

Asia Christian Services UPDATE!

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The Promise of Peace



The promise of peace both in the person of Jesus and in the hope of eternal life is a beautiful gift. At all times, and especially in this season, The Son of God can bring peace to the hearts of the downtrodden. Just having Jesus personally in one's own spirit brings peace for the present even during hardship and turmoil, and it also brings the hope of peace for eternity.

The physical, social, and spiritual situations in many SE Asia countries are presently very difficult. The Pandemic alone brought a great set of problems to all the people. They are struggling with job loss, isolation, de-socialization, and family grief. Additionally, the "Myanmar Coup" continues to see the military wage war upon all the people in the country. Furthermore, in many areas of several SE Asia countries people are experiencing a battle for religious freedom or direct physical persecution. There have been many physical, emotional and spiritual casualties from this onslaught of trouble.

Last month a city in western Myanmar was attacked and bombed. A local preacher was helping put out the fires. The invading soldiers shot and killed him leaving both a grieving family and a leaderless church. A



The City Burning

soldier took a knife and cut off his finger to remove and take his wedding band. We all shocked and share in the grief with them of this kind of brutality.

During this period of extreme darkness on earth, we are aware that there is a spiritual fight in the heavenly realms. The scripture says, *'For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.'* Ephesians 6:12

Our anticipation and experience is that results of the fight above us is hope and peace in our present situation. Christians understand that Christ reigns above it all and we cling to this amazing promise through all these difficulties. ACS Evangelists are positioned to continue the mission of proclaiming the Good News of the One who brings lasting peace. They are not stopping. The gospel **always** brings a promise of peace! We trust in God! This season we celebrate the gift of Jesus to us, and we rest our troubles at the feet of the Prince of Peace.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. - Isaiah 9:6

Pray that the millions who have lost hope through the conflict and sickness in SE Asia would come to know Jesus. Pray that they would understand that He understands their sorrows and their heartaches, and they will come to know Jesus words, *'I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.'* John 16:33

Two Reports from Thailand Evangelists — Tasanee

DANIEL YESUE – Chiang Rai Province

The Story of Kalum Ahyee and his wife...

Before my uncle decided to accept Jesus Christ and become Christian, he used to be one of the religious leaders that worshiped ancestors' spirits. His job was to deal with unclean matters that occur in the village or community that are considered as serious and deadly matters. This has been held for a long time in terms of religion and rituals of the tribe, such as the story of, if twins born to a family in the village, they must be killed. Or if a child born handicapped such as deaf, curled fingers or arm amputated, they will be brutally killed because that child is considered as a ghost child. Not only that but the family will be exiled from the village to live outside of the village that provided for them while everything they owned is destroyed.

As uncle Kalum gets older, he feels worried and scared about sin. His guiltiness grows more and more until he can't sleep at night. He always saw the pictures of babies crying and the weeping of the parents while watching their child being killed. Finally, Kalum decided to accept Jesus in order to escape from the voice of the evil spirits that always call him and accused him as a murder. He believed that Jesus' blood can wash away all his sins. I baptized him and his wife. Both now have new lives in Christ and are no longer afraid that they would have to pay back things they have done in the past. I have been serving as a full-time preacher since 2006 until now. There are 17 families, 55 members that come to the Church every Sunday.



Kaylum and his Wife



Baptism of Kaylum and his wife

NOAH – Mae Sot Thailand

Noah's family is currently serving for the Lord's ministry at Mae Sot, Thailand. Noah and his family moved to the border of Thailand



Noah, Esther, Jetsen and Nana

and Myanmar to share the Good News of Jesus among refugee people there. The location where they are living is in the heart of a community where thousands of Burmese refugees are residents. Noah planted a church. With the help of friends of STADIA a building was built. On Sundays, Noah and Esther get up early in the morning to prepare for the church. Noah wipes the floor, opens the windows, and prepares for the Lord's Supper while Esther buys food at the farmers market to prepare lunch for all the church attendees.

Besides preaching at the church, Noah also works as a community worker for a children's outreach organization. He is one member of the very strong team who helps refugee children in the community meet safety, health, and educational needs.

Noah and Ester open the community outreach campus during weekends and holidays for the children to come and enjoy the playground, snacks, Bible stories, singing and dancing. The group is sponsoring almost 200 children to Thai school. Noah and Esther work tirelessly with the children so that they can grow up purposefully and hopefully in the love and provision of God for their future.

Because Noah and Esther have built great relationships with the community over the past three years, they know almost everyone in the community. They not only preach the gospel but also help them in the areas they need such as taking sick



Noah, Esther, and the Children at the Church



Noah Serving in the Community

people to the hospital, helping repair houses or even helping contact them to find a job.

Noah's family has been a blessing for people in the community. Now there are about 150-200 people coming to the church every Sunday. Your continual prayer support is enabling their ministry to continue faithfully. Thank You!

Pray for ACS Evangelists to be filled with love, grace, and the power of the Holy Spirit as they witness God's love and care for the lost and displaced people. Pray that they will have "the peace that passes understanding" during this season.

Two Reports of Myanmar Evangelists — Simon

AUNG SHWE - South Dagon Church - Yangon Slums

My greeting to all our friends, brothers, and sisters in the body of Christ! Firstly, I would like to praise God for protecting and guiding us during this pandemic and all the difficulties in our country, Myanmar. Next, I am going to thanks to all our supporters for all your prayer for the lost souls of Myanmar to be received Jesus as their savior and your generosity. The regular worship services can't resume yet since the coup and covid-restriction. But we never fail to do our family worship and visit church members houses on every Tuesday morning.

Often, I preach and teach our members through Facebook or phone. On every Thursday morning, with our handful of rice offering, we are helping widows and poor in our slum area.



Delivering Food to the Poor

This is the bridge to share the Good News of our Lord. They are very interested about Christians and Jesus. We share the Love of God. We become close friends in Jesus and always welcome us in their homes. After hearing the message, two youths accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior.



Aung Shwe and Two New Disciples of Jesus

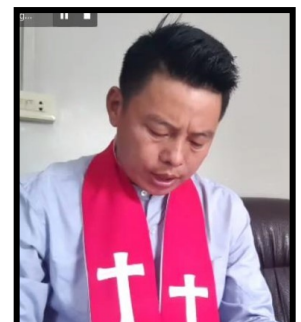
This week I have taken some time with two youths and teach them the Word of God. It is their preliminary Bible classes for baptism. Next week they are going to baptize.

God is so good and faithful to provide! We have seen more of His grace and provision in these days. Not only our church members and through us our community or our neighbors are blessed. Whenever we are in need, God touched someone to meet our needs. They give us rice or any other basic foods for all. Please, Keep all your prayers for us and for our country! May our faithful God bless you all and increase you as you are serving the Lord with your prayer and giving!

SIN SAR – Grace Church – Myawaddy in Myanmar on the border with Thailand

Greeting in the name of Jesus! The Lord is our strength and defender!

In our country, the global pandemic hit hard upon ordinary people, then for the worst is the coup, which we



Sin Sar—Grace Church

had never expected to happen it again, but unexpectedly it happened. We were so close to reopen the church and excited to travel back and forth freely. All of our excitement dropped on the ground again day by day. However, we are fixing our eyes on Jesus and keep moving with faith.

Recently in our town, curfew is issued for the daytime (after 12:00 in the afternoon). Preaching on facebook about 15 minutes needed to replace with a better platform. Since this August, we decided to run our worship service via zoom, so we can do visual worship service and had communion. It's an open door not only for our church members, and for those who couldn't access the physical church.

These days, I have done a lot of home visit for sickness and pray for them. To mention one, an unyoked couple. She is really sick and hard to move around and when her husband go to work and she is alone at home, her husband wasn't a believer. So, we are praying the Lord to grant her healing and to glorify God through her sickness. Believing that will be going to open door for her husband to see the grace of God. Please continuously remember our family, the church, and the believers here, and our nation! We are always grateful for your prayerful and financial support. God bless you all....



Sin Sar Praying for the Sick

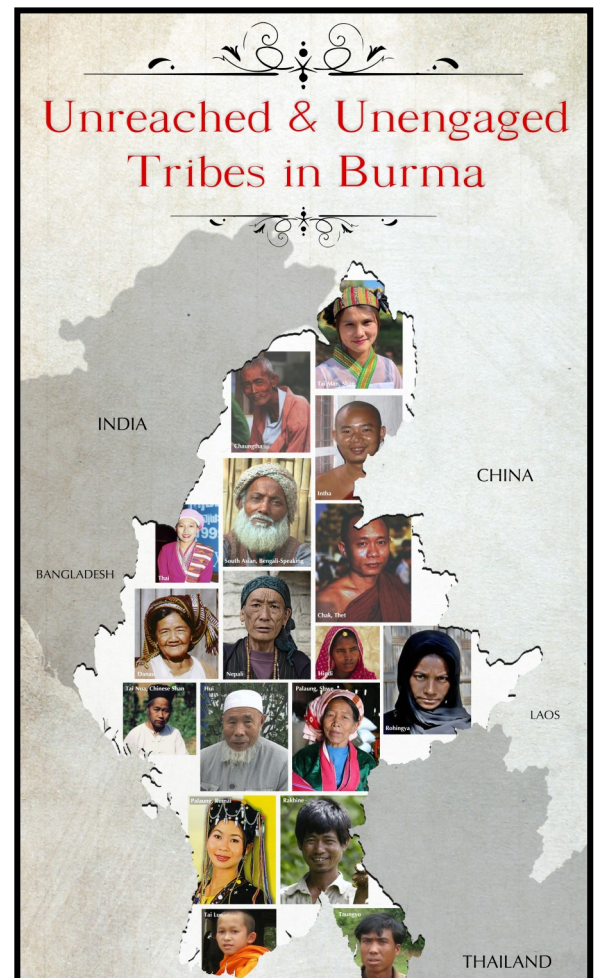
Pray for protection and favor over the ministries, the churches, evangelists and their families as they live as Christ's ambassadors to their nation. *'We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: be reconciled (or, at Peace) to God.'* 2 Corinthians 5:20

The Last 50 Unreached and Unengaged Tribes in Myanmar

INTRODUCING TWO NEW MYANMAR EVANGELISTS...

ACS has emphasized in word and deed over the last 55 years, the work of pioneering church planters to go into areas yet unreached. ACS evangelists are now engaged in 13 of the last 50 unreached tribes. One of these new planters will go into one of those last 50 tribes. The **Bamar** tribe is a very hard group to reach as they practice a dark form of Buddhism and are very resistant to the gospel. The Bamar are 0.4% Christian. The other evangelist will go into a tribe that is just off that list. Rawang evangelists have had great success in reaching key leaders in the **Mro** tribe and churches have been started and been reproduced, but it is still a very long way to reach even most of this tribe. An unreached part of this tribe has been displaced by the war and they have lost everything. They are now IDPs (Internally Displaced People) in a refugee camp with Myanmar.

Our evangelists are bringing a message of peace and hope through Jesus to their broken hearts. We are grateful to Martha, a passionate supporter of evangelism to aid us in sending these two experienced workers into the ripe harvest field. Martha's desire is that we send true evangelists - not "tourists" into these new areas. Within two weeks of our call to these men to go, they left behind what they were doing and entered the new place of service even before we sent funds. These men fulfill that desire!



AHPHU SAR - Bago Area –



Ahphu Sar Family

Ahphu Sars parents were Lisu Animist, worshipping evil spirits. When they heard the Good News from disciples of Morse Family, the whole family accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior. Ahphu Sar grew up in Christian family and willing to serve God. He learned the Word of God and trained to become an evangelist in Myitkyina.

He married a Buddhist lady and had 2 sons. His wife also accepted Gods' grace and was baptized in 2012. They are both now willing to go and share the Good News to a new mission field. God has opened a door to go and serve Alaine Village where 99%+ are Buddhists.

KYAW THEIN –has moved into the Hle Ku IDP (Internally displaced peoples) Camp in Rhakine State. The camp is almost totally Mro and the occupants are primarily Buddhist/Animist. Kyaw Thein is also from Rakhine State. His family was Buddhist and heard the Good News and accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior in 1993 when he was a teenager. He got an opportunity to go and study the Word of God at EBI (Eastern Bible Institute) and graduated in 1999.



Kyaw Thein—New ACS Evangelist



Mro Refugees in the Hle Ku IDP Camp

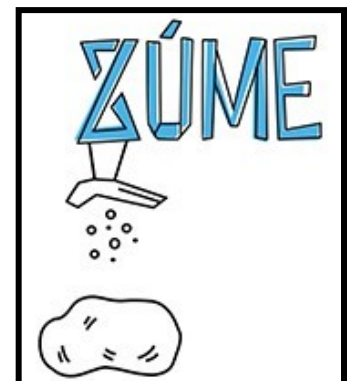
He married a Mro girl in 2000 and has 3 children. His family moved to Buthitaung to be a school teacher and evangelist. He taught middle school and shared the Good News to the students. He reached and baptized 25 students and established a house church. Five new converts were sent to a Christian Bible School to study for ministry.

In 2020, Myanmar military coup and Rakhine soldiers started fighting and the school was shot and shut down. The Buthitaung area became a battle zone and all the villagers had to escape to a safe zone. **[Mro Refugees in the Hle Ku IDP Camp]** Kyaw Thein has decided to reach the Mro refugees and has moved his family into the IDP camp.

Pray for more funders who can aid in sending more laborers into the harvest fields of SE Asia. Pray for the Lord to go before these two and bless them to do the work He has called them to do. Pray that He gives them strength, provision, protection as they serve. May it be as it is written, *“How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things! - Romans 10:15”*

Disciple Multiplying Ministry TEAM EXPANSION DMM TRAINING CONTINUES...

A cooperative partnership with Team Expansion is occurring at this moment. From ACS, Chuck McDaniels, an ACS Board Member, has for many years been a CHE trainer around the world. He secured the help of Eric Derry from Team Expansion in Louisville, Kentucky. Together they have recruited 24 English speaking members of our ACS team in Asia from Myanmar, Bangladesh, Thailand and NE India. They are leading a 10 week Zoom Class learning the principles of Discipleship Multiplication (**Zume - the Greek word for yeast**). This group is divided into two 12 member classes. Class one is now ending, and Class two has begun. A goal beyond the personal application goal of applying those principles to their own ministries, is for each of them



Zume Training



Zoom—Zume Training

to teach this information to others. A Burmese language edition of the training is now available. This is an exciting opportunity. We hope to multiply disciple makers across the country beyond those who have gone to Bible College. Here is a testimony from Robinson Mana, President of Myanmar Bible Institute.... -KO.

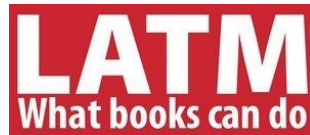
"I have been looking for the right time to learn from Team Expansion's lessons for evangelism. God hears my prayer. Now, brother Eric Derry and Chuck McDaniel teach us the lessons. Wow! it is very simple (does not mean very basic), and understandable. Also, the lessons are mainly based on Bible and it would lead us to a great success in the near future. What a blessing! I have learned much key points to close the doors of hell. Yes, God truly leads us in the green pasture for His kingdom."
- Robinson Mana

Pray that these disciple makers will be successful in making more and more disciple makers. Pray that this training will unleash an infusion of sharing of the gospel with those who don't yet know their creator. 'Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.' Colossians 3:15

Burmese Hymnals, Radio Broadcasting, and MP3's...

A NEW BURMESE HYMNAL - Simon in Chiang Mai

For many years ACS has had a special relationship with LATM as a partner. LATM (Literature and Teaching Ministry) raises funds and produces printed literature in native languages around the world. A project by David Morse

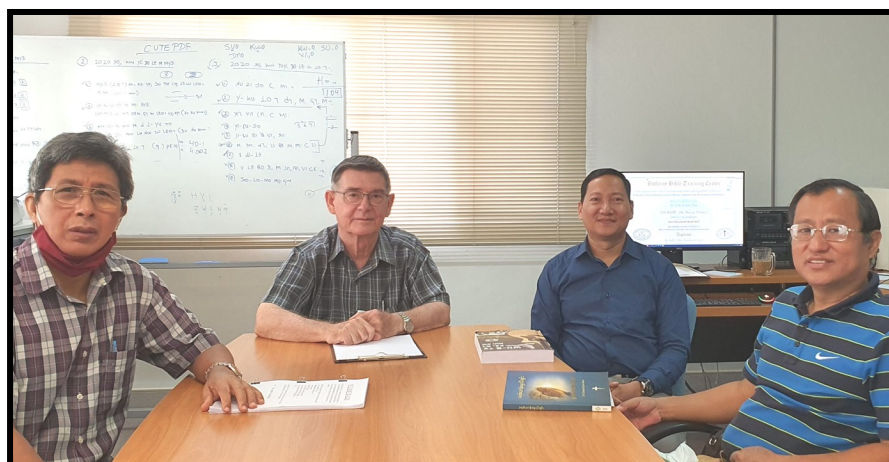


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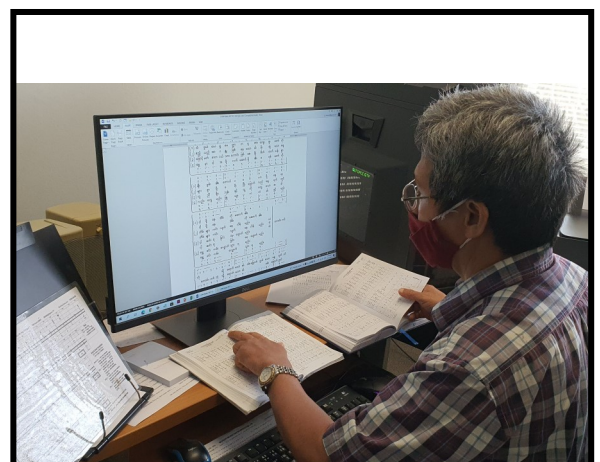


a new hymnbook in the Burmese language for Myanmar. This hymnal project is special because this is the first hymnal in the Burmese language. The Burmese language is the national language of Myanmar and so Christians from any tribe will now be able to sing with this hymnal. This is Simon's report....

I am doing final proof reading and editing and formatting our Myanmar Hymn book. I hope and pray that we can finish in December 2021. These photos are working with David Morse team for final editing. Thank you for your partnership in Christian Literature Ministry. May God continue to strengthen and bless you." – Simon Thaug



David Morse and the Hymnbook Team



Final Editing of the Burmese Hymnbook

Radio News From Ahdi Mark – GBM (Gospel Broadcasting Mission)

In 1964 the Morse family in Burma was given notice that the new military regime wanted them and all foreigners to leave the country. LaVerne, Lois and their children relocated to Cincinnati in a new role for LaVerne as the Professor of Missions at Cincinnati Bible Seminary. LaVerne continued to have great concern for those believers he had left in Burma and the new believers who had just come to faith. At CBS he became aware of an opportunity for ministry that used shortwave radio broadcasts from Manila, Philippines broadcast to ALL of Southeast Asia. In 1967 he traveled to Hong Kong and developed a strategy for reaching back into Burma, China and the surrounding countries using radio broadcasts to strengthen the believers who were isolated and in need of spiritual teaching.

The first broadcasts were sent from Manila in 1968 in the Lisu, Rawang and Kachin languages. The broadcasts were for 15 minutes each evening 7 days a week. These were the first ever broadcasts of any kind into those people groups. At first, LaVerne did most of the preaching in a new studio in his basement. Lois did much of the singing. Later, many other national preachers took on the preaching, recording and music for the daily broadcasts. Today, eight languages are broadcast daily into SE Asia by our partner, Gospel Broadcasting Mission. Here is a recent letter from Ahdi Mark, the Director of the Radio Studio in Thailand and a protégé of LaVerne Morse. -KO



Radio Distribution in Northern Myanmar



Radio Distribution

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

By the Lord's mercy, we all GBM staff in Chiang Mai are doing good. We are serving the Lord in radio ministry and other ways such as producing Christian music, Christian film, preaching in WeChat, Facebook and YouTube and visiting to Christians in the villages in Thailand and other countries.

Since 2019, Covid has increased all over the world and it impacts to all around us in worship services to God too. Some churches are still closing and no more services. So, radio programs and online preaching are so effective to Christians in China, Myanmar, India, Thailand, and all over the world where Lisu people live. (In the early days there might just be one radio in a village. At the set time, the villagers would gather to listen to the radio, especially in China.)

We received donation tools such as short-wave radios, mp3 messenger players and SD card from other missions. We did distribute those tools among Lisu people in Thailand, Myanmar, China, and India. On the SD card we loaded it with 1070 sermons.

At the studio, we have recorded for three languages: Lisu, Wa and Ngochang languages. Wa and Ngochang are on air 15 minutes every day and for Lisu 30 minutes every night. We are so appreciate your supporting for radio ministries so that all the brothers and sisters are getting spiritual foods for every day. May the Lord bless you all.

We have website (lisuradio.org) which to download or listen our radio programs for every day. Our staff teach them how to download app to listen radio program in any time when they are free. God bless. Your brother in Christ. Ahdi Mark (GBM in Thailand).

Messenger Devices...

Thank you to the Church in Ruskin, Florida who discovered, secured, and shipped this tool to workers who are planting churches along the border of Myanmar and Thailand. A "Messenger" is a pre-recorded MP3 type device with a headset that has the New Testament plus clear instruction about salvation and discipleship lessons in Burmese. Simon Thaug, a ACS key leader wrote this report.... -KO



Messenger Device

"Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I visited the Thailand fellows and got messengers. Mark and Tasanee distributed along the Burma border and

many new people heard the Good News. Faith come from hearing the message. God's kingdom is expanded.

Thank you for your continual prayer support and encouragement to us. May God continue to bless you and brothers there. Your fellow servant. - Simon

Pray for the Lord's blessing and peace in distributing the good news of Jesus through these venues. Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ. Romans 10:17

Bible Colleges

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all of you who have been giving generously for TCC - Taunggyi Christian Center and TBC - Taunggyi Bible College. Thank you very much for your contribution, prayers and support for us. Your partnership and support are vital for the success and effectiveness of our ministry. – Manasseh Fish

TAUNGGYI BIBLE COLLEGE

Under the Lord's guidance, Taunggyi Bible College is going well. All faculties and their families are doing well. The College has been in session since last June and this school year will end Dec 10. Thank you very much for your support and prayers for the College.



TBC Campus Students of 2021

THE LIVING BIBLE COLLEGE

Living Bible College is also running well under the Lord's care. Se Yu, a TBC Graduate is serving as president of the College. He and the students are very thankful to Steve and Lisa for the contribution for food for the students, rice, cooking oil and groceries for this school year. Last time we were also



The Students are Studying



Se Yu with Rice, Cooking Oil and Groceries



Medicines and the Students

able to share with them some medicines through a medical kit project. Se Yu said that "the medicines are being a great help for their students during this pandemic time."

MYANMAR BIBLE INSTITUTE

Christmas Outreach - 20 of our students will go with me for a December outreach. This would be not like a picnic, but an adventure for Christ. We will follow how the Bible teaches us to do in very humble way. As I reported last year, some of unbeliever friends normally make decision to follow Christ at this evangelistic preaching time. Remember us in your prayers for winning souls for Christ. (20 of our students will go with me. We will have two nights evangelistic preaching among unbelievers. So, we need \$ 2,000 for travel expenses and Christmas meal. We will start moving on December 17.) Thank you so much. - Robinson Mana – President of MBI

Pray for the 15 Bible Colleges in Myanmar. Pray for an infusion of new students who will be trained to plant new churches. *'And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.'* 2 Timothy 2:2

Finally...

Dear partners and friends of ACS...

*The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.*

Numbers 6:24-26

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In Memory of:
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