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Marching Orders are Clear

— Kent Odor and Mike Gerber



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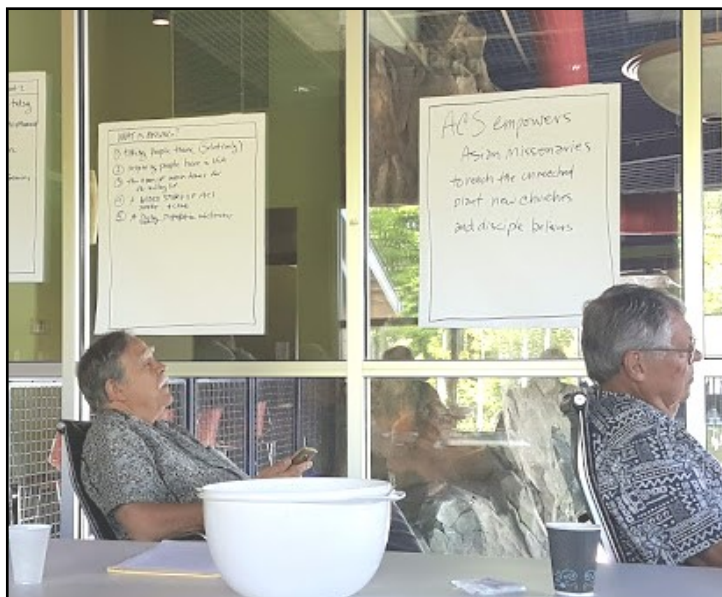
In July the ACS Board held a 2-day retreat to clarify the next chapter of future work for Asia Christian Services. This summer marked the two-year anniversary of the “homegoing” of LaVerne Morse. It seemed to us to be the right time to evaluate and restate the direction needed for the future of the ministry. The Board gathered, prayed and gave God glory for the amazing fruit that is the result of 50 years of the work of ACS in South East Asia.

The foundation of the Morse family’s work began in 1921 when LaVerne’s parents pioneered a mission in Tibet. LaVerne established Asia Christian Services in 1966 after the country closed to those not of Burma. LaVerne became the Professor of Missions at Cincinnati Bible Seminary and through his new role continued to encourage the Asian leaders that continued on in Burma and the surrounding countries. Over the following years he further equipped them and

guided them to cross tribal barriers and reach new tribes with the

Gospel. It appears to us that more than 40 tribes in Burma have been reached through the brave Indigenous missionaries beginning with the Lisu and Rawang tribal groups. For this we give God the glory!

The Board, after a wide and deep discussion, produced a clarified mission statement and six values that will guide Asia Christian Services into the immediate future. This document will be our marching orders for the Board for the next years. We are excited to have clarity and will be glad to speak about this with Individuals, Mission Committees or Elders of Churches at your request. We will have a booth display at the upcoming ICOM in Cincinnati and we would love to talk about this with you at that time.



Summer Board Meeting

The ACS Board thoughtfully affirmed and restated the mission of ACS as this....

**ACS empowers Asian Missionaries to reach the
unreached, plant new churches and disciple believers.**

These six values will guide our goals and our future decisions....

Value #1 – Begin with Prayer

Pray continually for the people of Myanmar and all of Southeast Asia. The beautiful land and people are primarily unreached. We believe that God is currently raising up Godly men and women as national leaders. So, we will pray and encourage others to join us in prayer everywhere and at all times for all that God will do in SE Asia.

Value #2 – Tell the Story of What God is Doing

God is doing amazing things in Myanmar, Thailand, NE India, Bangladesh, Cambodia, SW China and Laos. Well over one million people have heard the story of Jesus and been baptized during the last 100 years. There are amazing stories of the impact that faithful Christians in that region are having on a non-Christian culture in the midst of difficult conditions. Everyone needs to hear these stories. And so, we will tell the story to make Jesus famous where ever we can!

Value #3 – Continue the Training and Equipping of the Indigenous Leaders

Training Centers and Bible Colleges have become an integral part of the evangelistic strategy in Myanmar. Those training centers are maturing and training talented leaders. We will continue to empower those works. And, more training is needed. Areas of self-sustainability, family dynamics, and maturation of both churches and individuals is greatly needed. So, we will coordinate and encourage opportunities to train church leaders and improve business skills among the people of SE Asia.

Value #4 – Take the Gospel further to the Unreached

Recent statistics indicate that 87% of Myanmar is Buddhist and only 7% is Christian. It appears that between 40 and 50 tribes of the more than 140 tribes have no established Christian presence or have never yet heard the name of Jesus once. God is calling all of us to do all we can to fill that void. So, we will continue to encourage the Christian leaders in the country and help develop ways to reach the millions that still do not know our wonderful Savior. We will work to finish the task!

Value #5 – Mobilize Resources for Ministry

Additional resources are needed to allow the expanding work to be effective. Many of the newest churches are just learning to support themselves. Many of the areas being reached are in regions of poverty. Agrarian “work to eat” is the norm. “Paid jobs” are in short supply. Investment dollars are almost non-existent. New skills are needed. Financial investment is necessary for the gospel to expand! So, we will work to secure funding and mobilize people to financially further the missionary work in SE Asia.

Value #6 – Leverage Great Partnerships to Further the Kingdom....

There are many groups and individuals supporting the effort to reach the countries of SE Asia for our Lord. God has gifted people differently and given us each passion to serve in many different and distinct ways. So, we will help develop a network of engaged organizations and individuals to work together to accomplish what God wants to do in SE Asia.

The retreat ended with clarity of the next steps that are to be taken. Each member took assignments for empowering the mission forward. The Board is looking forward to seeing what God will do next. We all agree with the New Testament writer who stated and we pray trusting these words.... “Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work with in us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!”

A Field Report from Simon . . .



Simon Thuang

Greetings from Asia Mission field.

**"THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM
WILL BE PROCLAIMED THROUGHOUT
THE WHOLE WORLD AS A
TESTIMONY OF ALL NATIONS"
(MATT. 24:14).**

FLOOD RELIEF - This is monsoon, rainy season and it flooded 6 States in Myanmar. Our Relief Team was able to collect food, waters and distributed to the flood victims. Our distribution program goes with prayer and sharing the good news, the eternal Hope in Christ.

REFUGEE RELIEF - God gave opportunity to share food to refugees. Our team taught their children, gave medical care and then they started to ask... "What is a Christian?" And then we know that it is the best time to share the Good News. We sowed the seeds and God makes it grow and multiply.



Feeding Refugee Children

NEW CHURCH PLANTED -

After sharing the Gospel, some started to believe and accepted Jesus as their personal Savior. We baptized them and planted a new church at a rented home.



Baptizing New Converts

HOUSE CHURCH MODEL -

House Church is one of the best strategies in Asia as it was in the first Churches in the book of ACTS. All the new converts gather in homes and share their needs, fellowship, worship, Praying, having Lunch as family. This makes warm up to every member and growing in Christ.



House Church is a Model of Church Planting

CHALLENGE - "SALVATION BELONGS TO OUR GOD"

(REV. 7:9). Let's continue sharing The Gospel. Let's continue doing Good. Let's continue giving. Let's continue helping. Let's continue planting New Churches. Let's continue storing our time, treasure in Heaven. **Let's continue to focus on JESUS and Run for GOLD AND GOAL. -Heb. 12**

May God Continue bless you. Your Fellow brother in front battle ground. - **Simon Thuang**



Distributing Food for Refugees

With the Help of our Friends . . .



The Mission in Asia continues into new areas with the help of our friends. We are grateful for outstanding

partnerships! Recently FAME brought a team of Medical workers who inserted themselves into an area of medically needy to plant the seeds of the gospel. Their effort began the impetus of some new church plants. This is important pioneer work that we as outsiders can do to encourage the indigenous evangelists. Thank you FAME! Good Job!



FAME Team September

Sept. 26, 2018

Dear Friends, Greetings from Myanmar. We are doing well and going forward in serving God's Kingdom Expansion. By God's Grace, we were able to host FAME Medical Team from USA and served the destitute brothers in Myanmar in September.

The Team started by Prayer and gave them medical treatment and praying for each patient. Most of them are Buddhists. While they were waiting, I shared the Good



Mission Medical Clinic

News... Sowing the Seed of God's Love. Hope and Pray that God Will make it grow and multiply. Keep praying for us as we plan to serve Him.



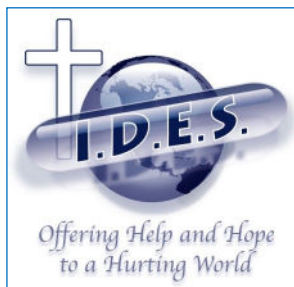
Checking Vital Signs



Presenting the Gospel

I would like to invite you to visit Myanmar to serve our God together by Love Action. Let God's Kingdom be expanded and His Mighty Name is Glorified Forever and Ever. Amen!

*Thanks again for your Love and Partnership. Blessings.
Simon & True and Family*



ACS says Thank You Again to I.D.E.S. (International Disaster Emergency Services).

For many years, LaVerne Morse was an Assistant Director in the I.D.E.S. organization. We cannot say thank you enough to this outstanding partner. If you as an

ACS supporter or your church supports this organization, know that many times your dollars are delivering relief through ACS to help bring others on the other side of the globe to Christ. Often the Asian leaders connected to ACS are the hands and feet that God is using to expand the Gospel and grow the church through the generosity of our partner and their supporters. Here is an example of one situation....

**From Jeremy Leme...
In a final report to IDES he wrote this....**

As you know the country of Myanmar along with some of the southeast nations were experiencing flooding in this year. The



Jeremy Leme

raining was quite exceeding to any other year and flooded to the whole lower regions cities and villages alike. This is a double trouble for local poor people. The poverty is already there but the flood added another trouble upon them.... It just broke our hearts and we could not stay in our comfort zone.... **Therefore, we seek a**

grant from IDES and IDES graciously granted upon our requests. The amount was \$10,000 to provide food items and hygiene drinking water etc.... We were more concerned if the contaminated water make infections because of the water for all the toilets were opened up and water was contaminated. Being the whole regions were flooded so all are starving, and even some rescue people from different organizations are dead in the water.



Flooding in Northern Burma



A Village is disappearing in Northern Burma Flooding

As we primarily intended to help our suffering brothers and provide for their daily basic need, **we had opportunity not only to provide food but also to witness the love of Christ to the suffering brothers. It was a blessed opportunity to provide food and hope!**

It was a great joy to report that the relief works were successfully done and as a result thousands of people could access for food and safe drinking water and other necessary

items for each family. The volunteers who came along with us were good Christians and Pastors. **Along with the relief work we were able to sow the seed of gospel in each village. The relief created a good atmosphere to spread the gospel of Christ. That was a bright side of the flood!**

This is how this project assisted our ministry in sharing the Gospel.... We brought tracts along with us while we were on trips of relief work. We distributed them along with the relief items to each family. We offered prayers to families and shared the gospel and then we distributed food items. **All the villages we went to were Buddhist villages and now the door for the gospel is more opened.** Once some of the villages were closed for Christians to come into their villages to be ministered to them because many of Myanmar communities are blindly religious in their Buddhism. I am sure there is no wall which our Lord Jesus Christ cannot eliminate. **As a result of the relief ministry, now the gospel is gradually marching forward more freely by our contact pastors in the villages.**

Generally, 25 or 30 tons of food supplies were distributed. The relief work took us three weeks to finish by 30 volunteers. 1500 individuals of four villages such as Ananbaw, Wai Pyan, Khe Tauk and Se In Si were fed for a month. And, Thousands of tracts were distributed!



Rice for flood relief through IDES

Here are two personal stories from Jeremy ...

In a certain night, Maung Maung heard the crowd of frogs shouting in the field with maximum noise. He was working till the sun goes down as it was his custom of working in the field. In the dark, now he was going home, and it was 8.00 p.m. when he reached back home. Two kids with a mom were waiting for him for dinner! While they were eating the Sit Taung river hit their home as the home was on the bank of it. The family ran to the road in the knee-deep water. The whole family safely got to the safe zone but the next morning when they look at their house, it was washed away! They were thankful to us and the IDES for the food supplies. In a single night their all possessions lost!

Daw Naw Su was the oldest in the village of Wai Pyan. She was hardly walking even depend upon her walking stake. She just teared when she received the food items from our team because there is nothing to depend for her to live. I was just surprised for the thing

that she does in front of me. She knelt down before me and pay homage according to Buddhist way. I ran off to her and gently lifted her up for she was 90 years old....

Actually, all the victims were traumatic because of their loss. But the food supplies that we brought to them saturated their hope for tomorrow. It was a great thing to see our fellow citizens were helped and restored their hurt from the loss. Sincerely, they expressed their thanks to you IDES for your great contribution!



Manasseh Fish

The Gospel is expanding Into Western Shan State . . .

The need of having a new church building at Maing Hsu is real. So, I am just sharing the real need with you and ACS. It is also a fruit of the children ministry at Maing Hsu. I wrote this that you may know the Maing Hsu House Church is a house church of the Lisu refugees. Between 2015 and



The present Maing Hsu House Church

2016, an armed conflict occurred between Myanmar armed forces and Shan rebels and 3 Lisu ancestor worshipers villages located on the tops of the mountains were totally destroyed and they had to come down to the present new village on the plain near Maing Hsu. So, Ruth and I helped them with relief for three times through Mr. Lemesi and Mr. Timothy. I sent some pictures of them as witnesses.

Through these relief works and helping their children with schooling (36 children with Mr. Lemesi and his wife, Martha and 15 children with Mr. Philip and his wife, Tabitha), they are touched with the love of Christ and took baptism and thus, the present Maing Hsu House Church comes to exist. But now, the extension room made for house church is



On the third time of Relief Work, Ruth herself went to share

crowded and it becomes too narrow. So, we are very much in need of a new larger church. So, if we could have a new larger church like at May Zele village, we have much possibility to be able to glorify the Lord more. So, I am just simply sharing this need.



The beginning of House Church

The reason is that if we really build the new church building, it will make a further impact on the Lisu ancestor worshipers and many more of them will come to Christ as in the place of Peter Fish where we recently done building a new church. Moreover, they can also use the new church building for the purpose of a Preschool and thus, the children of their neighbors will send their children to it. Then, along with the school lessons, they can also teach the children gospel songs and share about Jesus with the children. Thus, this preschool will help their evangelism more effective. Philip's wife, Tabitha is a licensed preschool teacher...

So... just share with the churches or individuals that some might be willing to share for this purpose... I will be looking forward to hearing from you, Brother Kent. Thank you very much. May God bless you. Your Brother in Christ,

Manasseh Fish.

A word about Women's Ministry through Ruth and Manasseh Fish . . .

Almost 20 years ago, Manasseh and Ruth Fish guided by LaVerne Morse, established a pioneering work in Taunggyi, Western Shan State. Manasseh's goal was to establish a Center for Evangelism and Leadership Training to reach the unreached tribes that populated Shan State. Manasseh is of the Lisu Tribe and was led to Christ through the Morse Family. Ruth is from the Pao Tribe that is centered in Shan State. At least 10 totally unreached tribes were part of that State.



Ruth is leading the Seminar

women. Ruth's Women's Seminars were the first ever in the Burmese Culture. They came as a result from her humble leadership to women. For many years she has produced the only Christian Women's Magazine in the country. And, she facilitates the production of a daily 30-minute Christian Radio broadcast to her Pao people in their language. This is the only radio broadcast of any kind in Pao. This is brief paragraph from a recent letter from Manasseh....

Through the Lord's grace, Myitkyina Christian Women seminar was done with success and Ruth is back home safely. But she has no time for rest because even in this evening, she has left for Yangon to ask for her Malaysia visa, because, a Lisu women team from Malaysia has invited her for teaching at a Christian Women seminar. So, after she gets her visa, she will be leaving for Malaysia on coming Sept 21 and will be back only Oct 1. So, please

Through the years, the Lord has blessed their dedication and hard work. Both a Center for Tribal Ministry and a Bible College have been established that now have students from 9 tribes. Both a son and a daughter have joined them in ministry. Manasseh and Ruth are trusted and appreciated as wise teachers and are requested to speak to leaders and teach regularly across the country. They have modeled servant leadership for both men and



Myitkyina Christian Women's Seminar



Ruth and the Women

keep remembering her in your prayer. I sent some pictures of... Myitkyina Christian Women Seminar. Thank you very much. God bless you.

Your Brother in Christ, Manasseh Fish

P.S. Ruth said that the men are helping with cooking for the women seminar and it was really a beauty of serving one another.

FYI - Cherry, their daughter, is here in the USA beginning a Masters program at the Emanuel School of Religion in Tennessee. Next summer between semesters, she could be able to visit your church upon invitation. Contact Kent Odor at ACS to put you in touch with her USA sponsoring team.



The men are cooking for the Women's Seminar

In memory of Ruth Boyd
by John T. Boyd

In memory of Vyron Fender
by Vivian Fender

In memory of our fathers,
Ray Roberts & Marvin Breuer
by Elaine & George Breuer

In memory of LaVerne Morse
by Tom & Kay Moll

In memory of Barbara Thacker
by Michael Stock and the
JW & EL Stock Insurance Agency



In honor of Ahtapa Sinlee's birthday
by M. Doylene Grimm

In honor of Philip Grimm's birthday
by M. Doylene Grimm

To Taunggyi Bible College
In honor of Dr. Stephen Newton
by John & Meredith Walker



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