

# HARVEST ASIA



## The Home Call of Kaifa Ezung

Kaifa, an experienced missionary and dynamic communicator who spoke four languages, worked for many years as a pioneer missionary with the Baptist Church Mission in the state of Assam. It is here that he struggled with abject poverty and hardship, living under a large Banyan tree for eight months. The Lord blessed the months of sacrificial ministry, and a large community of believers still meet near the Banyan tree.

In 2000, he joined AEFI as our NEI director of training and soon after, he trained a task force of fifteen native missionaries in three of the seven states of Northeast India, engaged in evangelism, training and church planting. AEF NE India also opened an orphanage for more than forty children and started income generating ministries for poor people, orphans, and pastors.

At the end of December 2009, some 250 people from the Neighbor community came to a saving knowledge of Christ through AEF NE India's workers and in 2010, a new Church and a modest school was started for the children.

Under Kaifa's leadership, Emmanuel Centre – a 2-acre training cum agricultural Centre was built in Dimapur, Nagaland. More than 2000 leaders have been trained at Emmanuel Centre since 2014.

Pray for Lily, his wife, and their four children.

*On 10 June 2025, Rev. Kaifa Ezung, AEFI's Northeast India Director entered his Eternal Home.*



## Editorial

*“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters-yes, even his own life-he cannot be my disciple. And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple.” Luke 14 :26-27; 33*

Jesus, unlike a politician recruiting supporters, he appears to be discouraging followers by saying three times ‘cannot be my disciple’. Research into commitment revealed that developing world Christians were information poor but they were commitment rich. While western Christians were information rich but were commitment poor. Now this might be a generalisation but there is some truth there. Jesus was looking for followers that were prepared to commit their lives solely to Him. In this passage ‘hate’ does not mean ‘ill will’. Jesus is demanding a priority in our relationships. I must love nothing or no one more than I love Jesus. Families represent the very best things in life. They are God given, and I am to love them more than anything else, with the sole exception of my love for Christ. No relationship, no matter how wonderful, must not compete with my allegiance to the Lord.

Is Jesus speaking about actual physical death when he says, “anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me”? Or does the context point in another direction? Someone once said that “the person who has nothing to die for, has nothing to live for; for they do not know what life is.” However, the follower of Jesus has everything to live for, because they have chosen what and who they have chosen to die to self for. Their life has been placed at the full disposal of the Lord. Each day, continuing to carry their cross, is a life shaped by the mission of Jesus and loyalty to His work. A radical and costly identification with Jesus. The cross will not be forced upon anyone. We choose to take it up out of devotion to the Lord himself.

The third ‘cannot be my disciple’ concerns the reality that the things we own often come to own us. Discipleship involves a daily act of signing away ownership. Discipleship with Jesus places demands on our personal relationships, personal preferences, and personal resources. Jesus wants us to count the cost if we are going to follow Him and consider the consequences of being His disciple. Asian disciples of Christ can not start to follow Jesus, then not follow through with the commitment. To follow Jesus in Asia carries with it potential consequences. But the Lord promises to call unlikely disciples (read Luke 14: 15-24) and Jesus himself is deeply committed to His disciples (read Luke 15); even choosing to give His own life for them. Thank you for your prayers and support of committed disciples in the Asian fields.

In Christ,



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# INVESTING IN GOSPEL EXPANSION: A TRAINING CENTRE IN SOUTH ASIA

For over four decades, AEF South Asia has faithfully carried out its mission — sharing the gospel, planting churches and raising up national evangelists to reach the unreached. What began as a humble outreach has flourished into a network of over eight centres across the region.

To continue and expand this vital work, we are establishing a permanent Training Centre on land we now own beside our church in a strategic part of South Asia. This new facility will replace rented spaces and become a long-term home for developing leaders, transforming communities, and launching missional churches in culturally sensitive and impactful ways.



Will you partner with us? Your gift helps us build something lasting — a centre of transformation that will serve generations of leaders and believers across South Asia. Join us in laying the foundation for gospel expansion in South Asia.

***“One generation shall commend your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts.” (Psalm 145:4).***

## THE VISION

This 600m<sup>2</sup> centre will be more than bricks and mortar — it will be a hub for:

- Equipping 60 local staff and volunteers through ongoing discipleship and training
- Preparing new workers to share the gospel to unreached regions
- Running community programs on health, financial literacy, and family support
- Hosting retreats, seminars, and youth camps for likeminded churches

## WISE STEWARDSHIP, LASTING IMPACT

Currently, renting venues costs us over AUD \$4,000 a year, not including travel and logistics. This permanent centre will significantly reduce those recurring costs — allowing us to reinvest in our workers, increase the frequency of training, and enhance program quality. It also opens the door for collaboration with partner ministries to reach even more people.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

We're seeking to raise AUD \$70,000 to bring this vision to life. Every dollar brings us closer to creating a space where lives will be changed, communities uplifted, and the gospel spread more boldly and effectively. Local funding is also being actively sought so this is a partnership in the gospel.

## Saving Lives in Cambodia

Dr Cheah Swee Poh (Hospital Administrator) of Solid Rock Hospital in Cambodia (AEF Kampuchea) reports of blessings in the growth and development of the hospital in serving the needs of the community in Kampong Thom.

Your generous funds enabled them to purchase AED machines which is an automated external defibrillator that can be used to treat a person whose heart has suddenly stopped working. This condition is called sudden cardiac arrest.



Also, pray for funds to purchase an Autoclave (AUD \$7700) which will assist in the operating theatre as well as dental procedures as a physical method for disinfection and sterilisation.

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The AEFI secure web-site - [www.aefi.asia](http://www.aefi.asia) - can also be used for making general donations to AEFI.

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