

Asia Christian Services

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Formerly: South East Asia Evangelizing Mission

LaVerne & Lois Morse, Founders



In this Season of Hope — A light shines in the darkness!

*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works,
and glorify your Father which is in heaven. – Matthew 5:16*



Every child needs to hear about Jesus

Through these difficult times, hope has been brought to thousands of people! During the pandemic many huge outreaches by our Asian Missionaries, aided by partners – IDES and FAME – have helped people in their most ailing needs. Along with these deliveries of food and medicine came the sharing of God’s love by teams of ACS workers.

One current example is of 6000 internally displaced people from the western Myanmar conflict into three new camps near the capital city of Yangon. A basic bamboo school was built and established by two teachers, recent graduates of Bible College. This year 3 new churches have been nurtured, developed and built among Bamar Buddhist communities with the help of Stadia and a church who gave the funds for this project. A huge playground was given. What a blessing. In the darkness, there will be laughter and joy in children’s voices in times of hardship – all because of the light of Jesus!

It is all of us, you and me, working together to do good works and shine light showing God’s love and light into a dark world.

One church provided a well, another donor provided school supplies and books, another gave funds for the school building, another provided funding for two teachers for two years. Another gave funds for food and medicines. One church gave a motorcycle for an evangelist to travel on muddy roads during the monsoon to distant areas.

Many of you are the donors who allow evangelists to work full time reaching out to new villages and establishing new house churches. They are busy at work! The Love of God is truly shining forth in this land. Here are some of the stories.



Simon giving encouragement at the new camp



Refugee children doing schoolwork



The playground being delivered

ACS/STADIA Partnership has 4 year birthday!

Mike Gerber, ACS Board Member and Stadia Representative.



It is amazing to see God work through circumstances and opportunities to accomplish great Kingdom things. When the ACS team began to pray and search out new ways to reach the large Buddhist population in SE Asia, they soon realized that pouring into their children was a natural and effective way to share the love of Jesus to many in both rural villages as well as the urban areas. Of course, with that opportunity came the need for resources. And God provided!

STADIA is a successful church planting organization that initially focused on planting churches in America but as God provided opportunities, broadened their work to include planting churches all around the globe. Their strategy also includes a passionate intentionality about planting churches with a heart for Children.

It seemed like such a natural fit. So, God did what God does. He connected people who can impact the kingdom. Conversations began... Dreams and passions were shared... And ultimately in December 2016 a vision trip occurred. For those of us on that trip it was obvious God was up to something. It was clear that God could use the gifts and passions of our two groups to bring the Light of Jesus to more people in SE Asia. By the time the trip ended, we were drafting agreements and dreaming about how to share the opportunities.

Fast forward... Four years later the partnership continues to grow and strengthen. STADIA and ACS have worked together to build 6 new churches in Myanmar and Thailand. These are permanent church homes for congregations who have outgrown the ability to meet in homes or public buildings. These are permanent homes to preschools and orphanages and schools that care for children and in some places rescue and protect children. These are buildings that provide hope and support for community outreach and refugee relocation and disaster relief.

But God wasn't finished. In 2018 we begin to pray and discuss how God might use this partnership in other ways. What came out of



Grace Christian Church



Hope Christian Church



MaeSot Christian Church



Three Pagodas Christian Church



Myatlay Kone Christian Church



Immanuel Christian Church

those discussions was a model to establish church plants and care for and reach children in places where there are no churches. STADIA was using this strategy in other remote unreached areas and we were intrigued. In those instances, buildings aren't the need, rather a way to support an evangelist and his team during the initial planting process is the critical need and a new strategy was developed. This model provides the financial and prayer support for a team to move into a village or area of the city and begin evangelizing and taking care of children in the startup phase of that church plant. God has blessed this endeavor. Today, through this model ACS and STADIA partners are supporting 7 evangelists with enough money to sustain those evangelistic teams for the first 4 years of ministry as they reach the people in unreached areas.

We could fill pages with the stories of impact and of people who now are followers of Jesus because to what God has done through this partnership. Myanmar Refugee children living in Thailand now have a school to attend run by a Christian evangelist and his wife. An orphanage in Yangon now has a church building where more than 60 kids from the orphanage as well as scores of others from the community now meet to worship each week. A war-torn refugee camp filled with people who have never heard the Gospel now have a team providing relief and caring for the refugees who have lost everything which brings continuous opportunities to share the good news of Jesus.

The practical reality is that the limiting factor for church plants is always resources. God provides endless opportunities but those are limited by the number of people willing to go; the number of people willing to pray and of course the money needed to support the work. This partnership has been such a blessing. It has brought together two groups of people that share the passion for reaching the lost and who bring complementary strengths.

We are truly humbled by what God is doing. STADIA will plant nearly 400 churches worldwide in 2020. For our partnership, STADIA has raised nearly \$250,000 to support churches and evangelists working among the peoples of SE Asia. 13 separate locations now have the support needed to sustain the opportunity that God has provided. We look forward to watching how God uses this partnership in 2021 and beyond.

We also would invite you to consider being part of this effort. Building a church building is a \$30,000 onetime investment. That will provide funds to build and furnish a permanent church building and facility to care for children. The second option is to support an evangelist and his team to plant a new church where there isn't one. This \$9,200 investment supports the planter and team for the initial four years of their efforts which allows them time to get a congregation established and the family to become self-sustaining. If these options interest you we would love to share additional details and talk about the opportunities. Contact us or STADIA for more details. We would also invite you to pray for God's leading in these endeavors. This partnership started as a result of prayer. It has grown as a result of prayer and we continue to pray that He leads us to unwaveringly continue to shine light in dark places!



Paul Kway Soe



Saw Phillip



Nelson Sweet



Yah Ah Sey



Aung Shwe



Luke Aye



James Aphu

Simon's Refugee Report —



Tutu and 13 refugee girls who were just baptized

Tutu is a longtime friend of ACS. She was a classmate of Simon and Tasanee in the Chiang Mai Bible Institute in Thailand that LaVerne Morse started years ago. She married and has now started many orphanages and four schools for refugee children in Thailand. She is a fervent evangelist. She is partnering with ACS in assisting with support for the new Immanuel church and school just across the border at MaeSot, Thailand. She recently had the joy of baptizing 13 teen refugee girls she had rescued and brought into one of her orphanages. The light of Christ continues to shine in dark places!



Refugee girl being baptized

Meet two new ACS Missionaries . . .

The teachers serving the new Bago IDP camp just outside of Yangon



Teacher Amy

Amy was Buddhist children. She was adopted by Simon Thaug's family and grown up in Christian family. After accomplishing high school, she was baptized and went to Emmaus Bible Institute and has done training for teachers. She accepted the challenge to be volunteer, schoolteacher for refugee children at Bago in July 2020.

She enjoys teaching children as it is God's given talent. She is taking full times with children by teaching, playing, cooking, eating together. They have morning devotion every morning before beginning class. Her vision is to reflect God's Love and joy to these hopeless children. Please continue praying for her and the children ministry. Thank you for your consideration and monthly prayer support for Amy.



New baptized sisters in Christ



Teacher May

May is Khongso tribe from Chin Hill. She grew up at extreme remote area at Bangladesh border. Her family was worshipping evil spirits. But all the family accepted Jesus as Savior after hearing the Good News from an evangelist. She went to EBI Bible College and studied God's Word for 4 years. After graduation, she started

praying to God serve in children ministry. She teaches Sunday School classes as volunteer. But when she heard the emergency need of schoolteachers at Bago refugee camp, she decided to go in July 2020.

Now **May** is teaching full time and leading morning devotion, Sunday School classes to the refugee children. We need your fervent prayer to change their lives and receive God's Grace and Love in the near future. Thank you for your prayer support.



Amy teaching children



Classroom time with teacher Amy



May teaching the children



Children enjoying school

One Bago camp teen girls' story . . .



Tin Tin Yin

I am Tin Tin Yin. I am 14 years old. Our family lives at Mingaladon village, Ann township, Rakhine State. Our village was beautiful and peaceful land. But, it became a battle zone and dangerous area. Many young girls are raped. My uncle stepped a land mine and lost legs. Our family could not go to our rice field for harvest as there are land mines. All the school teachers left, and the schools were closed down. When we heard jetfighters, we had to flee to an underground fortress. Therefore, we have left all the properties and escaped to city safe zone.

My parents sent me to Nay pi Daw Buddhist school for study with my friends. But they are not teaching. They shaved our hairs and forced us to go out to collect food offerings from each home with bare feet. It was a great suffering in the sun heat, and we cannot walk anymore. If we turned back, we were beaten.

Eventually, we asked one of the teachers to send us back and we arrived at Bago Refugee camp. It is a great joy to get opportunity to study here. I am very very happy to be friend with Christian teachers. I want to be school teacher and help our refugee children.



Tin Tin Yin and her classmates



Tin Tin Yin getting water

Simon — Updates . . .

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ from Asia Mission field. This is the season of Christmas and a time of sharing God's Love. The people lost job and struggling hard for life in this pandemic time. We are blessed to share emergency food to slum villages and refugee camps.

"Let your LIGHT shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven." Matt. 5:16

The needs are too great and never enough. So, our team encourage the refugees and poor to become self sufficient. We distributed seeds, chicken and pigs to them to obey and follow Godly way of receiving BLESSINGS by sowing.



Emergency food

"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously." 2 Cor. 9:6

"He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

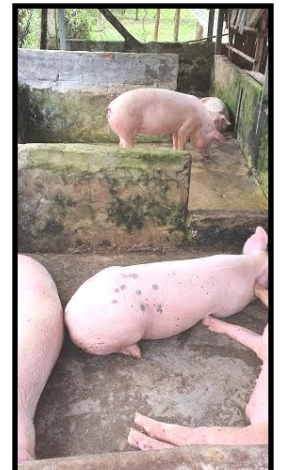
"You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. 2 Cor. 9:9,11.



A new refugee garden



Distributing new chickens



New pigs



New well and clean water tank for Refugee Camp



Life giving water



Fresh water from a new well

Fresh water is one of the great needs. We were able to Drill 7 Wells for refugees and villagers.

“Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” John 4:13-14

We sent two voluntarily school teachers to Bago Refugee camp and started teaching by devotions. The children enjoy the class and activities. Hope and pray that these children are the heritage of parents.

“Sons are a heritage from the LORD, children a reward from Him.” Psalm 127:3

Our team is applying Family, Personal Evangelism in this pandemic time. We reached and baptized 15 new converts in this quarter.



New Refugee School Building



The drilling team at work



School Classroom with desks

“For the Son of Man (Jesus) came to seek and to save the lost.” Luke 19:10

Jesus is God's Highest-ranking representative to the World. Let's continue serving our KING with Joy!

“We are ambassadors for Christ.” 2 Cor. 5:20

Continuing Refugee NEEDS & CHALLENGE

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| 1. Chicken | \$8 | 6. Medicines | \$100 |
| 2. Piglet | \$70 | 7. Bed Net | \$7 |
| 3. Goat | \$70 | 8. Blanket | \$10 |
| 4. Seeds | \$5 | 9. Soap, Detergent, Toothpaste .. | \$5 |
| 5. Rice bag, 80 Pound..... | \$30 | 10. Cooking Oil, 1 Litre..... | \$2 |

Thank you for your continued prayer support and collaboration in expanding God's Kingdom. May God continue to bless you and have a joyful, blessed Christmas season.

Your fellow Laborer in Christ's Service, Simon & True family (John, Debbie, Noel, Anna, Naomi)



Simon giving baptism



Simon and True Thaug Family

Covid Relief – David Brackemyer

(ACS Board Member and ACS/IDES Grant Coordinator)



Tasanee

Since the Pandemic started in March, IDES has distributed a great amount of relief through ACS Team members in Burma and Thailand. This request came from through Tasanee for Tachileik Myanmar, just across the river from Mae Sai, Thailand. Tachileik is the location of the annual Golden Triangle Seminar, held at the local Bible institute.

The Covid-19 pandemic has created havoc for 3rd world citizens, and this area is no exception. This request was sizable and covered 30 villages, with an average of 50 families per village.

In her 'After Action Report', Tasanee said 1,803 people in 601 families received relief, on both sides of the river, in both Myanmar and Thailand. The relief was limited to 13 villages in Myanmar because the team from Thailand was not allowed into Myanmar and had to rely on the Christians on the other side.

In her report, Tasanee said, "The distribution is very meaningful because people are suffering from the Covid 19 outbreak, and they know that this year we wouldn't hold the annual leadership seminar which we have been doing for the past 18 years. They know, we are not only care about their spiritual lives, but also physically need." **The light shines on!**



One distribution site



Tasanee sharing the gospel along with distributing rice

'Light for the Women' Magazine –

Ruth Fish is of the Pa-oh Tribe in Myanmar. She graduated from Mandalay University and also Emmaus Bible Institute (EBI) in the 1990's. She and her husband Manasseh taught at EBI for several years. Feeling a calling to work closer to her tribe, Ruth and Manasseh moved to Taunggyi, the capital of Shan State (State Population of 9,000,000). With the help and encouragement of ACS founders – LaVerne and Lois Morse – they started Taunggyi Christian Center (TCC) which has become Taunggyi Bible College. Ruth and Manasseh's son Aaron is now the President of TBC.

Now Ruth and her husband work through the TCC to encourage and mentor TBC graduates and continue strategic

church planting

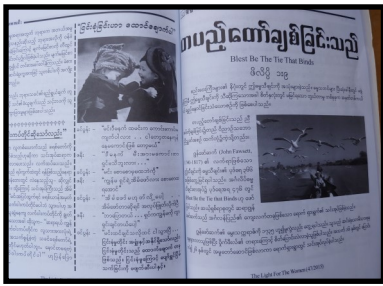
and further training. Ruth has a heart and deep compassion for women. She regularly travels to villages and conducts women's seminars. Having a seminar and spiritual training just for them is a first for women in Myanmar. Her daughter Cherry assisted her on many of these trips. Cherry is now studying through a donor grant at Emmanuel School of Religion, in Johnson City, Tennessee, USA. Ruth's concern for her own tribe led to the development of a weekly radio broadcast for Pa-Oh people in partnership with the Gospel Broadcasting Mission. Ruth's desire to bless and encourage women in her country led to the starting of a Christian Women's Magazine entitled – "**Light for the Women.**" It is written in Burmese, the national language in Myanmar and read by women of many tribes. It is the only Christian women's magazine in Myanmar. She just published issue #54. It is received with great joy by the women of Myanmar.



Ruth teaching a Women's Seminar



Manasseh, Cherry and Ruth Fish



Christian Women's Magazine



Ruth Fish and the magazine

Lois Morse is a regular contributor. The magazines are read and passed on to others to read over and over again. ACS is praying for a supporter to take on this ministry at \$200 a month to continue this important discipleship resource.

Challenge - \$200 a month for "Light for the Women" Magazine

We are to be a shining light to the world wherever we are. For those of you who have chosen to join ACS in shining a light in SEAsia, we thank you. - The Board of ACS



			
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Please make sure you use this information in electronically transferring stocks to Asia Christian Services. For further information please contact **David Bickel ACS Treasurer - 513-403-6476.**

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