the expansion of the work. This is our primary ACS need! Monthly regular support to the General Fund has huge kingdom impact.
2. Needs/projects for groups and individuals....
 - A. Printing of 5,000 hymn books—\$3,000
 - B. Five new buildings in areas where church self-funding is not possible beyond just the caring for the evangelists. Some of these areas don't really use money the way we do in the USA. They may function for months without any paper money and live by trading or growing the things they need. This amount represents about 2/3's of the total cost. The local church usually covers the rest.
 1. Hope Church - \$7,000
 2. Mey Zele Church –led by Peter Fish - \$6,000
 3. Thit Wun Church – led by Philemon - \$6,000
 4. Canaan Christian Church – Y. Yohan Yotkiri - \$6,350 (The last 40%)
 5. A bamboo bungalow for the Christian Retreat Center - \$1,000.
 - C. Motorcycles for Evangelists - @ \$600 each (a Chinese model)
3. Medical Kit Evangelism Fund.... Medical Kits have proven to be highly effective in the hands of evangelists in remote areas. They are trained at leadership seminars by doctors and nurses in basic first aid type care and basic medicines. A typical seminar needs about \$2,000 to cover the supplies for the seminar and the medical kits.

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