

HARVEST *Asia*

Through great danger: Unity and maturity in the Body of Christ

The Feb. 1, 2021, military coup that toppled the civilian government in Myanmar initiated a wave of violence. Reports from the mission field claim Christian and other ethnic minorities in Myanmar face even greater danger. Christianity, which is mainly practiced by Kachin, Chin, Karenni, and Karen ethnic groups, makes up about 6 percent of the population. Religion and ethnicity have long been intertwined with politics in Myanmar. Even as Myanmar faces its worst fighting in its 70 years as a free nation, many point to the unprecedented unity across ethnic and religious divides.

This is not always possible, but in this case the diverse groups of Myanmar share an experience of facing the brutality of the junta firsthand. According to reports, chefs in toques, black robed lawyers, construction workers, nurses and doctors in scrubs, civil servants, farmers, teachers, taxi drivers, Christians, ethnic minorities, the old, the young, women, men, girls and boys all joined together with a common purpose for peace. Like the church in Ephesus we can praise God for the unity of the disparate and the maturity in the Body of Christ through humility, gentleness, patience, and bearing with one another in love.

AEF Myanmar report that amid great danger the gospel continues to be preached to non-Christians on the other side of the Yangon River, Seikgyi and Ma Da areas. This includes services at the Yangon General Hospital where workers are able to share the good news of Jesus with doctors, nurses and general workers. Please continue to pray for outreach opportunities and the spiritual and physical health of the workers and church members. Please continue to pray for the nation of Myanmar.

Paul writes, Ephesians 4:1 *I am a prisoner because of the Lord. So I am asking you to live a life worthy of what God chose you for. 2 Don't be proud at all. Be completely gentle. Be patient. Put up with one another in love. 3 The Holy Spirit makes you one in every way. So try your best to remain as one. Let peace keep you together.*



Myanmar



Myanmar protests



Doctors Yangon hospital



Nurses Myanmar

Liturgy and Life: Invitation to a Journey

Ephesians 2: 5 So he gave us new life because of what Christ has done. He gave us life even when we were dead in sin. God's grace has saved you. 6 God raised us up with Christ. He has seated us with him in his heavenly kingdom. That's because we belong to Christ Jesus. 7 He has done it to show the riches of his grace for all time to come. His grace can't be compared with anything else. He has shown it by being kind to us. He was kind to us because of what Christ Jesus has done. 8 God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift. 9 It is not based on anything you have done. No one can brag about earning it. 10 We are God's creation. He created us to belong to Christ Jesus. Now we can do good works. Long ago God prepared these works for us to do.

I would like you to join me on a journey in time and space. To a place where sadly many have lost their lives to a tragic earthquake recently. We are going to visit a small group of Christians in the first century. The provincial capital was the then flourishing Ephesus. This was a melting pot of the most varied people, cults and cultures. It is a group of disparate Christians that we are visiting. They gather in a home during the passion week. Once again they listen to that dramatic story of the last days in the life of our Lord. Together they meditate on the meaning of Christ's death upon the cross. They did not know the church year as we celebrate it now with the sequence of Easter, Ascension, and Pentecost. The whole period of fifty days after the resurrection was for them one great Pentecost, where the risen and exalted Christ and the gift of His Spirit stood in the centre of worship. Not just the day of Easter, but each Sunday was for them a feast of the resurrection. It is on such an early Sunday that liturgy and life are intimately related. Past events which led to a change of life. A decisive turning-point is being recalled. Believers and disciples have begun to live a new life.

As you hear the stories from Myanmar, Malaysia and India of transformed lives because of what Christ Jesus has done, the riches of His grace are declared. Please pray that many more will come to saving faith in the Lord Jesus as they hear the gospel and the story of Jesus.

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Hearing and receiving the gospel in Myanmar

God's Glorious riches to make Malaysia's Orang Asli strong

Ephesians 3:14 I bow in prayer to the Father because of my work among you. 15 From the Father every family in heaven and on earth gets its name. 16 I pray that he will use his glorious riches to make you strong. May his Holy Spirit give you his power deep down inside you. 17 Then Christ will live in your hearts because you believe in him. And I pray that your love will have deep roots. I pray that it will have a strong foundation. 18 May you have power together with all the Lord's holy people to understand Christ's love. May you know how wide and long and high and deep it is. 19 And may you know his love, even though it can't be known completely. Then you will be filled with everything God has for you.

Please Pray

1. For the spiritual strength of everyone involved in reaching the Orang Aslis; that they draw encouragement and the joy of serving Him even in such a difficult situation.
2. For the Lord's provision and protection for the staff and workers.
3. For the gospel to be grasped and accepted by those who have heard the Word this Christmas. Pray for true conversions among those people. Only the Spirit of God can make this happen but there must be faithful teaching and preaching of the Word of God.

Ephesians 3:20 God is able to do far more than we could ever ask for or imagine. He does everything by his power that is working in us. 21 Give him glory in the church and in Christ Jesus. Give him glory through all time and for ever and ever. Amen.



Typical Bamboo home of Semai Christians



Orang Asli woman

Riches of God's Grace: Testimonies

PERSONAL TESTIMONY

My name is Thirumaran and I live in Eithanur village. My wife's name is Rajaveni and we have two boys. Before knowing the gospel, I was under idol worship, and I was addicted to alcohol. Due to this, we lost all our peace in our home with much quarrelling and violence. I lived without any hope, direction, and purpose. One day we met Sis. Bhavani and her husband who came to our house to share the gospel. Initially, I was hesitant to accept the gospel. They came to visit us many times to hear our story, read the Bible with us and pray for us. Over time I began to find that the words in the Bible were powerful. I started reading from the New Testament – how God's love reached me in the death and resurrection of Jesus. I read that He died for me so that my sin would be forgiven, and that the resurrection meant I would have new life for eternity receiving the Holy Spirit. During this time I stopped drinking alcohol and as a result I was much kinder to my wife and sons.

My wife noticed all these changes, she also paid attention to who Jesus was and what He said. Now as a family we accepted the Lord Jesus Christ and left all the idols and my bad habits. We wanted to live a peaceful and united life in Christ. We were ready to take baptism in a church. I thank Lord Jesus Christ for everything He has done for me.

We found a church and attended regularly. After a few months I was baptised. I am so excited I am a new man. The Bible paved the way as my attitude was changed. Accepting Jesus changed my behaviour. Glory to Jesus, Amen.



Christmas program



Tamil women



Preaching & Praying



Preaching Tamil

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with Testimonies of
Reaching Malaysia and Asia**

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Love Asia*

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