

Update | 3rd Quarter, 2025

LaVerne & Lois Morse Founders

Empowering Asian Missionaries To Reach the Unreached, Plant New Churches and Disciple Believers

Kent Odor

Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. - Acts 8:4

Welcome aboard this encouraging **UPDATE** from ACS teammates who are reaching new Asian tribes! These tribes were previously unreached with the gospel's good news. The last few years ACS has emphasized sending Asian missionaries to share good news with the "Last 50 unreached tribes in Myanmar." The nation formerly called Burma is a country with 152 very distinct people groups and languages that make up the population of 52 million. **Many of the tribes on which we focus have less than one percent that have never heard the name Jesus prior to our coming.**

We will be sharing a few great stories of ACS Evangelists reaching new tribes in north, central and southern Myanmar and also NE India near the Himalayan Mountains. These places are full of many hardships. Many of our missionary evangelists entered danger and left their homes and traveled into new regions to live. They built relationships with new peoples who spoke languages they didn't yet know, and they have now planted new house churches. Our teammates have been trained in Bible College. All have a love of God deep in their hearts. Hear their stories. Celebrate with us as we share a few of their good reports. We rejoice as we are seeing the truth of Acts 12:24 happening before our eyes: "24 But the word of God continued to spread and flourish."



Mai Aung Myat at Palaung Village

Evangelist to Palaung - Mai Aung Myat ... told by Manasseh

Mr. Mai Aung Myat was born in Kaung Poh Village. There are about 15 Palaung villages in Yauk Sawk Township. His conversion story is as follows: Mr. Aung Hla, the first Palaung graduate of Taunggyi Bible College, went to that area right after his graduation in 2007 and began sharing the gospel among the 15 Palaung villages. After gaining a number of new converts, he founded the Kaung Poh house church, which still exists today. Mr. Mai Aung Myat was one of those converts and was baptized in 2016.

In the following year, 2017, Mr. Aung Hla sent Mai Aung Myat to Taunggyi Bible College to study the Bible. He studied there from 2017 to 2019 and graduated in 2019. After graduation, he first did some work to help support his family, but since 2020 he has fully dedicated his life to the Lord and has been actively engaged in evangelism among the Palaung people living in northeast and eastern Shan State.

He continues tirelessly, going from one Palaung village to another, sharing the gospel to this day. So far, he has founded three new Palaung house churches. Among them, one is located in a new village where 10 Palaung families, who were driven out of their community after their conversion, have settled. Mr. Mai Aung Myat named this village *Antioch Village* after the Antioch where Paul and Silas began their evangelistic mission. Within the last three months, from June to August, he has also gained new converts and baptized three Palaung believers. Please continue to remember him in your prayers.

Last week, June 8th, through Mai Aung Myat's request for the needs of the 13 Palaung families of new converts. After their conversion, the other villagers drove them out of their villages. Moreover, they were not permitted to take any of their belongings and thus had to leave all their belongings in their villages. We donated and bought them cooking pots, pans, buckets and other household utensils and sent them by bus to him. Today, he



Mai and Jonah Sharing the Gospel



Baptizing New Pataung Believer



Sharing Cooking Supplies

and Jonah, his co-worker, went to the house church and led the worship service and shared the pots, pans, buckets and the household utensils with them. He shared that they were tears of joy receiving the pots, pans, buckets and utensils and so grateful to us.



Travel to Nar Poe Village

Today, he went to a Palaung village called "Nar Poe" Village and shared the gospel. He said the road was very bad. During this week, June 29th, Mai Aung Myat, the Palaung evangelist, is making an evangelizing trip to the Palaung people living in the eastern Shan State, in the east of Salween River. He is sharing the

gospel with the Palaung people living in the Mong Peng area and Keng Tong. area. I just talked with him and shared with me wonderful news that four Palaungs have come to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior through his sharing. Praise the Lord! He is sharing the gospel from the book of Good News Made Visible that I gave him last year. Mai Aung Myat is one of TBC's graduates and a true hero of faith, faithfully serving on the frontline.



Jonah Sharing the Gospel



Mai Aung Myat sharing from the book of **Good News Made Visible**



New Believers

Joshua Project-Palaung Information

The Joshua Project is an international data research mission that keep statistics on the progress of the Church's expansion around the world. It has data on every known people group in every country and makes that data available to everyone.

96% are Buddhist mixed with Animism

.21 of one % are Christian

Palaung are mostly farmers and live in extended families in long bamboo homes.

Evangelist to Tavoyan - Zame Yinram

I give special greeting! I am Zame Yinram, and I am Rawang tribe. And now I am serving as a missionary to Tavoyan Tribe in Tanintharyi region, Myanmar. We have five family members. I graduated from Emmaus Bible Institute in Yangon.

By God's leading and His grace, the church is built in an unchurched place in Tavai, and the people of Tavai tribes are accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. I am not only shared the Gospel to Tavai people but also share to neighbors as Burmese, Karen people. In these two years, there are four small churches are gathering and worship God weekly.



New Tavoyan Disciples

There is regularly Worship service and the attendance are around 40 members. Some families can't come because of the danger in our places. Some families are staying in the safe place. We are sharing the Gospel weekly as outreach and inviting new people to the church. And praying for the sick. encouraging to the poor. And Bible study once in a week.

Most of family are testify that their lives are totally change after they accepted Jesus as their Savior and Lord. Their families, once filled with fear, worry, and conflict but is now a place of prayer, filled with joy and hope in Christ. They are happy to worship God and willing to invite their neighbors to hear the Gospel.



Zame and a New Believer

We would like to thank you so much for your great generosity and support for us and the mission. Your support means a lot to us and equipping the people to lead Jesus. We are also pray that may our God bless you richly.

Prayer Request: We need a vehicle for transportation to follow up the new believers. And to use for the Gospel proclaim. Please pray for that. And we had shared the Gospel to many people and pray that those people will see Jesus and accept.

Joshua Project-Tavoyan Information

90% are Buddhist .10 of one % Christian

Tavoyan are in Southern Myanmar between the Gulf and Thailand

Evangelist to the Khamti Shan - Paul Mon Han

Paul Mon Han was the son of the Tribal great chief of the Khamti Shan tribe in Northern Burma. This tribe is Buddhist mixed with Animism and has been extremely resistant to the gospel. This tribe was mixed among the tribes of the north that were accepting Christ during the ministry of the Morses, but there were no converts except Paul. He was excommunicated from his family for coming to faith in Christ. He attended Bible College and has given his life to bringing the Gospel to his people. He has had converts with extraordinary effort and may be the



Paul Mon Han

only missionary to the Khamti who has had success. He is leading in every way the further presentation of the gospel to his people. He is translating the Bible and providing radio and audio resources. Enjoy his report. – Kent Odor

Hi Kent, I am so glad to see you today on behalf of the Church that supports us (*First Church of Christ, Bryan OH and First Christian Church, Water Valley, MS*). Through your finance and prayer support, we have two Khamti Churches; one in Putao and another in Namti. Khamti Christians are about 150 people including children now. And this are what we recently have done and what we are still doing. Dedication of our New Testament and NT audio:

- 1. We dedicated them in Khamti Church in Putao on 7.1.2025. We have 40 audio devices and share them all. We need about 2 0 0 more devices but we have NT Bible enough for now. As for the Old Testament, we have translated Genesis, Jonah, Ruth and Psalms (Psalms are still checked by consultants).
- 2. Future plan: Radio programs; We have been doing radio programs in Khamti for five months and we will start broadcasting in April. In 2025 we will broadcast 3 days per week only but in 2026 we will broadcast five days a week. We will also upload the radio sermons on social media in Videos. In Radio program, my daughter Nann Kham Zin is working with me.
- 3. Bible Translation; We will continue to translate Proverbs and Ecclesiastic to include in our New Testament when we print in the second revision. We are also translating the Bloom open Bible and we have done 50%. We will use it as Bible teaching materials and sharing the gospel.
- 4. Training leaders: We have three Khamti pastors and two evangelists. And we are still sending three Bible students.



Nann Kham Zin, Paul's daughter, making the Khamti radio programs

Prayer Requests:

- 1. To be able to produce the Radio programs in God's will.
- 2. To pray for Khamti people to open their hearts.
- 3. To pray that we Khamti Christians preach the gospel clearly and boldly.

May God richly bless you all. In His Holy Service, Paul



Khamti New Testament Dedication



Khamti Church Sunday School

Joshua Project-Khamti Shan Information

https://www.joshuaproject.net Population

Population in Myanmar = 9,000 98.6 % are Buddhist 1.4 % Christian

Khamti Shan are in Northern Myanmar in the high ground forested area.

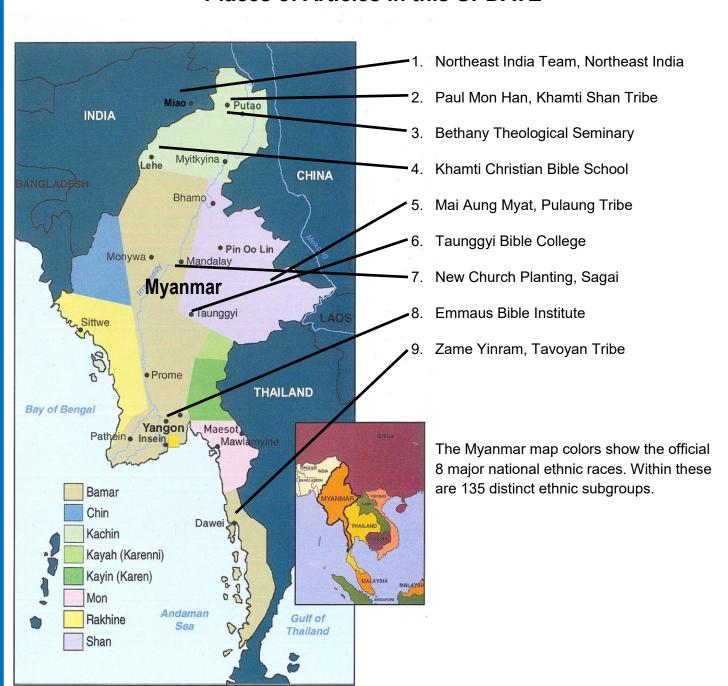
Prayer needs of these three tribes

Pray that the Lord of the Harvest will send more laborers to reach the Palaung, Tavoyan and Khamti Shan tribes.

Pray that God will bring more evangelists to join Mai Aung Myat, Zame Yinram and Paul Mon Han as they share the love of God. Pray that God would protect and encourage the believers.

Ask the Holy Spirit to create a hunger within the hearts of the Palaung, Tavoyan and Khamti Shan peoples to know the truth. Pray that God will continue to surround them with His love, protection and guidance.

India — Myanmar Places of Articles in this UPDATE



Evangelist to Northeast India ... reported by Philip

The ACS team of the Arunachal Pradesh, India ministry are:

- 1. **Nathaney** and his wife with two children. He did his B.Th from Madras College of Evangelism, and B.A from Chennai. He belongs to Lisu tribe.
- 2. **Barnabas** and his wife with four children. He did his B.Th from Madras College of Evangelism, and B.A Chennai. He belongs to Lisu tribe.
- 3. **Stephen** and his wife with two children. He did his B.Th from Madras College of Evangelism, and B.A from Chennai. He belongs to Lisu tribe.
- 4. **Philip** and his wife with three children. He did his D.Th from Nongpoh Bible Institute, Meghalaya and M.A from Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh and MBA (Part-1) from NCKU Taiwan. He belongs to Lisu tribe.

Mapha LaVerne Morse and M. M., Lois Morse had been our Mentor, our Guide and our inspiration encouraging us to remain faithful in carrying out the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all the tribes and sub-tribes of Arunachal Pradesh and the whole of Northeast India. We lovingly call them Mapha and M. M., meaning "Teachers". Years ago, they had been Mentor, Guide, Inspiration in our parents' time too. We had the privilege of meeting them personally quite a few times whenever they visited Asia and every time we meet them, they encouraged us to be faithful in sharing the Gospel to many unreached tribes. We could see, feel and hear their intense love for the people of SE Asia in sharing the Gospel of Christ and leading them to our Savior Jesus. What we are now is because of them and we are the proud products of their effort, their vision, their love, their patience and their support. We missed them dearly, their earthly presence. We are also very grateful to the Morse family and the ACS family for carrying out the legacy of LaVerne and Lois' most loved vision and work of their life and that is to reach out and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all the tribes and all the nations of the world through every possible means.

Our target community or tribes and the region of our mission work in India: 26 different major tribes and 103 sub-tribes with distinct culture, traditions and languages in Arunachal Pradesh. So far, we were able to make contact and share the Gospel to some major tribes such as Adi Galo, Chakma, Tangsa, Lisu, Mishmi, Wancho and Miri (Mising) tribe in Assam State, and some sub-tribes such as Sankey, Hajong and Nepali.

Our strategy to spread the gospel is through:

- 1. The Leadership Training Center,
- 2. Through Gospel preaching program,
- 3. Through medical relief works and
- 4. Through video and media ministry.

Leadership Training Center, Miao: We the four families, are fully involved

in teaching at Leadership Training Center from Monday through Friday. In this session there are fourteen students being getting trained here (12 boys and 2 girls). They are from Tangsa Naga, Miri (Mising) and Lisu tribes. Our main aim is to reach out the Gospel to other tribes of Arunachal Pradesh and Assam through these students who come to learn in the Leadership Training Center.

For the past many years Christians are being persecuted in many parts of India. Even in our state Arunachal Pradesh, directly and indirectly persecution is still taking place. A preacher cannot enter any non-Christian village for the purpose of sharing the Gospel. Recently, the State Government tried to introduce Anti-Conversion Law against Christians, but due to strong protest from the Christian communities, the Bill has not yet enacted into law, however, it is still not yet repealed. As such we can't openly preach the Gospel as we want, especially in non-Christian villages.



Barnabas, Nathaney, Philip and Stephen with their students



Northeast India



LaVerne and Lois Morse



Philip and Stephen's parents on the right



Philip and a Village Church





Eating by the River

Sharing Around the Fire

So, to be able to reach out to their places and their people, we are accepting students from different tribes of Arunachal Pradesh such as Tangsa Naga, Miri (Mising tribe from Assam State) Adi Galo, Lisu and Chakma etc. After they finished the courses, they will go back to their respective community and share the Gospel message to their family, their immediate relatives and their community. Many students who had graduated from the Leadership

Training Center in the past are now faithfully serving in the Lord's ministry in their respective villages among their own community and other people who live near them.

The Leadership Training Center, the Medical relief program and the Video and Media ministry have been great blessings and great tools and channels to reach out to new people and share the Gospel of Christ amid hostile circumstances and situations. In addition, we also look after three churches in Miao and nearby villages feeding spiritual foods to the church members as well as overseeing Sunday



Medical Relief



A Broken Leg to Emergency

Bible School classes. (Thank you to key donors: Training Building—Center Pointe Community Church, Naples, Florida and NBCM/Bobby Morse, Medical aid—IDES and FAME, and Video and Media—NBCM/Bobby Morse.)

We conduct worship services on every Wednesday evenings, Saturday Evenings, Sunday Mornings and Evenings. We do preach not only in Lisu but in Hindi language as well, as some non-Christians from other tribes also come with their friends for the fellowship meetings. On Festival occasions such as Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving Day we invite friends from other backgrounds and communities, and they get the chance to hear the word of God. We also conduct Vacation Bible School for school children, senior and junior once in a year. From January – July 2025, eleven youths have been baptized in the Lord.

Here is a story I want to share...

A former student in Misa village, Assam State was contacted by a young man named Repa who had come to our place and was trained for two years. Unfortunately, due to his untimely demise, the gospel work remained undone in his native place. However, prior to his last breath, he proposed a young man's name (Math) for Bible training who would work after he is gone. Thus, Math was able to come and study the Bible course here in Miao (Miao Bible Institute). While he was in Miao, his family had a series of severe persecutions in the hands of their own people (Hindus). The family had been debarred from drawing water from community well and buying essential household commodities from local shops in the market. The people even ostracized the family from their own



Vacation Bible School



Gathering of Believers

society for many months. Despite such harshest situations, the family stood firm, remained strong and faithful to the Lord. Math never lost his zeal for the Lord and completed the course and then went back to his native village. Since then, he started a small gathering in his home which gradually turned out to be a small church in his village. At present twelve families are worshiping together with his family.

Our team assists his church by conducting Bible study sessions/seminars once in a while for strengthening of the congregation which has been our joy and responsibility. Now a new family is ready to accept Jesus and will be baptized very soon. As for

brother Repa's family, after his death, his parents and brothers and sisters have accepted Jesus as their savior and became believers now. Praise God!

We thank the Morse family, the ACS family and all our American supporters for your love, your patience, your understanding and support. We, the ACS workers of NE India are so grateful from the bottom of our hearts especially to David Dyer, George and Elaine, the LaVerne Morse family and the ACS family and brothers and sisters in the USA for your love and support for the Gospel ministry in NE India. Through your love and support we are able to obey and carry on the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ in reaching out the Gospel message to many tribes and sub-tribes who still live in darkness. We thank you for being partners with us in seeking the lost and bringing them to Christ our Savior. It has been possible because of your love and support.

We are also forever grateful and thank you to all the donors for the Leadership Training Center building for your love and generosity. The building has been in full utilization now. Since last school year we are having our Bible classes in this new building. Two students had already graduated last year from the new building. Thank you once again for gifting a new building for the Leadership Training Center. May God bless you always. - Philip



Baptism



Philip with the students

Report on New Church Planting in Sagai (Earthquake Epicenter) – simon

(The Relief project continues in Sagai and Mandalay after the 7.4 earthquake this spring. This is a brief report. God is drawing Burmans to Him through the ongoing good work of our team. -KO)

Ngwa Yet Say and Ahti, from Mulashidi, Putao, came to help earthquake victims in Sagai. Their main focus was providing clean water, which was in very short supply. The earthquake had damaged houses, most of the temples in Sagai and destroyed all the wells.

With your support, they brought a water truck and set up a purification system that produced 500 gallons of clean water every hour. As they handed out water, they also shared the Gospel.



Ahti and Ngwa Yet Say with Water Truck



Ngwa Yet Say Sharing the Good News



Sharing the Good News with the Victims of the Earthquake



After two months, they moved to Sagai to keep helping and started a house church. God's kingdom is growing there! Thank you for your prayers.

Planted a House Church in Sagai, Epicenter

Bible Colleges and Schools

Leadership training is one of the main purposes of the Myanmar Bible Colleges. ACS continues to encourage and work with many Bible colleges and schools. Many graduates are now serving the Lord across Myanmar as evangelists, ministers, youth leaders, Bible school teachers, and children's teachers. Here is a brief mention of several we watch.

The Taunggyi Bible College – TBC - Manasseh

Today, we have done the 2025 TBC Fresher Welcome successfully. There are 73 students this year. The freshers are 28. Aaron, the president said a word of welcoming and encouraging to the freshers and I encouraged the freshers with the word of God. Ruth prayed for them. After the service, we enjoyed lunch together. Thank you very much for your support and prayers for the college. God bless you.



The Taunggyi Bible College Faculty and Staff

Khamti Christian Bible School - KCBS

The Khamti Christian Bible School started at the beginning of this month. The school will serve as the center of shining the gospel light in the upper Chindwin River Mountain areas, the Naga land and along the Chindwin River. This year they have 18 students and 7 faculty. The final year students, the 3rd year students will graduate next November and after their graduation, they will go to different areas and share the gospel. Please keep remembering them in your prayers. Thank you very much for everything. God bless you.



KCBS Students of 2025

Bethany Theological College - Manasseh

This vital biblical and theological training center for northern churches now has 124 students, an increase from last year. Mr. David Naw, one of TBC graduates is serving there as the Dean of the Students. BTC students' work for the campus development. The present president is active and good in relationship, and he renovates the buildings as needed. Last time we donated in their digging a water well on the campus. The water well. Now it has been done successfully and they no more to go to fetch the water from the Mular river, which is about 4 or 5 furlongs away from the campus.



Faculty Members



The BTC Students of 2025



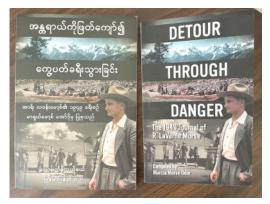
Emmaus Bible Institute

Emmaus Bible Institute - EBI

EBI was established over 30 years ago in Yangon southern Myanmar. It has graduated several thousand well-trained church planters and evangelists. Thomas Leme is the current President. Thomas recently translated Marcia Morse Odor's book, <u>Detour Through Danger</u>, into Burmese (available in English through Amazon). It was LaVerne's Journal of exiting China in 1949 from the oncoming Communist takeover. He and a friend traveled six months through Tibet until they reached the new field in Northern Burma. Thomas used the proceeds to build a **LaVerne Morse Memorial Table** on the campus for the students. It was to recognize that LaVerne was the one who urged the church planting and Bible College to begin in Yangon.

Thomas wrote:

To spread the gospel was LaVerne Morse's first priority. More than 20 years ago, when he came to Myanmar and was hospitalized in Yangon because of sickness, he shared gospel with nurses. I still remember a sentence he can speak a Burmese sentence is that "Jesus loves you so much." He used that sentence and shared it with everyone he met in hospital, even nurses. Then, in the last meeting of the EBI Board of Committee, Joshua Leme encouraged us to make a monument in EBI like the 100 years anniversary of missionary work by the Morse families in Putao and to write the name of LaVerne Morse first because he was the first one who had vision to do church planting and bible school in Yangon. So, we are also planning to do a monument in EBI in the future.



Detour Through Danger—Burmese Edition



LaVerne Morse Memorial Gathering Table



EBI Choir Practicing

From June 1st, 2024, to Jan 31st, 2025, we held 8-month intensive training. It's been a great Academic Year with 51 students. On the Jan 31st, 2025, we closed with a 29th graduation ceremony with (47) graduates, 19 from Alumni, 3 from ECBS. It is a joy to see these young men graduates. All of them have places of service already in their local community villages. Our high priority goal is to teach, train and prepare these young men for His service.

Regarding the new academic year of EBI, we will reopen the school on June 2. The students will arrive in the last week of this month. There are about 15 freshers of about 50 students who contact us until now, but we don't know how many freshers will come. We will know the exact number at the end of this month. **Opening the school is very dangerous now, especially for young people.** Anyway, our God is above all. Please remember us in your daily prayers. I will report to you from time to time as I can. - Thomas Leme – President EBI.



Thomas Leme — President of EBI

Thomas asked for assistance with Scholarship funds for the students and indicated they anticipate a shortage of food money this year to feed the students and need some aid if possible.

EBI Needs \$2,000 per month (8 months) to subsidize student costs and help with food.

Closing Thoughts From Kent . . .

Thank you for reading these stories and taking this journey with us. God is working powerfully through these men and women on the other side of the world who love Him deeply and are obeying him faithfully without questions. Our ACS founder, LaVerne Morse, had a short overarching strategy for this mission in Burma. He said regularly: "WIN. TRAIN. SEND." These words, in action, are what you have read about in this UPDATE. On our USA side of the ocean, we can partner with our teammates and future teammates with our generous financial gifts. **Designated sponsorships** for a specific evangelist allow for a personal



connection from you to their work. **Gifts to our General Fund** allow us to disperse funds to them as they are needed most for the work in the field. **Regular prayer for our teammates is absolutely our most important offering!** Their daily battles are "not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. - Ephesians 6:12"

May the Lord bless you as together we partner to fulfill Christ's great commission! - Kent Odor ACS Board Chairman





Evangelist to Naga Tribe, Paul Seng Aung, baptizing

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