

HARVEST Asia

Let God's Spirit Keep You United

AEF Myanmar is on the ground ministering and involved in mission work amongst the Karen, Chin, and other ethnic groups. Pluralism and ethnic identity have undermined the witness of the Myanmar church in the past, resulting in prejudice and disunity. However, political disorder has brought the differing ethnic groups who are Christians together in unity to serve. Please pray for ACOM Myanmar and the vital ministry of Biblical literacy with leaders and laity. Praise God for the AEF Myanmar team and their desire to be more multi-ethnic.



One of our ACOM Myanmar lecturers, Rev. P. T. Nyunt, formerly a Buddhist Monk, serves with his mission team in Rakhine State. He ministers the gospel and contextual mission and church practice amongst his former peers, as well as the Neighbour population in Rakhine and other states. The Bethel Missions' Christmas outreach program called 'One Meal, One Gift and One Message' took place in 10 villages (Neighbours and Traditional National Faith) in northern Rakhine State, 4 places in southern Rakhine State, two places in Ayeyarwaddy Region, 5 places in Yangon Region and 3 places in eastern Shan State. Bethel Missions aimed to reach around 2000 people, the number of attendants was more than expectation.

Ephesians 4:1-3

As a prisoner of the Lord, I beg you to live in a way that is worthy of the people God has chosen to be his own. Always be humble and gentle. Patiently put up with each other and love each other. Try your best to let God's Spirit keep your hearts united. Do this by living at peace.



There is Hope

John 1:14 *“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth”.*

John affirms that God has made room for himself with us in this world. It is not in some ideal world but in our estranged world that God does this. As we look around Asia in the present moment we are struck by the extremes of life. The pandemic ravages South Asia leaving a trail of destruction and tragedy. Lockdowns have left pastoral and church ministries bereft of financial support in Indonesia and the Philippines. Political oppression returns to Myanmar forcing unlikely partners to bond together resisting the threat of a Military regime. Whilst chaos looms, we focus on the true reality of a new creation that has entered our here and now in the person of the Son of God, by His Spirit, present in the humble people of God serving a Kingdom of love and grace. I reflected on the words of Dr. G.D. James in *There is Hope* (74, 1996):

“Hurt and confused as a Hindu teenager, I was seriously planning on taking my own life, when miraculously Jesus Christ confronted me and rescued me from death and damnation – giving me a new life, a new meaning and a new purpose for living. Three years later, I received a clear, compelling call to share the gospel with people everywhere as an evangelist”.

Concluding that whatever we face is embedded in the face-to-face presence of the incarnation. God is in the dust and dirt of life creating beauty and hope. As AEFI's evangelists and missionaries grapple with the struggles of life they also reach out with good news and God's present practical love and care. Thankfully, there are servants of Jesus sitting in the homes of the grieving mourning alongside them. There are essentials of life generously shared to witness of the goodness and provision of our Lord. New believers are accompanied to the receiving of God's salvation through confession and baptism. Land and homes are gifted as churches and fellowships are built and grow in the knowledge of our Lord through His word and by His Spirit. And leaders are being trained to disciple so that new believers may also be bearers and proclaimers of this new life, new meaning, and new purpose for living. Glory to God!

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The pandemic has affected India extending to the hearts of all peoples. Lament is the language of suffering. To lament is to recognise the struggles of life, the injustices, crying out “I believe in God, the Father almighty”, the Lord of compassion and justice. The hope of lament is that God would respond to human suffering. A belief that God chooses to stand alongside people in their powerlessness. Weeping with the hurting to give His life fully to us.



Colossians 2:2-3

My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.



ACOM teaching online *Genesis and Missions*

Over the past 5 months, Pastor Matt Hall (AEFI International Training Director), has been conducting online teaching in Indonesia and Thailand with ACOM students. The book of Genesis and the topic – ‘Missions in the Old Testament’ – have been the subject of study. The online teaching has been important due to travel restrictions to ensure that village pastors and ministry workers are equipped and supported. Pastor Budin and Pastor Gunar in Indonesia, with interpretation by Sister Anik Suhariato, and Dr. Pracha in Thailand, have coordinated the students in the field. With this new venture the book of Genesis, the “book of beginnings” seemed appropriate. The divine-human relationship is a predominant theme rooted in new beginnings and a series of covenants. Our prayer is that we may be able to train more local lecturers and trainers to expand the existing work.



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for an hour & 15 mins of praise, reports, reflections, and a message from God’s word from Guest Speaker Rev Edmund Chan – an international speaker and seasoned Bible expositor

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of God’s Faithfulness



LIVE streamed event
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More details to follow

AEFI’s 60th Anniversary

September 11th, 2021 (2.30pm AWST/Singapore time)

Please celebrate God’s faithfulness with us.

Colossians 2: 6-7

You have accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord. Now keep on following him. Plant your roots in Christ and let him be the foundation for your life. Be strong in your faith, just as you were taught. And be grateful.

AEF Cambodia **(Kampuchea Evangelistic Fellowship)** **signs of growth**

In October 2020, a house Church was started in T'boung Kropeu village (left), Kampong Thom Province, with 3-4 families meeting in the shade of a house. In March 2021, a roof shelter was built on a vacant lot at the back of the property for a meeting place. Praise God as one of the families has allowed the use of their land for the church to meet. Let us pray for Brother Kim as he leads the new believers in their weekly Bible study amidst the increasing number of Covid cases in the country.



In other villages of Kampong Thom Province more fellowships have been expanding their ministry. Smounh Church outreach in Nipich Village (an isolated village) led by Pastor Ly Yon received a donation and purchased land for the Church and other ministries (English language classes, and a food provision program). Now they are praying for God's supply to put up a multi-purpose building for worship and the other ministries. Praise the Lord the believers here can still do home Bible studies.

Brother Kong Saroit also started a home Bible study group in T'noI Baek village, Kampong Thom province in April 2021. Pray for the salvation of the families in the village. May this grow to be a house Church.



Food packages were distributed to 60 families, mostly believers at Pong Teak Village, Kampong Thom Province (above).

Another 70 food Packages distributed to families, mostly believers at Smounh village, Kampong Thom Province.

Continue to pray for the BILEG Medical Mission NGO led by Dr. Felipe Castro and his team. They have been able to continue working also offering nursing training to locals.



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