

Asia Christian Services

Empowering Asian Missionaries

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Boldly Giving — Matching Grant Opportunity

We serve a big God and Jesus paid a big price!

*¹⁶ So **let us come boldly** to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most. **Hebrews 4:16** NLT*

God boldly gave to us. Let us boldly give to those in need of hearing of His love! One ACS donor has boldly committed up to \$50,000 in a matching grant because he wants to see as many people as possible, through his gift, come to know Jesus – **today** – not 10 years from now! This is a great opportunity, and we are boldly committing this to God and sharing it with you.

Will you help us reach Southeast Asia with the Gospel? There is a huge open window for sharing the gospel at this moment because of the perilous situation that is covering the country of Myanmar. The widespread savagery of the military government in Myanmar has changed everything for the whole nation. Almost 2,000,000 people have now lost their homes and are displaced. Some are actually hiding in the jungles and just hoping to make it out alive through the continuous onslaught of bombing that is coming from overhead. Others are finding safe zones. They are traveling great distances carrying their belongings to places where there is no bombing. New villages are being formed far from their tribe and language.

In this setting the gospel is showing up! Loving evangelists with relief items of shelter, food and medicine are having an opportunity to also share the message of the hope that comes from knowing the Prince of Peace. The question, “*Who are you and why are you doing this?*” is heard repeatedly. The reply that “**God loves you**” is **new** to their ears--never heard before.



Bold action is needed! The gospel is being received into hearts that for decades have been hard and unwilling to listen or consider the goodness of God. ACS evangelists have been showing the **Jesus Film** and preaching the gospel boldly as the answer to the problems that are troubling every heart. The word of God is sinking in. Many are responding with a new faith. Baptisms are numerous. Relief and peace are permeating whole groups of displaced people.

A Matching Fund is offered! To courageously address this situation, a generous donor has boldly offered to match \$1 for every \$1 given by ACS supporters up to \$50,000 dollars! That would mean \$50,000 plus \$50,000--a total of \$100,000 that would be used to fuel evangelism and church planting during this open window. This is a golden opportunity!





- ❶ An evangelist of an IDP camp
- ❷ IDP schoolteacher and students
- ❸ Construction of IDP church
- ❹ People inside the new church
- ❺ Viewing the Jesus Film
- ❻ Teaching after viewing the Jesus Film

How would the money be spent to fuel evangelism today?

1. First, we will send two evangelists, plant two new churches, send two new schoolteachers and build two simple structures to house new churches and schools. We will purchase land and initiate two new IDP (Internally Displaced Peoples) camps in safe zones away from bombings. Through a series of unconnected decisions this past year, ACS accidentally did this at the Hle Ku IDP camp for three hundred families. We discovered that this combination was a very effective way to share the gospel and bring stability to the lives of displaced people. This building structure gave a centerpiece to the village and the teacher gave a place for the children to gather throughout the week which helped stabilize the traumatized new community. The building also gave a platform for the church planter and his message of hope and the truth of the gospel, with great results: previously resistant Buddhists coming to Christ, their children being taught the love of God in word and deed, God's salvation reaching the unreached in unexpected ways as His Holy Spirit works. We want to do this combination two more times in 2024!

- ▶ \$40,000 X 2 will let us buy two pieces of land, send two church planters and two teachers and build two structures in two safe IDP camps. These workers would establish churches and start teaching the children school lessons to which they no longer have access as refugees.

▷ About \$200 per month will support an evangelist.

▷ About \$100 per month will support a teacher.

▷ About \$10,000 will build a simple structure for the church and school.

▷ About \$20,000 will buy several acres to build a new camp.



2. Second, ACS will expand the Jesus Film Project we launched last year. We will deliver computer tablets loaded with the Jesus Film and cast the widest net possible with Evangelists that are in the field already surrounded by refugees. This past year we trained evangelists on how to use the Jesus Film effectively. We delivered 50 loaded computer tablets and 4 large screen projectors. This has had a greater impact that we could imagine! ACS has seen more baptisms than ever before. Seeing and hearing the story of Jesus helped the message of the gospel take root in hearts that never thought of those ideas before. The **Jesus Film project** led to a banner year for evangelism!



We can do this again! ACS has previously established centers of training in three identified areas that are surrounded by displaced peoples. We have Bible schools in Yangon, Taunggyi and Pin Oo Lin. These sites are where this project will be initiated and evangelists trained in 2024. These centers are in the middle of internally displaced peoples.

▶ **\$20,000 will supply many new tablets and projectors loaded with the video presentation of the Jesus Film in 39 Burmese languages. We will also train the evangelists and supply new projectors.**

Boldly giving together can have a huge impact!

A matching fund is a blessing for every donor! A one-hundred fifty-dollar gift will be matched by another one-hundred fifty-dollar gift and together, that total of three-hundred-dollars will for instance, buy a Jesus Film tablet for an evangelist! Smaller gifts add up to big gifts. Larger gifts will go far to send evangelists and teachers into a new church planting frontier.

God is boldly giving us a great opportunity. Our generous donor is boldly trusting us to join him to see as many people as possible come to an eternity saving faith this year! Let us all boldly give to those in need of hearing of God's love, TODAY!

■ **Deadline for matching grant is January 15, 2024.**



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