

HARVEST Asia

Celebrating 60 years of God's faithfulness

AEFI founder, G.D. James' vision of nationals reaching fellow nationals with the gospel has reached a milestone. For the past 60 years God's faithfulness has enabled AEFI missionaries, evangelists, and church planters to share the gospel with Asians. The service of hundreds of men and women committed to the Lord, and the vision of AEFI has seen thousands come to the Lord. The prayers and the generous giving of fellow believers around the world has helped to support gospel workers and their families. We continue to put our trust in the Lord so that more labourers may be called and trained for the plentiful harvest.

See page 3 for more details of the 60th celebrations



AEF Nepal are developing a goat project to help support ministry. Like the AEF Indonesia project in Blitar, East Java the sustainable project supports pastors and their families as well as being a good witness to the surrounding neighbour community. To help support the ministry in either Nepal or Indonesia the cost of a goat is approximately \$200 AUD/SGD.



Psalm 145:4-13

- 4 One generation commends your works to another;
they tell of your mighty acts.
- 5 They speak of the glorious splendour of your majesty –
and I will meditate on your wonderful works.
- 6 They tell of the power of your awesome works –
and I will proclaim your great deeds.
- 7 They celebrate your abundant goodness
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
- 8 The LORD is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.
- 9 The LORD is good to all;
he has compassion on all he has made.
- 10 All your works praise you, LORD;
your faithful people extol you.
- 11 They tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might,
- 12 so that all people may know of your mighty acts
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures through all generations.

Groaning of Creation

Romans 8:22-23; 26

22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. 23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

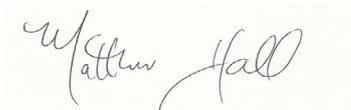
26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

Empathising with the pain of the world we find ourselves caught up in the groaning of creation. At the same time God the Spirit is groaning within us. When we find ourselves weeping with grief at the death of a friend or family member, or at the impossibility of having a proper funeral, or at the tragedy of millions of the worlds' poorest being at risk, or simply because being locked down is wearing – we may only be able to groan. In these moments, we have to remind ourselves that this is how God the Spirit is present.

We may be tempted to ask why such tragedies occur. When bad things happen, we may say it must be God that's done it (because he's in control of everything). If so, that must mean that he is angry with us for some reason. The prophet Amos comes to mind: 'When disaster comes to a city,' he asked, 'has not the LORD caused it?' (Amos 3:6) It appears that disasters were meant to lead God's people to repent of their evil ways (Amos 4.6–11). But it didn't work. Also we have to be careful that we don't flatten scripture by either not allowing the tensions to stand, nor attending to the literary genre.

In the Israel-God story there runs the deeper story of the dark power that from Genesis 3 has tried to destroy God's good creation. I do not claim to fully understand books like Job. I wonder whether we're meant to. We are simply to know that when we are caught up in terrible circumstances, apparent gross injustices – or when we are suffering strange sicknesses with no apparent reason, let alone cure – at those points we are to lament, we are to complain, we are to state the case, and leave it with God. God himself declares at the end that Job has clung on to the fact that God is just, even though what we sometimes witness, or experience, denies this.

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Asia Evangelistic Fellowship International is an indigenous, interdenominational mission founded in 1960 by the late Dr. G.D. James.

AEF identifies, trains, and commissions national workers to carry out pioneer mission work in their own Asian countries. These national workers are organized, supervised and supported by national boards set up in each country under the pastoral care of the AEF International Office.

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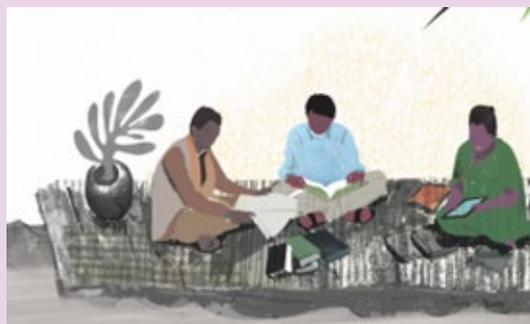
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For who is God besides the Lord? (Psalm 18:31)

Praise God for DIVYA DISHA "D2" (Divine Directions). During a week of "Contextualization Conversations", we pray that some participants would be led to dedicate their lives, focusing their efforts to incarnationally live in and be communicators of God's message to the Indian diaspora.

GRM Ministry, Illinois, USA



***May our Lord Himself
Encourage your hearts***

2 Thessalonians 2:15-17

15 Brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter. 16 May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, 17 encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

AEFI's 60th Anniversary September 11th, 2021 (2.30pm AWST/Singapore time)

Please join us to celebrate 60 years of God's faithfulness for AEFI. The presentation has been pre-recorded with reflections from many of the AEF national leaders, directors, and field workers. AEFI is comprised of a diverse group from different nations, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds. The diversity of AEFI is a miracle of the unity in the Lord Jesus Christ sustained by His grace and Spirit.

Our supporters are an integral part of the mission 'That Asia May Know'. Without the prayer and financial support of a faithful multi-generational community of individuals and churches, AEFI could not have reached so many children, young people, men and women, families, and elderly with the gospel. We are indebted to our supporters who have been part of the vision and goal to be part of Asians reaching Asians with the good news of Jesus. As you have worked so tirelessly to support and encourage our gospel workers in the field, may your hearts be encouraged and strengthened in every good deed and word.



Join us

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

60 years
of God's Faithfulness



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LIVE streamed event
Saturday 11 Sept 2021
2.30 PM (AWST/S'pore time)
@Zoom ID: 811 2307 4911
Passcode: 522160

Pray!

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN US

Equipping others

2 Timothy 2: 2 *And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.*

AEF Indonesia - Training Indigenous Missionaries



The International Mission Conference coordinated by AEF and ACOM Indonesia was broadcast from Yogyakarta, Central Java with speakers joining from Jakarta, South Korea, and Perth, WA.



The main topic was 'How Asian Missions can be modelled after the Indigenous Principle' with a Biblical and Theological grounding; Training Indigenous Leaders; History of Missions; Training the Trainers to Multiply Mission, and God's Kingdom and Mission. Over 800 delegates took part from all over Indonesia and Asia.

To watch the International Mission Conference on YouTube follow: <https://youtu.be/eT4cJzEwPT8>



AEF Philippines (ADMI) have recently equipped a person with a disability (above) to develop a welding shop (below) as a sustainable project to support his family of six. He lost his job due to the pandemic, but then he came to the Lord under Pastor Joel, our missionary to the Persons with Disabilities.

Praise God for those who are hearing God's word through the online Bible studies in the Philippines delivered by ADMI Board members.

Ministry partners in the provinces (Filipino pastors and churches) need our prayers. Some of them have lost their meagre income and means of livelihood. Hunger is a constant threat for families in remote places.



60th Anniversary Project: Reaching 50 new communities (10-year plan)

The Challenge of Asia

Asia has 60% of the world's population with less than 10% who know Jesus as Lord and Saviour. AEFI, under God and with the help of our partners is working on a plan to bring the Gospel to these unreached people – one group at a time, one community at a time. Our goal in the next 10 years is to reach 50 unreached people groups (Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim and Animistic) in 10 Asian countries by sharing Christ in a culturally sensitive way using Asian Apologetics and proven evangelism strategies resulting in indigenous Church planting.

Methodology

1. Identify 50 unreached communities in 10 countries. Groundwork has already started.
2. Train workers in using an integrated approach (apologetics, evangelism, Bible teaching etc) to reach people in these communities
3. Prepare literature and other tools which may help in the outreach.
4. 2 (or more) trained workers will be sent to each of the 50 new communities to start the cycle of evangelism leading to church planting.
5. Our goal is to start 50 new communities of faith in 10 Asian countries
6. Once there are 25 baptised believers amongst these people groups, a local church will be deemed as established.

The Critical need for an indigenous approach

The Church in Asia needs to develop its own Asian paradigms for Christian apologetics and evangelism, which can speak to the mindset and worldview of Asians. Since many in Asia are pantheists, they often conclude that Jesus is just another holy man who has attained enlightenment and add him to their pantheon of gods. Our approach is to build an Asian apologetic that is true to the Bible and yet respectful of the religious sentiments of the people.

Some of the people groups who will be targeted include: the Chetri people (Hindu), Khmer Loeu people (Buddhist/Animistic), the Semai Aboriginal people (Animistic), the Madurese people (Muslim) and the Kapampangan people (Roman Catholic-cum-Animistic)

Budget
\$30,000 (AUD)
Per Year.



“Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”
Matt. 9:38

MY RESPONSE

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Post Code: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

The AEFI secure web-site - www.aefi.asia - can also be used for making general donations to AEFI.

YES! COUNT ME IN

With God's help **I / we*** would like to be a partner in the Gospel with AEF in the following ways:

Prayer: As a Prayer Partner with AEF. Please send **me / us*** updated prayer information.

Sponsorship: **I / we*** would like to sponsor a child. Please send details.

Financial: Please receive **my / our*** monthly quarterly yearly one-time donation of:

\$ 50 \$ 100 \$ 150 \$ 200 Other (Please specify): \$ _____

Gift: Please use this gift for: **AEF Nepal Goats** **GRM** **ACOM** **60th Anniversary**

AEF Philippines (ADMI)

Method: I would like to make **my / our*** payment by:

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Reaching Asia through National Workers