

Planting Hope – Reaching Thailand village by village



Thailand remains one of the most spiritually unreached nations on earth. Over 95% of the population is Buddhist, and fewer than 1% follow Christ. In many rural areas, people have never met a Christian—not even one.

AEF Thailand church planters enter villages shaped by:

- Buddhism and merit-making
- Fear of spirits and unseen powers
- Strong family and community expectations



In such a context, following Jesus can carry real social cost. That’s why church planting here grows slowly—at the speed of trust—through faithful Thai believers who long to see their own people encounter Christ.

How the Gospel Takes Root

1. Relational Evangelism

- Through English classes, shared meals, and daily presence, church planters form genuine friendships that naturally lead to spiritual conversations.

2. Small-Group Discipleship

- Seekers gather in homes to explore Scripture, ask questions, and meet Jesus in a safe, welcoming space.

3. Leadership Development

- We invest in emerging Thai believers, so each new church becomes fully Thai-led, self-sustaining, and multiplying. This is slow, beautiful, faithful work—and it is bearing fruit.



A Vision for the Next Step

Many villages are still waiting for their first Christian witness. To reach them, we are praying for 10 additional Thai church planters.

Each church planter requires AUD \$200 per month for two years—a small investment with eternal impact. Your partnership will help place trained, passionate Thai believers into unreached communities where the gospel has not yet been heard.

The Lord of the Harvest is Gathering a Global People



The meaning of harvest in Scripture encompasses two main areas: God's provision for us and God's blessing for others. While we celebrate a harvest season just once a year, we experience the spirit of harvest all the time. In Acts 8:26-35 the Ethiopian is reading: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter..." He is reading Isaiah 53 — the Suffering Servant. He asks: "About whom does the prophet say this is?" That question is the hinge of history. Philip replies:

"Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture, he told him the good news about Jesus." Acts 8:35

Easter proves: The One led like a sheep is now the Shepherd of the nations. The One cut off from the land of the living now grants eternal life. The One humiliated now sends His witnesses to the ends of the earth to gather up the harvest. The Ethiopian asks, "Who is this about?" Easter answers: It is about Jesus — alive.

Resurrection Creates Mission

Why is Philip on that desert road at all? Because the risen Christ is gathering a global people as the Lord of the harvest. The Ethiopian represents: Africa. The margins. The excluded. The nations. The resurrection explodes the boundaries of Israel. The gospel is moving outward. Easter is not just about victory over death. It is about the expansion of grace from Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria to the ends of the earth.

In this quarterly edition of Harvest Asia, the expansion of grace and mission extends to Thailand, Malaysia, and even Africa. The forthcoming publication **The Africanization of Christianity: History, Theology and Praxis**, a companion volume of **The Asianization of Christianity: New Models for Mission**, will give voice to African Christian scholarship and mission. Church planting in Thailand is expanding the grace of the gospel in new ways and regions. Outreach to the Orang Asli, the indigenous tribes of the Northern Peninsula in Malaysia, represents people groups on the margins, who are excluded. But these are the people Jesus calls to be his witnesses as the resurrection creates mission.

When we read the story of the Ethiopian in Acts, Easter has already happened. Jesus is risen. The tomb is empty. The Spirit has come. Persecution scatters the church. And where does resurrection power show up? Not on a stage. Not in a cathedral. But on a desert road. And Philip asks one of the most important missionary questions in Scripture: "Do you understand what you are reading?" Mission begins with listening to the call of Christ, to the Lord of the harvest. Thank you for participating with us, to hear and tell the stories of Asians reaching fellow Asians, with the powerful gospel message that produces a harvest of new disciples.

In Him,



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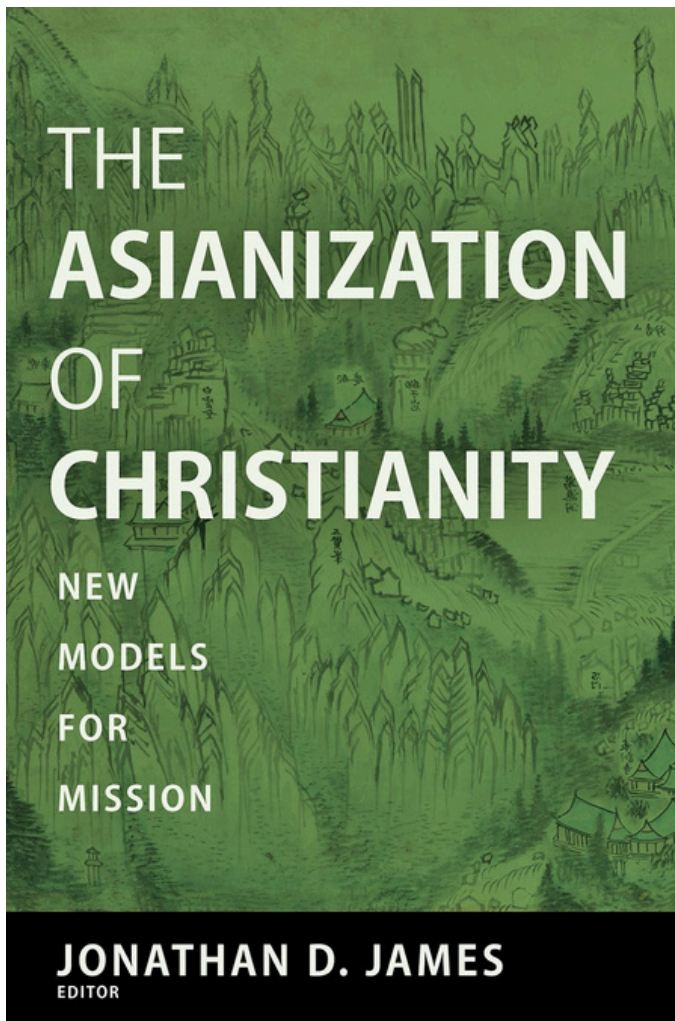
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HARVEST ASIA NEWSLETTER



UNEXPECTED OPEN DOORS

AEFI is experiencing a season of stretching as the Holy Spirit widens our vision. While our name reflects our historic roots, it is impossible for the Gospel to stay within borders. The momentum sparked by our book: **The Asianization of Christianity: New Models for Mission** has opened unexpected doors. Pastors across Southeast Asia have asked for regional translations, and our Myanmar brethren are now exploring a full Myanmar-language edition so that local leaders, students, and missionaries can engage this important work in their heart language.

At the same time, the Lord is inviting AEFI into a new global venture. Through trusted African partners, seventeen theologians and missionaries from across the continent have come together to produce **The Africanization of Christianity: History, Theology, and Praxis**. This companion volume will give voice to African Christian scholarship and mission at a time when Africa is shaping the future of world Christianity. We are praying for the provision of \$15,000 to support both the translation efforts and the development of this new book.

*For those who have not yet received a copy, **The Asianization of Christianity: New Models for Mission** is available for purchase on Amazon or directly from the Asia Evangelistic Fellowship International (AEFI) website aefi.asia. Your purchase not only supports the work but also helps extend the reach of this vision into new contexts.*

“From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised.” (Psalm 113:3)

AEF Malaysia Report – Orang Asli Indigenous Outreach

Warm greetings in Jesus Christ and blessings for your faithful support to AEFI. We rejoice over the many developments in the outreach ministry of Chempian, Hulu Ruai and Bertau villages in the state of Pahang. We are truly thankful for the support, prayers and interest in the workers and tribal natives of Malaysia.

This is the church service in Chempian village.



There are normally around 60-70 worshippers in this village church at a Sunday service. Pastor Jeff and I take turns to preach there every other month, in addition to their local leaders. The tribal Christians lead the worship.

We obtained Audio Bibles for the for the believers because many of them are illiterate. We are using this audio device to help in Bible studies for the three Semai churches in the forests.

The Orang Asli villages have the potential to develop new preachers and evangelists who will venture further inland to share the Good News with more Tribal villages. With their knowledge of the local cultures and languages, they will make a greater impact than outsiders ever could.

PRACTICAL WAYS OF SHARING THE GOSPEL

A few months ago, we built a clean water piping system by damming a clean spring water source from the hilltop. Then, the spring water was piped down 2 kilometres of forested terrain to the village in the valley below. This system solved the problem for the OA villagers climbing up the hills and mountains just to get to the clean water source. Without clean drinking water, the villagers were always feeling sick. Constructing the dam and the piping system was an expensive project, but God provided for the costs.



The Believers took on another project to construct a new kitchen and bathrooms for the village. These facilities are shared with the other village people. This provides an avenue for practical help for all and also a witness for the Gospel.

After the church services, the Christians in the villages usually gather for a fellowship meal. This promotes a sense of belonging and unity for the believers who typically have only one meal a day. Due to adverse economic constraints, they seldom have meat or fish in their diet. We try to provide that for a fellowship meal.



Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support for the least reached and evangelised natives who are now bearing fruit after all these years. We appreciate and thank you for your partnership in the Gospel of Christ.

By Dr. Mark and Pastor Jeff (The Semai Missions Team)

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