



Worthy

*I will exalt you, my God and King,
and praise your name forever and ever.*

*² I will praise you every day;
yes, I will praise you forever.*

*³ Great is the Lord! He is most WORTHY of praise!
No one can measure his greatness.*

*⁴ Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts;
let them proclaim your power. -Psalm 145:1-4 NLT*

The words of a popular song declare, ***“Worthy of every song we could ever sing, Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring, Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe, We live for You, oh, we live for You.”*** (*Build My Life – Pat Barret*)

That lyric is at the heart of our true adoration of the Lord for all His is and has done in us and around us. We cannot over-declare his worthiness through everything we do. And as is said by the Psalmist, ***“Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts; let them proclaim your power.”*** (*Psalm 145:4*) The power of the simple gospel message is so effective when it is presented and heard. Eighteen months ago, ACS began using a new tool. Enjoy the story of that tool in this issue. **Jesus is one worthy of our praise! We live for him!**



Sar Sar Baptizing a New Believer

The mission of ACS is to: ***Empower Asian missionaries to reach the unreached, plant new churches, and disciple believers.*** In this **UPDATE**, we hope you will rejoice with us in the impact of a new tool to us – **The Jesus Film**. It is being used very effectively in the hands of our team on the other side of the world. The Jesus Film – in this generation – is opening the doors to people’s minds and understanding of God and Jesus and it is allowing our evangelists to preach and have an impact with tribes who have never listened before. It is proving to be “just right” for this generation.



A Jesus Film Update

Kent Odor

**Our mission
and values
tie
us to
our past,
unite
us in
our present,
and
inspire
us for
our future!**

A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words

In a previous generation a different tool brought a similar result.

The beginnings of ACS history are rooted in LaVerne Morse's early childhood when he was only 5 years old. His father, J. Russell Morse, his mother Gertrude and his older siblings have a story that was printed in an article 90 years ago in the **'Restoration Herald, December 1934'** about the J. Russell Morse family who were at that time missionaries in western China.



The region where they lived was known for its wickedness. It was along the "Tea Horse Road," a route widely traveled by traders between Tibet and China. They felt the area was somewhat like ancient Corinth in the New Testament Age. They found eager listeners in this region, and they told the gospel story over and over. These people had been spiritually "starving" for 1900 years – waiting for someone to tell the wonderful story of Christ. The magazine article talks about the impact of a "picture" that was seen by many people at the same time and conveyed the truth of the idiom: **A picture is worth a thousand words!**

Mr. Morse and a fellow missionary had the opportunity to attend a wedding celebration of a King's son. As the celebration continued for several days, J. Russell requested permission of the King to show some pictures. The article says,

*"Mr. Morse had a Baloptican (An early version of slide projector) and 18 slides of the life of Christ. The King could see no harm in pictures and so consented. Imagine their surprise as Mr. Morse hung up a white canvas between two trees and threw the light on it. Then the pictures appeared, and **they preached Christ to them by explaining the picture, and so the door was opened.**"*



In the late 1980's, I personally had the privilege to sit at a dinner table with 6 others and Dr. Bill Bright. He told us the story of the start of **the Jesus Film project** and his appeal for funds to a very wealthy Texan to initiate the project. **Dr. Bright's vision was to show the Jesus film about the life, death and resurrection of Christ to "everyone" in the world and let the Holy Spirit and the words of scripture draw them to Christ.** Over these years, that vision has guided the Jesus Film to be the most watched film in history! Over 2100 languages have a translation of the film in their language and to date over 7.3 billion people around the world have seen it in their heart language. It has repeatedly been found to be true, **"A picture is worth a thousand words!"** But it has also been found to be true, that **when the words of the gospel are preached in the heart language of the listener following a good picture, the doors of their hearts are opened to eternal life!**

Two years ago, a generous ACS donor couple explained that their personal mission was to donate their available funds to evangelism works that will bear fruit "actually and visibly" in their lifetime, not just "hopefully" in the years to come. They said that because of that vision they were regular donors to the Jesus Film Project. Their vision and personal mission activated us in ACS to research into the current Jesus Film Project, its availability and deliverability in Myanmar in this era. We discovered that it has been translated into 47 of the 200 languages in Myanmar. And, that some companion short films have also been translated into Burmese, the official language for trade and business throughout the country.

With those donors' funds as part of our matching funds project at the end of 2022, ACS purchased and distributed 50



Evangelist Joseph

computer tablets loaded with the Jesus Film in Burmese. In a training conference in April that year at MaeSot, Thailand, we distributed those into the hands of evangelists who were planting churches along the border of Myanmar and Thailand. The impact of that tool in their hands as they preached the gospel seemed to open doors that had not been opened before. The results were amazing. As the stories of the tablets and the movie started to make their way through the communication chains, other evangelists heard about the project and had great interest.



Evangelist Ajo



Evangelist Aung



Evangelist Zarlin



Drug Rehab Young Men



Prayer after discussing the Jesus Film



Praying with Children

At ICOM – the International Conference on Missions in the fall of 2023, we discovered a mission that distributes tablets for the Jesus Film at a very affordable price. At that time, we also received a donation from GNPI – Good News Productions International -- of three solar powered battery projectors that could show the Jesus film on screens to audiences of 100 or more. In January of this year at the Golden Triangle Seminar, we secured commitments from 110 evangelists to show the Jesus Film at least 25 times to groups of refugees in order to receive a new tablet. By April, those tablets had been distributed to be used primarily in Myanmar.

ACS has now delivered 160 tablets into the hands of our network team of evangelists. To consider the impact of this project so far is a small mathematical calculation. If 160 tablets show the film 25 times to an audience of 10 people and preach the gospel as part of the showing, then 40,000 men, women and children have seen and heard a gospel presentation so far as part of this project. That is an amazing result!

We are getting photos and some stories regularly about the impact of the film in combination with sharing the gospel. In this UPDATE, let your heart give praise to the Lord who is **“Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe”** as this generation tells its children of His mighty acts and proclaims His power!



Evangelist Joseph



Bethany Village Baptism



Evangelist Simon



Evangelist Joseph Naw



Evangelist Ramsein



Evangelist Saw Lay



Fascination and Wonder



Adults watching the Jesus Film



Baptism after watching the film — Evangelist Audee Aung Naing

Two Stories of Showing the Jesus Film — Simon Thaung

JOSEPH NAW

Joseph Naw was converted to Christ while he was serving a 10-year sentence in prison. When he was released, he attended Emmaus Bible Institute in Yangon and has been a fervent evangelist since his conversion and training. He married and moved his family to a developing slum of IDPs who had gathered near Yangon. These people were from several tribes, but all were Buddhists and far from God. He planted a church and has been inspirational to other church planters in the region as he continues his mission.



Joseph Naw got a Tablet and started using it as an evangelical tool. He shows the Jesus Film, Bible stories, such as Zacchaeus, The Lost Son, Samaritan Woman and Life of Christ and shares the Good News house to house in the Slum area. Many homes invite Joseph to come and show the videos, especially to their children. These outcast families come to know that God came to seek and to save the Lost (Luke 19:10). God opened their hearts and accepted Jesus as their Savior. Joseph baptized 29 new converts in these 6 months. God's Kingdom is expanded. Thank you for sending these Tablets for the mission field as a tool to reach the Lost.



MOSES – A CHURCH PLANTER IN MAESOT, THAILAND

Moses, originally from northern Burma has a great fervor for evangelism and care for God's people. Fifteen years ago he built a church and then a village community of Bamar refugees around the church who were former Buddhists. For several years he has led a summer Monsoon Bible School. For three months after his disciples are free from work for the day, each evening during the monsoon season he has been training his converts to be leaders. They are now planting churches along the Burma/Thal border.



In 2023, ACS provided the funds to purchase a few acres of land in Thailand near MaeSot and establish a new village. Moses took a solar battery powered projector to the Emmaus Village. ACS had received the projector from Good News Productions International. Moses showed the Jesus film on a bedsheet he hung up as a screen and then preached to the 30 families who saw the film. He was with them showing the film and preaching and answering questions for four hours after dark in the evening. The next day, he returned to the village and baptized 20 men and women who had never heard of such a message before and wanted to follow Jesus and live a new life. One of his refugee disciples that he had been training for several years, has now moved with his family to the village and established a new church there.



New Church at Emmaus Village



Maung Myint —
The New Pastor

PRAYER WARRIORS GROUP (PWG) OR AIR FORCE — Simon Thaug



True (*Simon's wife*) is leading the PWG team. They gather twice a week and take 4 hours of reading the Bible and praying for the evangelists. Sometimes they fast and pray. Some days, they eat fellowship lunch. It is a powerful prayer of the righteous, dedicated, faithful women. God answers prayers.

Our evangelists face many challenges, barriers, disturbances, attacks, needs, and dangers. But by the power of Prayer Warriors, they all overcome these challenges. There is no harm that comes to them even if they pass the battle ground. A donor appears when they are broke and need help. Friends visit when they are lonely. A man who attacks Christians and evangelists became blind in one eye by hitting a branch of a tree accidentally. God is in control. God has opened the wide door of evangelism and reached many lost souls, new tribes and strong Buddhists. God's Kingdom is tremendously expanded among many challenges by the prayer warriors. To God be the Glory... Amen.

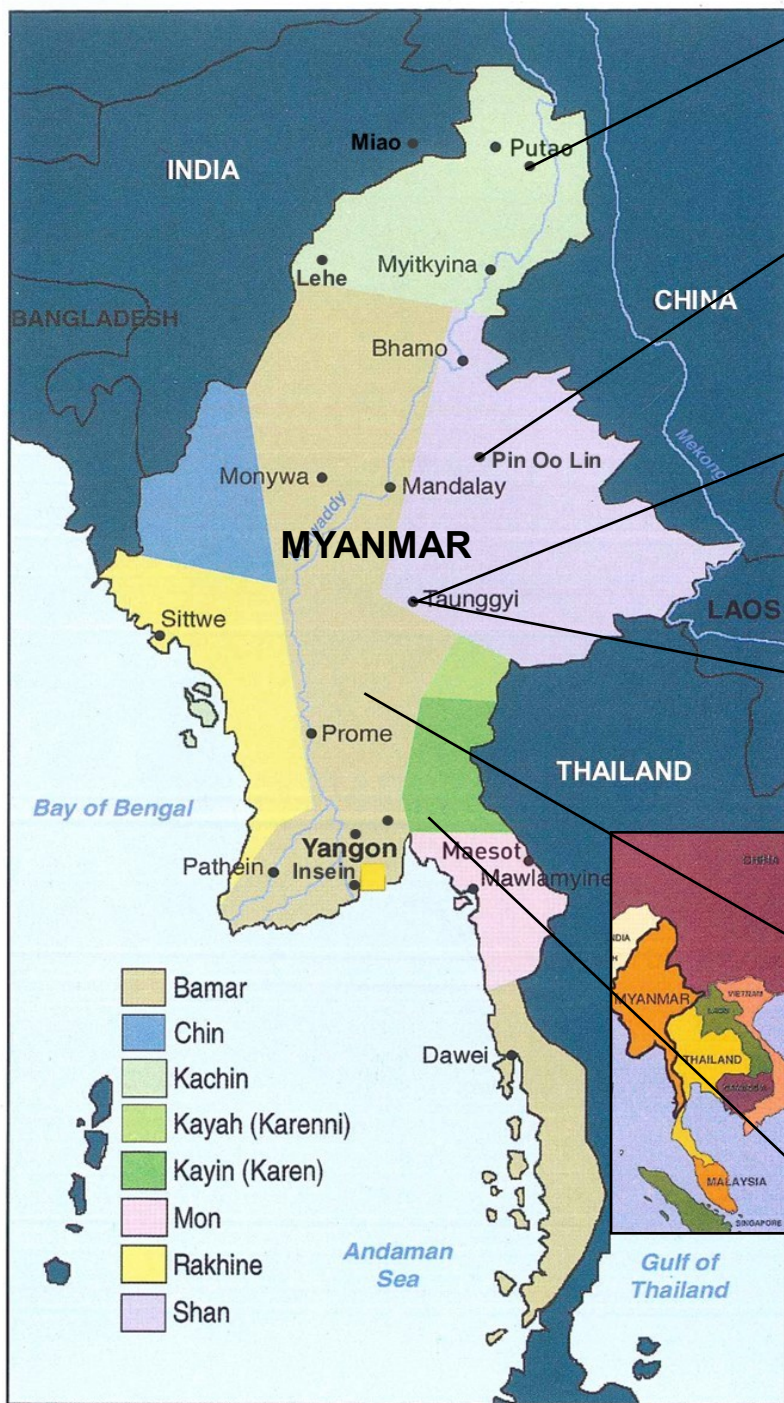


LOOKING AHEAD... November/December

MATCHING FUND OPPORTUNITY — In November and December there will be a MATCHING FUND OPPORTUNITY to expand the Jesus Film Project in Central/ Western Burma, India, Northern Thailand, and Bangladesh. More information in the next UPDATE!

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PRAYER POINTS



Putao region and the people in the north
○ RESILIENCE amid isolation of war and scarcity of food



Myanmar Bible Institute (Robinson)
○ COURAGE as they navigate through war



Taunggyi Bible College (Aaron)
○ A STRONG VISION for seeing the lost around them during war time



Taunggyi Christian Center (Manasseh and Ruth)
○ WISDOM as they encourage evangelists in Shan State



Victims of flooding in Myanmar and Thailand
○ OPPORTUNITIES for evangelists to share God's love



Evangelists sharing the Jesus Film in lower Myanmar
○ FAVOR AND PROTECTION as they travel and proclaim Jesus



LOOKING AHEAD...
November 14-16



ICOM
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
MISSIONS

ICOM – The International Conference On Missions will be held in Lexington, Kentucky, at the Rupp Arena and the nearby hotels. **Asia Christian Services** will have a booth at **306 & 308**. We will be near several other Asian Missions who are our dear partners. Plan to attend the convention and come and see us at our display!

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