

HARVEST *Asia*

Report from the church planting fields in Cambodia

We continue to thank God for the house church leaders that are called and being trained. Our Laeun Kangmithom house church continues to attract a few more people each week even during our Wednesday prayer fellowship and Bible study.

We were able to distribute used clothes and a few household items from a missionary in Phnom Penh. While distributing these items we also share about the love of God and salvation that is found only in Jesus. We continue to follow-up our newest believers in their homes and often share the gospel with their unbelieving family members.

One challenge we are currently facing is that the cultic Ahn Saghon Hong group have been entering the Laeun Chong village to spread the news that we are false Christians because we worship on the Lord's day and only their church is the true church. The new believers who want to be baptised are now confused and some non-believers resist listening to the Gospel.

We ask that you pray with us to ask the Lord for wisdom to deal with false teaching and how to best protect the flock with true teaching. Pray also that new church members, when tempted, will not fall back to old traditional beliefs. Our prayer is that the next generation of leaders will learn well in their ministry training to serve God.



Dr. Felipe Castro with house church leaders



Village House Church



Emerging leaders receiving training

"How many loaves do you have?"

Jesus asked. "Go and see." When they found out, they said, "Five loaves and two fish." Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of 100s and 50s. Jesus took the five loaves and the two fish. He looked up to heaven and gave thanks. He broke the loaves into pieces. Then he gave them to his disciples to pass around to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. All of them ate and were satisfied. The disciples picked up 12 baskets of broken pieces of bread and fish. The number of men who had eaten was 5,000. John 6:38-44

Imagine yourself in that situation, after a busy time of ministry. Finally a rest in a boat to a secluded place to refresh and when you arrive huge crowds demanding attention - what would be your first reaction? When Jesus first sees the crowd he felt deep concern for them. They were like sheep without a shepherd (see Numbers 27:17). In Israel the grass is green in springtime - Passover time. Jesus directed the disciples to sit the people in groups of 50-100 almost military like - Who does this man think he is?

This story is the only miracle recorded in all four gospels other than the resurrection. The vivid detail of the relayed story indicates this was a miracle that astonished all the people present. This miracle not only foreshadows communion but also the importance of sharing the little we have and allowing Jesus to multiply it. In this case to satisfy the physical needs of others similar to the manna in the wilderness. More often the miracle of sharing the little we have takes place in down-to-earth ways. Throughout the past year many AEFI workers in each representative nation have shared food with neighbours and crowds to witness to the amazing grace and love of Jesus. As we know food can be wasted in our society, Asian or Western. Jesus challenged his disciples to think 'outside the box' when he answered, "You give them something to eat." (v. 37). Imagine yourself in that situation today. Thank you for your prayers and financial support for AEFI. We see you as a vital partner of the gospel so that Asia will come to Jesus to be truly fed.

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Culinary Arts: Grace Academy

A generous donation from a single donor in Australia enabled us to build and furnish the industrial kitchen and classrooms for Grace Academy's Culinary School in Dukuchhap, Nepal. Also, a 30-seater bus was purchased. Additionally, we thank God for the services of a retired international chef and TAFE instructor from Sydney, NSW who has taken the role as voluntary advisor.

Pray for the final approval from the authorities to give the greenlight to launch the school in early 2023.





DIVYA DISHA (D2) DIVINE DIRECTION) 2022

Divya Disha “D2” (Divine Directions) is a week-long residential program on trinitarian theology, held in an environment of corporate worship in the Indian-Hindu cultural context similar to a Satsang. The word Satsang is derived from Sanskrit where ‘Sat’ means “purity or truth” and ‘Sang’ meaning “in group or association”.

Satsang is a traditional activity in the Hindu spiritual context, meaning “being together with truth”. In the Christian contextualisation it is a community of truth in the Triune Godhead. Normally it means to sit together with the teacher, often in a question-and-answer situation. Satsangs are popular among people of South Asian origin that can be an expression of Christian spirituality.

Divya Disha (D2) is a program developed and facilitated by an AEF Consultant coordinating the trinitarian content of this contextualised conversation.

For each D2, twelve selected persons (devotees) undergo training to conduct contextual conversations. The devotees dedicate their lives under the divine direction of the Triune God. The devotees are invited to serve God and the community, focusing their efforts to live incarnationally and express faith in a manner that is contextual.





Good news, great joy!

“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 2022

Beloved friend of AEFI,

I would like to encourage you - that your commitment and support to help us train Asian nationals to reach Asia is bearing much fruit. Last Christmas, our team in South Asia, travelled to a remote village and shared Christ. Many in the village came for prayer and 15 people were delivered from evil spirits. Now, a new community of faith has been established there.

We praise God that in the last financial year, 1,565 people became followers of Jesus Christ.

Our more than 200 national workers in 11 countries are bringing great joy to all people often in the teeth of opposition and danger. Thank you so much for standing by us through your support!

At Christmas time we would like to say “thank you” to our 200 national workers in Asia. We would like to give each one a Christmas gift that would help and encourage them and their families. I pray you will consider giving a gift for our Christmas Workers’ fund this year.

It is our prayer that more people trapped in darkness, like these 15 people, would come to a knowledge of Jesus Christ. Your Christmas gift will be a great encouragement for us.

May the immense joy of Christ’s love and peace be your special portion during this time of the year.

With joy and peace,



Jonathan James
Executive President
AEF International



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