

HARVEST

Asia

The LORD will bless you with precious water from deep wells

The new school project in Dukuchhap, Nepal (below) is going well with a substantial donation from a church. Because there is no mains water, the construction team are digging a well. Grace Academy, the sister school in Lalitpur is struggling financially with 11 staff sadly made redundant, a shortage of vital resources including educational and food supplies, and some of the orphan children having to reside in the school. Please join us in prayer as we seek the Lord's provision at this difficult time of famine due to the pandemic. AEFI are seeking emergency funds to enable Grace Academy to provide education and a new future for their students.

There has been much work in the western mission fields of Nepal. Some parts of the region are 4000m above sea level. AEFI thanks you for your kind prayers. The mission team reports "that it has been a privilege to witness God's extraordinary work through ordinary, dedicated workers sharing the gospel, bringing new believers to Christ and planting house churches. All the glory to Him!"



Deuteronomy 33:12-15

The LORD Most High loves you, tribe of Benjamin. He will live among your hills and protect you. Descendants of Joseph, the LORD will bless you with precious water from deep wells and with dew from the sky. Month by month, your fruit will ripen in the sunshine. You will have a rich harvest from the slopes of the ancient hills.



Rolpa Nepal Mission



Dukuchhap

How will you chart your path?

Acts 16:9 "And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them".

In Acts 16, Paul isn't told to go to a number of places, just to Macedonia. There were several question marks as to what the next destination would be. Today people and churches, and mission organisations make strategic plans (not a bad thing). But as we have discovered we may not know the next destination. These are times to wait, pray, seek counsel, hear God, and, by faith, walk to what seems to be the next step.

After 60 years of fruitful ministry in Asia, AEFI is facing some real challenges amid great opportunities for Gospel expansion:

- Two countries are contemplating closing their doors to foreign funding – this would mean that our funds for Gospel work will be greatly hindered from reaching these fruitful ministry areas or stopped altogether. Before drastic decisions are made by the local authorities, we are giving supporters an opportunity to support the work of the gospel in these nations.
- In two other countries that are open to the Gospel, there are five national workers who want to join our Gospel team but are hindered by a lack of financial resources. It may surprise you to know that the total amount to support these 5 workers is only AUD \$1,200 per month. So, if 10 people gave \$120 each per month, we could meet this need of the 5 workers and make a big difference.

As we learn from Acts 16, we should allow the Holy Spirit to chart our path. God has given us an unexpected 'pause'. Like Paul and his colleagues, we need to wait for direction before proceeding. Question marks can be good to slow us down to seek His path and it may not be the one we assumed it would be.

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In the western mission fields there has been leaders' training for house churches. Since the pandemic AEF Nepal have been developing house churches meeting in the homes of key Christians. Please pray for this new and exciting development.



Rolpa Nepal

John 4:41-42

Many more Samaritans put their faith in Jesus because of what they heard him say.

They told the woman, “We no longer have faith in Jesus just because of what you told us. We have heard him ourselves, and we are certain that he is the Saviour of the world!”



Orang Asli



fish-ponds



Typical Bamboo home of Semai Christians

Mission with Orang Asli natives of Malaysia

The Senois, Temuans, Negritos, Jakuns and others are the core first nation peoples (Orang Asli) in the interior of the peninsular –unreached ethnic groups. They are frequently marginalized, neglected in educational and economic opportunities and their rights are severely oppressed and frequently cast aside by the state.

In the state of Pahang, a two-hour drive outside of the capital city of Kuala Lumpur lies the town of Raub. Fifty minutes into the forest, from there, is the village of Semalin, home to the Semai people. In this village of 45 families, today 33 families have come to embrace Christ. Rev. M and his fellow missionary Brother Jeff work together to church plant, disciple, and train new Semai leaders from youth, young adults and senior leadership.

Native Semai Evangelists and village church-planters from this Semalin village church visit neighbouring Temuan villages to bring the Gospel to those with an animistic folk religion. The last year and a half have been fruitful times. Brother Jeff drives his 10-year old four wheel drive between the villages.

This second-hand vehicle has experienced breakdowns many times along the way. During the Lockdown interval breaks Brother Jeff stays overnight twice a month for 3 nights to have Bible studies and mentor the village leaders. The ministry is in dire need of a replacement vehicle. Please pray that God will open the door for this. It costs about AUD \$9,500.00 for a pre-owned vehicle that is in fairly good shape. Pray also for Brother Jeff who just underwent a major ankle surgery and has to move around with walking sticks, he still suffers some pain while hobbling along, but continues to serve.

Additionally, the mission work helps to equip the locals with micro-economic self-help projects to enhance their living standards to offset their socio-economic and educational drawbacks and disadvantages. Some projects are banana and pineapple orchards and fish-ponds. The locals have just made their second harvest of tilapia and catfish and have learnt valuable lessons on systematic farming, financial management and accountability from all these self-help projects.

*I pray that God will be kind to you and will bless you with peace!
We thank God for you and always mention you in our prayers. Each time we pray, we tell God our Father about your faith and loving work and about your firm hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 1: 1b, 2-3*

AEF Philippines (ADMI)

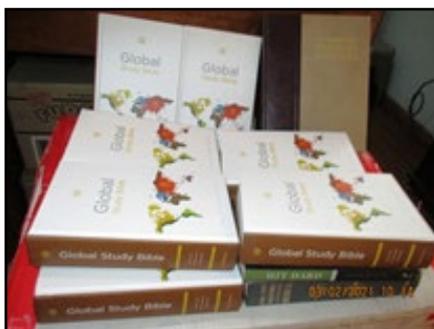
Updates from Dr. Met Castillo

A new church under construction (below) in Casiguran Province, in the North-Eastern part of the Philippines. This place was one of the places the ADMI Team visited with a Training Seminar in evangelism and church planting just before the pandemic lockdown.

Pastor Ed Maggudayao, the pioneer church planter-pastor is one of our partner members. He and his family and his new members (below) practically build the church, providing materials, labour, and funds. Since my team and I are not allowed to travel, we helped manage the construction and outreach Bible studies from our home base. Thank God for modern communication technology. Praise God for this new church and congregation which the Lord is now using as a testimony to His goodness even during extreme distress.



Bible Distribution to Pastors who lost their Bibles during the floods



We just recently sent out Bibles to pastors and church leaders in Cagayan and Isabela provinces to replace the Bibles that were either damaged or lost during the floods from a series of three typhoons that hit those areas. ADMI focused our training seminars in evangelism, discipleship, and church planting in these two provinces in 2019 and we have several pastors who are our member partners in those places. We do weekly Bible teaching classes with them and others via online. One of our plans is to set up a Ministry & Training Centre in Cagayan soon. North-Eastern Philippines remains a frontier as far as missions are concerned.



New Casiguran Church



Casiguran Congregation



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