

HARVEST *Asia*

AEF Indonesia

James 1:22 But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.

The ACOM studies of Indonesian pastors and missionaries helps to grow and strengthen the church. The trust of the students even as their homes flood are a sign of the sustaining grace of God. As He works in the hearts of His people from all ethnic backgrounds He moves them to share His love and gospel to the many who are hungry and lost. ACOM Indonesia has conducted online training for students in different locations as well as developing future national trainers as the ministry multiplies in number and reach. There are now three new church planting initiatives in Indonesia, a fruit of ACOM.



*Psalm 136:23 Give thanks to the God who remembered us when things were going badly. His faithful love continues forever.
24 He set us free from our enemies. His faithful love continues forever.
25 He gives food to every creature. His faithful love continues forever.*

Rev. Edwin Ponniah (AEF South Asia Director) and his wife Vasantha (left) were able to attend the India Missions Consultation in New Delhi recently. They were able to take in a visit to the Taj Mahal. AEF India trains and sends missionaries to the far reaches of the nation. National workers initiate Bible studies, evangelism, children's and women's ministry, food and medicine to the pandemic affected, sustainable farming methods, and leadership skills. Floods and difficulties towards the gospel are just some of the challenges that national missionaries face. Much of the work continues because of the faithfulness of God.

Real help comes from GOD. Your blessing clothes your people! PSALM 3:8

Prayer is spoken from the voice of one who seeks salvation. People of prayer whisper that they are in trouble and believe or hope that God can get them out. Those who don't know they are in trouble are in the most trouble. Praise is spoken by the many who rejoice in the mercy of God. People of praise shout the blessings of God. Those who know the grace of God are most thankful.

Luke 1: ⁴⁹The Powerful One, whose name is Holy, has done great things for me, for me. ⁵⁰His mercy extends from father to son, from mother to daughter for those who fear him. ⁵¹Powerful things he has done with his arm: He routed the arrogant through their own cunning. ⁵²Down from their thrones he hurled the rulers, up from the earth he raised the humble. ⁵³The hungry he filled with the fat of the land, But the rich he sent off with nothing to eat. ⁵⁴He has rescued his servant, Israel his child, because he remembered his mercy of old.

What would make you cry out in prayer and praise like Mary? Perhaps it would be that a loved one was very sick and may return home. Perhaps it would be the news that your nation was delivered from oppression and could look forward to a new time of freedom. Perhaps it would be seeing that the floods which had threatened your home were going down again.



Prayer and praise are the threads of the mosaic of life. Mary's prayer and praise declares how wonderful life is because Jesus is now in the world. His aliveness in the womb of Mary; his aliveness in the way he sees and hears those around him; his aliveness in his teaching, and healing, and overcoming darkness with light; his aliveness in his prayers; his aliveness in his death and life; his aliveness in our preaching and celebration. May the aliveness of Jesus, the Lord, the Saviour, the Powerful, the Holy, the Merciful, the Faithful one be the ultimate reason for you to celebrate this Christmas.

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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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Pastor Matt Hall and Dr. Jonathan James at the Perth, WA event of the 60th Anniversary celebrations. Please see Jonathan's report (back page) of the many celebratory gatherings and what is the strategic vision for next era of AEFI's mission to reach Asia with the gospel - 10 years to plant communities of faith in 50 unreached communities in Asia through national missionaries.

Stand firm and hold fast

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.

ACOM East Asia 2021 Report **"Roots and Wings"**

God has opened a door to conduct online training in two regions of East Asia. ACOM has conducted 8 online trainings and covered areas on Basic Hermeneutics: Skill & Theory, The Book of Romans, Personal Evangelisation, Spiritual Formation and Discipleship Training. One of the courses, "Roots and Wings" trains pastors in how to lead a cell group.

In view of the present situation online training is effective, safer and costs less. God has also opened new doors for us to reach out to the migrant workers in Singapore. We thank God that many East Asian pastors come to Singapore to equip themselves and they can be our future mission partners.



Migrant workers worshipping in Singapore



That Asia may know

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.

AEFI celebrates 60th Anniversary...

Asia Evangelistic Fellowship International (AEFI) celebrated its 60th anniversary with an encouraging and challenging online service in September 2021.

Dr Jonathan James, the executive president shared highlights since the fellowship celebrated its 50th anniversary, one of which was the launch of the ministry in Cambodia and the building of a 30-bed hospital in that nation. Jonathan also shared how AEFI through its publishing ministry had been able to publish culture-specific textbooks written by Asians for Asian Christians in Myanmar, Indonesia, Nepal, and India,

The theme of the service was "That Asia May Know" and interesting stories, anecdotes, and reflections of how God is working in Asia were shared by various country and regional directors, with a challenging message by Rev Edmund Chan.

The service was live streamed through Zoom from Singapore and was viewed by hundreds of registered participants.

Due to Covid-19 protocols, small groups met in various Asian cities and watched the service in India, Nepal, Indonesia, Cambodia, and Thailand. The largest group gathering was in Kohima, Nagaland (N E India) where 1,800 people gathered at the Kohima Lotha Baptist Church. This is the church attended by the choir members who sang "Great is thy Faithfulness" in the service.

AEFI's 10-year plan was unveiled – an ambitious goal to plant communities of faith in 50 unreached communities in Asia through national missionaries in the 11 countries where it currently serves.

Those who missed the service can view the 1-hour service of thanksgiving though YouTube via this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=naArm6E8hgM>



Cambodia meeting



Hyderabad, India



Nepal meeting



Thailand meeting

GREAT JOY FOR ALL PEOPLE

"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord" Luke 2:10-11.

December 2021

*Beloved friend of AEFI,
I would like to thank you for your ongoing prayers and generous giving to AEFI. Your commitment and support to help us train Asian nationals to reach Asia is bearing much fruit.*

In South Asia, a new House of Faith was constructed after 6 years of waiting on the Lord. Now some 85 people gather for prayer and worship. On the day of the dedication, 15 people publicly declared their faith through baptism. One of them gave a moving testimony of how he was trapped in darkness for 35 years.

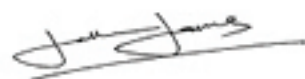
In Northeast India, even though we were experiencing major problems, we were able to share the love of Christ and bring encouragement and hope to 20 orphans during the Covid-19 time.

We praise God that in the last financial year 1,185 people became followers of Jesus Christ and have been delivered from their fears and superstition. Our 200 national workers in 11 countries are bringing great joy to all people because they are committed to sharing the good news of the Gospel often during opposition, distress, and danger.

At Christmas time we would like to say "thank you" to these faithful workers and orphans under our care in Asia. We would like to give each one a Christmas gift that would help and encourage them and their families. I would be grateful if you would prayerfully contribute a gift for our Christmas Workers' fund.

It is our prayer that many more people trapped in darkness -- like the man in South Asia would come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Your Christmas gift will be an impetus for us to move forward and save more souls. May the great joy of Christ's love and peace be your very special portion during this time of the year. Merry Christmas!

In His joy and peace,



Jonathan James
Executive President
AEF International



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ACOM East Asia **60th Anniversary – 10-year plan**

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Reaching Asia through National Workers