



Imagine Hope!

Marcia Odor

Imagine you are living in a refugee camp or an IDP camp (Internally Displaced People). You have lost your home, village, and your former community. Some families in your village have been brutally killed by ruthless soldiers. Perhaps you are now an orphan or widow. Your family, friends, and your way of life are gone.

Imagine being that person who once had a livelihood, perhaps you had a market stall where you sold your vegetables. Imagine if you were that person who formerly could grow rice and feed your family, but now you are at the mercy of the IDP camp and any rations that it provides.



Refugees

Imagine sitting there in your displaced situation. Since you have no land, you are crowded in with thousands of other refugees with no privacy or meaningful work. This world looks very gloomy...

But, ...then hope starts to raise in your heart. You just watched a film telling of someone... actually the God who made the world... and is wanting you to know and feel his love. An evangelist explains the Jesus film. You realize there is more than meets the eye in the view of now and eternity.

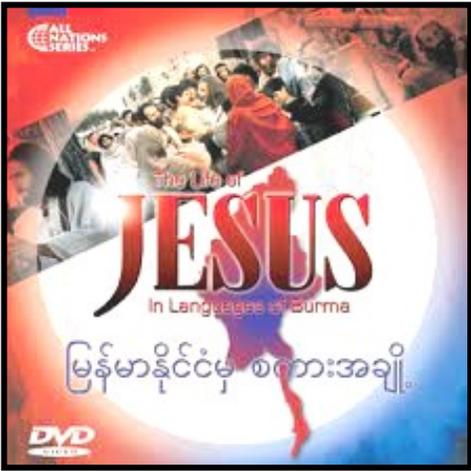
Hope now enters... and seeds of joy begin to fill your heart.

Jesus Film Project A \$25,000 Matching Grant Opportunity

The time is now to share the **Jesus Film** in Myanmar. ACS evangelists are poised and ready to use this film. They just need equipment. The evangelists are excited about this new opportunity.

In the early 1990's, the Jesus Film Project was initiated by Bill Bright of Campus Crusade. His dream was to help every person on the earth hear about Jesus. Since then, the film has become the most seen movie of all times with more than 4.5 billion people who have now viewed it around the world. The Jesus Film Project group in 2020 produced the film into the 2000th language. The Jesus Film has been produced into 39 languages in Myanmar.

A gracious ACS donor has pledged \$25,000 as a Matching Grant to help us secure the necessary Jesus Film projection equipment and provide ACS support. These funds would allow our entire church planting team in SE Asia to be able to use this resource as we pursue reaching the last 50 unreached tribes in Myanmar. The technology to this tool is now available and our post covid teams have been trained through the



The Burmese Jesus Film Logo

experiences of the pandemic to use electronic methods. We want to purchase the following:

1. **Tablets with the film downloaded into them and other resources** as they are available to be shown to individuals and families in house-to-house evangelism. These can be purchased for about \$80 to \$100 each.
2. **Solar charged - battery powered projectors and speakers** for use in villages where there is no electricity. We intend that this equipment would be managed by Evangelism Committees that are regionally organized. ACS is connected to about 20 Evangelism teams. Each team includes a number of existing churches and purposefully plants new churches with new evangelists as they are available. Each team has access to five or more different tribes in its region. This tool can be purchased for about \$800 each.
3. **Higher lumen plug in projectors** to be used in some of our Bible Colleges and Training Centers. These can be purchased for about \$1500 with speakers.

4. Our initial target is:

A. 20 tablets	\$2,000
B. 10 solar charged projector sets	\$8,000
C. 10 high lumen projectors	\$15,000
Total...	\$25,000



A Solar Battery Powered Projector

Please consider helping us reach this goal. We believe it is the right time to add this very practical tool to our church planting toolbox. Thank you.

New ACS Website

A new website is in the final stage and will be launched before year end. Mike Gerber an ACS Board member has led the path forward to accomplish this important work critical for our future ACS communication. We are grateful to Nathan Elson of CDF Capital (Church Development Fund) and a California design firm *Enthusiast* for their important contributions. The new site will feature a new donation platform of online giving and a place to share current ACS news and information. Near the end of 2022, give attention to the new site at www.asiachristianservices.com.

A Recent Trip to Thailand



Kent, David and a Refugee Teacher

In September Kent Odor along with David Dyer, a former ACS board member and a longtime friend of ACS founder LaVerne, visited the ACS Team in Thailand. Simon Thaug, our ACS Asia Coordinator guided the trip. They spent 5 days at the Mae Sot border with Myanmar visiting refugee schools and church plants. They were able to participate in an outreach into the cornfields to share food and the gospel with working refugees who function as indentured servants for the landlords where they have landed and built shelters.

Kent preached in two STADIA church plants and taught three nights in a "Monsoon Bible School" training for recently converted Burmese refugees in both discipleship and church



Morning Glory Refugee School



Mae Sot Border Refugee School



Moses Preaching to Refugee Workers



Refugees Working in the Field

planting. This school was led by Moses who is the evangelist who led these Burmese refugees to Christ and was now training them in an evening three-month school after their daily work. They are being prepared for future leadership. Moses was sent to Thailand a number of years ago to reach refugees after he graduated from EBI – Emmaus Bible Institute in Yangon. He has established a strong church planting church with several new church plants on the cusp of launching as soon as there is funding. These funds



Trash Dump Refugee Church



The Mae Sot Refugee Church

are totally necessary as these refugees have no access to funds and work in the fields for daily food.

Kent and David then traveled north to Chiang Mai and consulted with Ahdi Mark and his team at the GBM (Gospel Broadcasting Mission) recording studio. This studio produces 21 daily programs each week in three languages for broadcasts each evening. They also visited the Rapha House Campus where Mark's wife Tassanee holds a leadership role. The Rapha

House works to restore young teen girls/women who have been rescued from the sex trade. Ahdi Mark and Tassanee are long time ACS workers who were trained by LaVerne Morse and graduated from the Chiang Mai Bible Institute which LaVerne started in Thailand.

Next, they went further north to Chiang Rai and Mae Sei visiting Lahu and Akha tribal church planters. Kent preached two more times. They ended the trip back in Bangkok encouraging a church planter who had been sent there and who has started two churches among both Burmese refugees and Lisu who have migrated to Bangkok for work.

This trip's purpose was both for encouragement and information gathering. In the past three years, in Thailand ACS has funded church planters, built two church buildings and sent a large amount of funds to assist with refugee relief. It was wonderful to break bread with and pray for our teammates who are serving the Lord in very difficult situations. Together we identified needs they have that by the Lord's grace we can meet in the future.



Canaan Lahu Church

Opportunities.... (Please join us in praying for these).

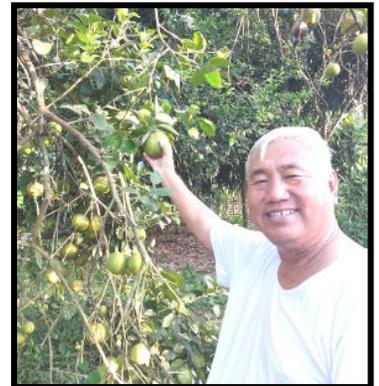
1. **A Thailand Registered NGO/Foundation** that can purchase and own land in Thailand and provide non-profit services, both collect funds and distribute them legally. (Establishing the **Hope Foundation Thailand** has been funded, is in the works and is expected to be authorized by the government by February 1, 2023.)

2. **Several “three-rye” pieces of property** (a little more than one-acre) are needed in locations where the refugees are working. These would become locations to establish a new village for newly converted refugees and plant a new church. **This will require about \$25,000–\$30,000 per site.**
3. **\$200 per month funding for church planters** to work in these new refugee areas. Four men are prepared right now and are ready to go.
4. **\$200 per month for a church planter to establish a new church near the Chiang Rai Airport.** Burmese refugees have gathered there, and the field is ripe for harvest.
5. **A new daily Radio Broadcast in Burmese** (This is the common national language of Myanmar) ACS/GBM is currently broadcasting into seven hill tribe languages, but the border refugees are primarily of the Bamar tribe and speak only Burmese. A sound gospel message is not currently being broadcast for the nation in the National Language.)

New Naga Center Begins Classes — Manasseh Fish

Through the Lord's protection and His care, Hezron and I have come home safely from our trip to teach at the Khamti Christian Bible School.

The location is very good. The Chinn Dwin River is just a five-minute walk from the campus. I also see that the villagers of Leh Pan Thar village also grow grapefruits. They said they brought saplings from Putao. Even on the campus, there are many grapefruit growing and we even enjoyed eating it. So, the campus looks so fresh with grapefruit trees, bananas and bamboo.



The Grapefruit Growing on the Campus

We gave the name to the training center as Khamti Christian Bible School (KCBS) after Putao Christian Bible School (PCBS) founded by Mr. LaVerne Morse. The good news that I would like to share with you is that through the Lord's grace, our dream has come true because this year, we have 37 students, and they are the children whose parents couldn't afford sending them to other bible schools because of their travelling expenses. Now, they have a Bible school near them, and they don't need to go to other Bible schools and thus, they can save their traveling expenses. It is likely that next year the number of students will double. The half of the students are Naga students. The training will take 3 years. This means the present students will graduate in 2024.

I hope when they graduate in 2024, another of our visions will come true. Because as I already shared with you, there are a lot of people who don't know Jesus are living along the Chinn Dwin River. They are Shan, Burmese, and Naga people. Therefore, the KBCS graduates will be the future evangelists (gospel seeds) who will go to share the gospel with them. Being the strategic location



The First KCBS Class 2022



The Main Building of KCBS



Manasseh is Teaching the Students

of Khamti of meeting the airway, waterway, and highway, KCBS will surely become a gospel beachhead for the whole area. Please remember KCBS in your prayers that the training will go well. Gideon is serving as the president and leading the school well. Thank you very much for everything. God bless you. Your Brother in Christ, Manasseh Fish

IDES Report – Manasseh Fish

IDES has been very generous with relief assistance in Myanmar as our ACS workers are continuing to bring hope, healing and the gospel to those around them in the war-torn areas. An \$8,300 grant from IDES produced 86 medical kits to back up and even open the doors for evangelists to preach the gospel. This is an abbreviated report.

Medical Kit Project Summary... Since February 1, 2021, with the military takeover, conditions in Myanmar continue to get worse, both from an economic and unemployment perspective. One of the results is that people who are already poor cannot purchase medicine. Manasseh sponsored a project into five areas; Putao; southern Shan state; eastern Shan state, the Naga Hills, and the Khamti area. This included working with and through 86 churches and effecting over 13,000 people. In addition, medicine was distributed to Taunggyi Bible College (67 students); Living Bible College (24 students); Bethany Theological College (103 students).



The Medicine for Living Bible College

A Testimony: Robert, an evangelist sharing the gospel among the ancestor worshipers in Keng Tawng area shared a story of a woman's conversion who was an ancestor worshiper. He shared that the woman's name is Ah See Mee and once, she became very ill and the illness was prolonged for 3 months. So, she asked her husband to take her to a medical clinic. But her husband is a heavy drunkard and didn't pay attention to her. Rather he blamed on her that because of her illness, the family was financially hurt. Thus, after 3 months, she was deserted by her husband. Thus, she was so sad and feeling her life was hopeless. Then, in one day even though she was physically very weak, she went to search for the food for her pigs in in the forest, she met with Robert unexpectedly. Then, she shared about her sorrowful life with Robert. Robert comforted her and shared about Jesus with her. Then, he also invited her to come to his house and get some medicines. Then, in that evening, Mrs. Ah See Mee came to his house, and he gave some medicines to her. Then, after one month, she came to appear to Robert and told him that now she was completely healed and physically stronger than before and she comes to know only Jesus is the Lord and Savior of the world. So, she asked to dedicate her life with a prayer. So, Robert prayed for her and thus, she becomes a believer of Christ.



Dividing the medicines for the Naga Churches

Thank you, IDES, for your continuing assistance in the spreading of the Gospel in Myanmar!

News From the Asian Mission Field — Simon Thuang

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ from Asia Mission field. We are safe under our God's care in this challenging time. The refugees and internally displaced people are increasing as the coup use jet fighters and shoot the villages. 190 people were killed last month. The villagers had to flee to safe zone by leaving all belongings and properties. Many refugees crossed the border and arrived into Thailand.



DISTRIBUTING EMERGENCY FOOD

By the help of God, Our team was able to distributed emergency food and shelters to refugees and IDPs. We shared emergency food, medicines, shelters, Bibles, the Good News, and stationaries for children. We prayed for them to heal from their traumas and that they would have peace and HOPE in Christ. Pray that this seed of Love will grow in their hearts and can win their souls in the near future.

EDUCATION IS THE KEY FOR REFUGEE CHILDREN

Jesus said; "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these". Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me". (Matt. 19:14; 18: 5,5). A church in Albuquerque, NM contributed

a playground for the children, and they are very happy to play and forget their nightmares. But when they heard the sound of flight, they ran out to safe place as their relatives were killed by jet fighter. Our team is giving free education for the refugee children. Thank you for your faithful support to these children. We need nutritious food for children and volunteers, teachers in children ministry. A teacher is teaching in two classes in one time.



New Playground



One Class at Emmanuel School

ROCK BUGS

Our people are farmers. They don't have much income and are very poor. It is amazing that after harvest, the rock bugs fly from the Himalayan Mountain ranges when the snow appear. Our people catch them and eat them. But this year, the Chinese are buying rock bugs to make traditional medicines and the price has risen up 200 times.



Rock Bugs

They pay US \$50 to a pound. Every family got some income. A poor family got 300 pounds and got US \$15,000. Wow... What a blessing... coming from above. The Rock bugs stop flying after 20 days. Remember God provided quail and mana bread for daily food for Israelites. Exodus 16





The Mountain Ranges the Morses passed to come to Putao

HIMALAYAN MOUNTAIN RANGES

Putao is my hometown, located in the northernmost part of Myanmar, between China and India. In 1927, Morse family passed this snowcapped mountain ranges from Tibet to Putao by trekking 70 days. They were the first missionaries or westerners who passed this mountain ranges to come to Putao, Northernmost part of Myanmar.



Baptism of the New Converts

OBEYING THE GREAT COMMISSION

Our mission team baptized 25 new converts in this quarter. We practice the strategy of HOUSE-TO-HOUSE EVANGELISM in this challenging time of coup and covid-19. Gospel has power and change lives of nations, tribes and become God's Children and citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven. Amen.

WORDS OF THANKS AND CHALLENGES

Thank you very much for your prayer support and partnership in expanding God's Kingdom. I would like to challenge you all to be involved in the ministry when you have the opportunity. Let's continue doing good to refugees, homeless brothers, children, widows and the hurting world. Let's focus for heavenly rewards. ***"Let's not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap the harvest if we do not give up!" Galatians 6:9.***



Simon and True Thaug

Thanks again and May God continue to bless you and strengthen you. Your fellow Laborer in Christ's Service, Simon & True family

The Centenary of Morse Family (1921-2021) — Simon Thaug

In 1921, J. Russell and Gertrude Morse accepted the challenge of going to the Tibetan mission field. They travelled 4 months and eventually arrived in Batan Tibet. Their mission leader Dr. Albert Shelton was killed by bandits after 3 months. The sending Mission called them back to the USA as it was a most dangerous zone. They decided to continue to give their life for Jesus. They next worked in China until 1949. As the communists were overtaking China arresting and tortured the Chinese people, they escaped to Putao in Burma in 1950. God is faithful and protected them, But Father Morse, J. Russell was arrested and put in the Kuming jail for 18 months. He was tortured and almost killed, but a supporting Christian Church in California prayed nonstop for 7 days and he was released on the 7th day. It was a miracle.

Now the Christians in Putao, and most of northern Myanmar, are planning to celebrate a **CENTENARY OF THE MORSE FAMILY (1921 – 2021)**. We will challenge all the Lisu to send out 100 new evangelists to new mission fields to honor God and Morse family's dedication for 100 years.



J R Morse Family — 1947

A Prayer Item for this Celebration . . .

Please pray for Mark Morse and Marcia Morse Odor as they travel to northern Myanmar to join this celebration. The Lisu committee planning this event is expecting 25,000 people from villages and towns all around the region to join this celebration. They will be camping in cleared fields south of Muladi Village where Mark and Marcia, their siblings and cousins grew up. The people will build lean-tos out of banana leaves and branches for the 5-day celebration. The drinking water will come from the river and the food, rice and pork will be cooked over open fires. There will be beautiful music in the air as 25,000 voices sing toward heaven. Nothing matches the beauty of the Lisu singing. Some still remember Lois Morse leading them in singing. It is a fond memory for the older generation.

The Lisu people celebrate because they are so grateful, they have been able to know about God, their creator. Much like the Pilgrims in the USA that were thankful that their sacrifice paid off, the Lisu are grateful for the sacrifice of their forefathers and the missionaries that taught them. They understand that their children, grandchildren, and future generations now have hope. Their decedents will know about the true God and the freedom He gives to their lives. Therefore they want to celebrate!

ICOM Report

It was wonderful to see many of you at ICOM in Columbus. This year's program was excellent. The 100-year display, "Mission to a Movement" was very well received. Thank you for stopping by. ACS will be at ICOM in Oklahoma City next November. If you would like ACS to be a part of a Mission Program at your church or you would like us to visit with your Mission Team, just give us an invitation.



The Morse Families and Friends

Merry Christmas!

Dear ACS family,

We hope you have a beautiful Christmas season. Thank you for bringing the light of Jesus into the hearts of so many in Asia through your love, prayers and generosity. May God's peace and love surround your heart's as you celebrate the birth of our King and Saviour this year.

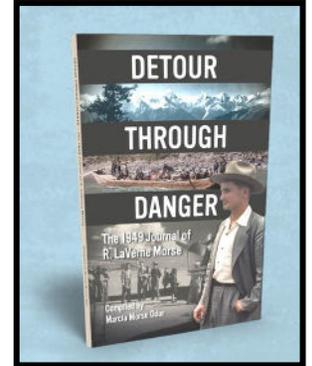
Kent and the ACS Board

Detour Through Danger

A 1949 Journal of LaVerne Morse

We are pleased to announce the publishing of the book **DETOUR THROUGH DANGER**.
Compiled by Marcia Morse Odor

After World War II ended, the Communist Revolution led by Mao Zedong began a scourge that slaughtered tens of millions of Chinese people and expelled and imprisoned thousands of foreigners, including many Americans and missionaries.



In 1949, Russell LaVerne Morse, the son of missionaries in China, was a 20-year-old college student. When he received a letter from his father in China urging him to come quickly to rejoin the family and help them relocate to safety, LaVerne made a decision that would shape the course of his life.

This is LaVerne's journal of escaping from the impending overthrow of China, facing hardship and adventure with an unshakable faith that God would provide a way. Find it at: <https://www.xulonpress.com/bookstore>, or on Amazon or Barnes and Nobles. You could also contact Marcia at... Marcia Odor
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