

# HARVEST ASIA

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## Luke 24:19

“He (Jesus) was a prophet,  
powerful in word and deed  
before God and all the people”

### Preparing for greater harvest in Cambodia

After 10 years of the opening of Solid Rock Christian Hospital in Kampong Thom, we are now at the point of transitioning into offering inpatient care on top of outpatient services to the 160,000 people who live in our catchment area in Central Cambodia. This district has 10 communes or municipalities, with a total of nearly 100 villages.

Our vision is still the same: to provide affordable, compassionate, and excellent medical care to the people of Kampong Thom Province as an expression of the love of Christ. Our outreach will now be greater and more intensive with a 40-bed ward.

By faith we have set the date for the opening of the hospital for inpatient care – 1st July 2024. This will mean we must have the following full-time, resident staff in place – a hospital administrator, two specialists, two doctors, and several nurses and midwives.

We are looking to the Lord for the provision of \$ 60,000 to make all this happen before 1st July 2024. Kindly pray for us that this goal of touching more lives with the compassion of Christ will be realised. Your generous gift will help the furtherance of the gospel in this part of Cambodia.

Our church planters in Ratanakiri province have established contextualised churches there and we are at the point of recruiting three more church planters in 2024. We look to Him for \$7,500 needed for the new church planting ministry.

As the Lord leads, please support this worthy ministry of bringing Christ to Cambodia in word and deed.





## Matthew 28:18–20

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'

## Pools, Sea, Rivers, and Streams of Living Water

In different Asian countries and climates, in streams, rivers, the sea and artificial pools, people are being immersed in water, apparently bringing great happiness to both the participants and the spectators. What is going on? If you asked them, they would tell you that this is what is called 'baptism'. Why do they do it? They would tell you they are obeying Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

"If we are buried with Jesus, we are also raised with him – to a new life and a new lifestyle' (Romans 6:4).

What happened to Jesus at Easter we can now apply to ourselves in baptism. It is an individual responsibility, but it is a mistake to see baptism as something done by us for the Lord. It is not what we do for the Lord, but what he does for us. Baptism can be costly. To be a disciple of Jesus in some Asian countries carries with it the threat of danger. Some have even lost their lives.

Thank you for your wise and kind prayers and financial support as you partner with the AEFI evangelists, missionaries, and church planters. Baptism is the 'good news' that God sent His Son Jesus to get us clean and His Spirit to keep us clean.

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## Breaking the Cycle of Poverty in Nepal

AEF International has invested in Grace Culinary Academy (GCA) in Dukuchhap, Nepal to help break the bondage of poverty experienced by countless Nepalese. In 2020 we built an industrial kitchen and classrooms to train chefs for the hospitality industry.



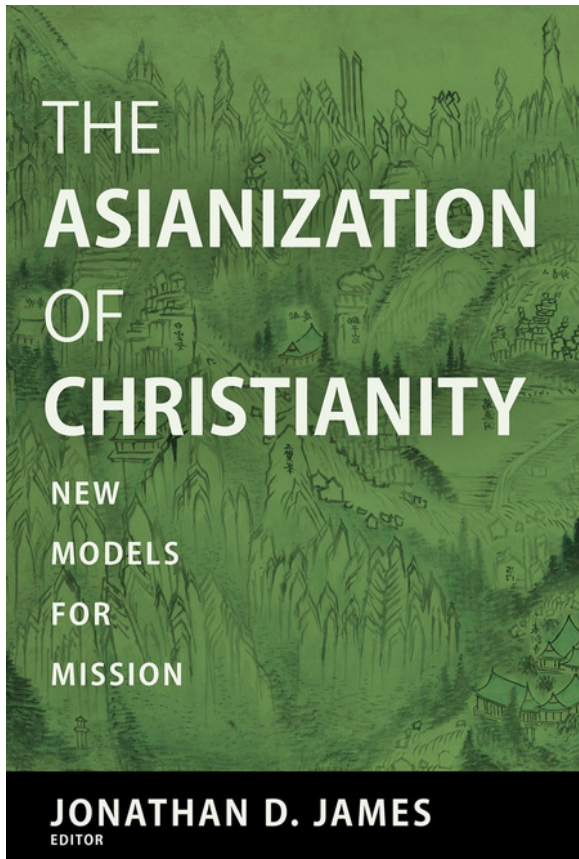
**One of the students, Pradhan, who struggles to pay his fees, travels more than 35 kms from home to come to GCA: "...my hope is that I will be the first wage earner in my family, and then be able to help my brothers and sisters to afford to have a decent education."**

Recently 12 students graduated having trained with chef, Yomal in International and South Asian cuisines. We hope to place these students on an internship program in 5-star hotels in Nepal for experience and exposure to the nuances of the hospitality industry. We are now advertising for a new cohort of students. Please pray that the right students will apply. We also need prayer for finances to support their studies.

It costs \$150 per month to support one student for the 1-year program. We are hoping to raise \$21,600 for the first year of operations. Your prayers and gifts will help us break the cycle of poverty in one of the poorest nations in Asia.



# THE CHALLENGE OF THEOLOGY



*The Asianization of  
Christianity: New Models  
for Mission*

*Jonathan D. James  
(Foreword by Todd  
Johnson)*

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Fortress Press  
Christian Mission & Evangelism  
325 pages

A exciting new AEFI book will be released later in 2024. *The Asianization of Christianity* aims to present new shoots to grow into indigenous Christianity with the parameters of Biblical faith. This practical theological book utilises contextual theology to make sense of Asian social, cultural, historical, ecological discussions and meetings with the God of the Bible. Although each chapter can be read alone, the thread of *The Asianization of Christianity* sets up the premise that the study of God can be brought into “the mission field”. Which is the context where a living meeting between a universal Gospel and the specific reality where people are can take place.

**A clarion call by Asian Christian leaders for the gospel to be indigenized by encouraging practitioners to seriously engage with both the Bible and the cultures of Asia.**

The book demonstrates that both the theology and the presentation of the gospel need to be framed according to the mindset of the respective Asian cultures so that the message of the Bible can be understood and accepted. Case studies on evangelism, church, and training models from several Asian nations are explored. Core issues such as culture, communication, and contextualization underpin the practical cases to give depth and clarity for the effective communication of the gospel.

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