



Evangelism Fever in SE Asia

by Marcia Morse Odor



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Thank you for your support for Asia Christian Services. We stand in awe of how and what the Lord is blessing in Myanmar, Thailand, and NE India. Good seeds of the gospel were sown originally and the seeds have multiplied greatly. Across the region, the truth of the gospel reigns supreme in people's lives as they find the difference God brings to them every day.

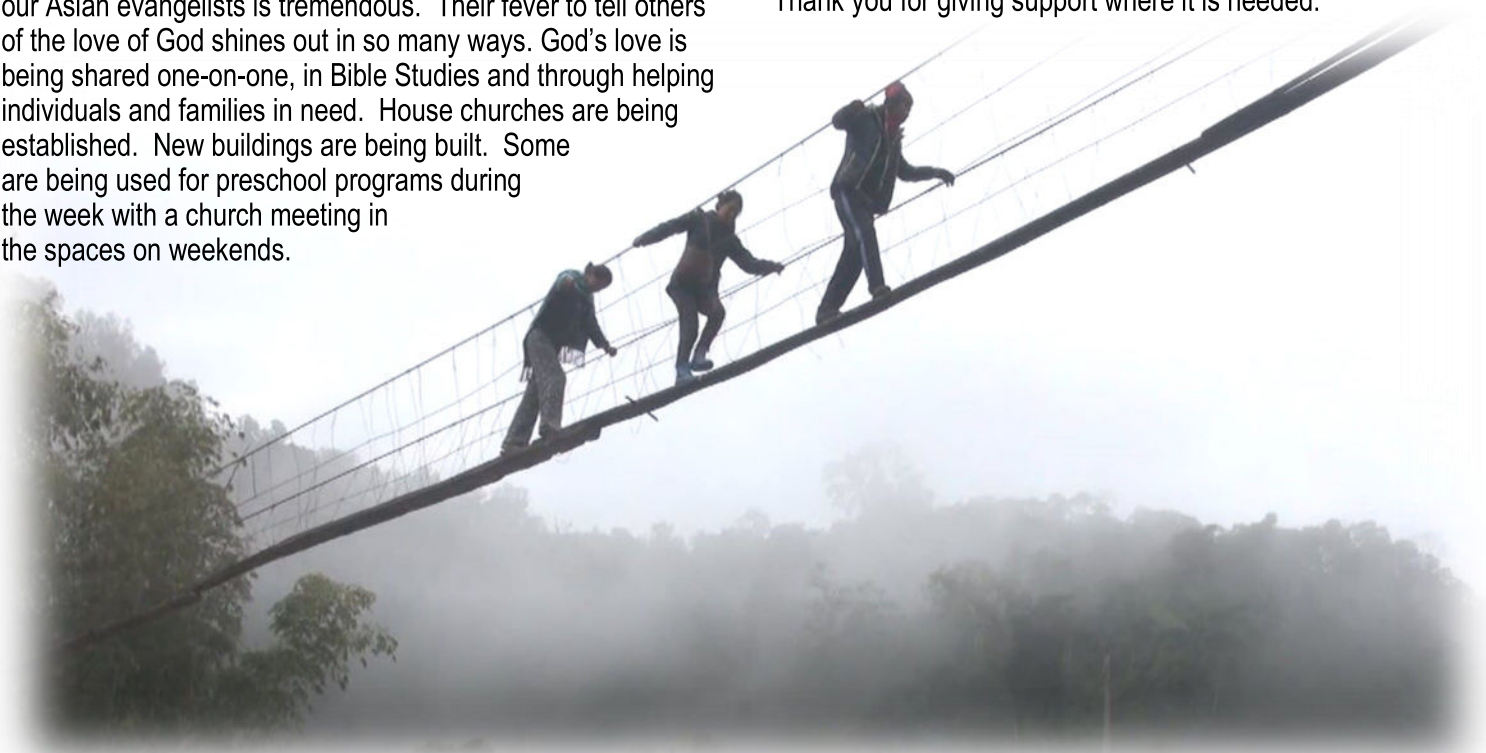
Right now, there is a flood of good will in sharing the love of God with unreached neighbors

among the Christians in Myanmar. The love and zeal we see in our Asian evangelists is tremendous. Their fever to tell others of the love of God shines out in so many ways. God's love is being shared one-on-one, in Bible Studies and through helping individuals and families in need. House churches are being established. New buildings are being built. Some are being used for preschool programs during the week with a church meeting in the spaces on weekends.

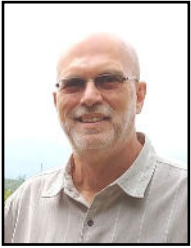
This past year we are aware that there is a renewed emphasis to reach the lost people groups that have never heard the name of Jesus. New Pioneer evangelists are responding to plant churches within new tribes. In this UPDATE we will present new evangelists to new tribes that are needing our support.

Also, in this monsoon season, there has been extensive flooding in some parts of Myanmar. The evangelists have used flood relief as a way to pioneer new works into resistant tribes and "love them where they are with the love of Christ." (This was LaVerne Morse's first step of "Seven Sequential Objectives for Sharing the Gospel".)

It is a joy to share the good reports we are receiving from so many workers. Be encouraged. Continue praying for them. Thank you for giving support where it is needed.



Reaching the Last 50 Tribes . . . Kent Odor



Kent Odor

During the last two years, ACS has endeavored to vision cast with the Asia leaders in our sphere of influence. The need is to aggressively pursue sending missionaries and church planters to reach the “last” 50 tribes in Myanmar so they also can hear the gospel and respond. A Christian world research organization, “The Joshua Project”

<https://joshuaproject.net/>, maintains a database of all the known ethnicities / people groups in the world. They have determined that 50 tribes in Myanmar have never heard the gospel once or have such a small amount of converts that there is no opportunity for that Tribe to come to Christ. They call those tribes “unreached people”. “Unreached” means less than 2% of that tribe’s population have accepted Christ.



Myanmar has at least 148 different tribes and languages within the borders of the country. The country has almost 55,000,000 people. Two thirds of the population of the country, or more than 37,000,000, is one tribe - the ruling Bamar Tribe (from which came the name Burma). That tribe is solidly and staunchly Buddhist.

Christian missionary work in Myanmar is over 200 years old. The first missionary from America was **Adoniram Judson** who began work in 1813. He was in prison twice. He remained steadfast and translated the Bible into Burmese. This edition is still the main Bible edition in the country. 10 years ago, David Morse – Marcia’s cousin – led a team of translators sponsored by the International Bible Society to update Judson’s translation, add chapter and verse designations, and make reading the “Eagle Edition” better for the current culture. One million copies are now in print. The gospel is advancing, and the church is growing in Myanmar.

The last census showed that more that 7% of the country, despite the constant persecution, is now Christian. The Morse

Family footprint contributed to that growth over the last 70 years. Since the 1950’s, the Lisu and Rawang people, as tribal missionaries and church planters, have touched over 40 of the Burmese tribes. Many other Hilltribes have also been reached by other conservative evangelical missionaries. The overall picture represents significant missionary results so that now there are now only about 50 “unreached tribes.”

In March of this year, ACS sponsored a week-long Missionary course called the **Kairos Course**. We were delighted to have 14 of the 15 Bible Colleges attend and receive the certificate. Many were schools that were initiated by the influence of LaVerne Morse. At that meeting Mark Morse guided them to strategically place the unreached tribes on the map and begin initial plans to send new graduates to those tribes. ACS currently has evangelists working among 13 of the last 50 tribes. At the meeting several newer tribes were introduced that previously were unknown.



Mark reaching the Last 50 Tribes Strategy

In this edition of **UPDATE**, we want to introduce to you four ACS evangelists who are working with unreached tribes. Two are now sponsored and two others only receive a small stipend amount from ACS, so they work as tentmakers. They need sponsorship to work full-time in planting new churches. **A sponsorship is \$200 per month for a few years until the work is established.** Please pray for them as you read. We also have about 50 other evangelists who are working as tentmakers that we have not been able to help at all. They are doing their best to reach many new people. God is raising up an army of evangelists in Myanmar with a **Fever for Evangelism.**



Teaching a New Tribe about Jesus

Sponsored Evangelists . . .

Yawhan Minbai – Reaching Mon Tribe (.70% Christian) at Three Pogadas, Mon State

— *This tribe is on the list of 50 and the Myanmar population is 1,140,000.*

I was born in Maliku village, Putao, Kachin state, September 17, 1961 and raised in a Christian family. It was exciting every Sunday going to the church and learning new songs and hearing stories from the word of God. As a country boy, there wasn't much to do for fun in my village. Sunday was a favorite part of my childhood. I finished my high school in 1977 and I got married in 1986. I have five children and two of them are serving the Lord with me.



Mon Evangelist Yahan Minbai Family

I went to a Bible school (Putao Christian Bible School - PCBS) in 1988-1990. Then I entered the mission field right away. We moved down to the old capital city of Myanmar to serve in a church which located in Hkaing. After three years, they asked me to help in a new church plant which was in Pa' An, Khayin State for three years. After serving six years, I came back to Yangon to continue my study for bachelor's degree at Emmaus Bible Institute - EBI, Hmawbi. After two years of study, I got my degree and I was offered to take a position as pastor of the church in Hlaing Tharyar township, Yangon. I served from 1998-2000.

I am interested in evangelism and church planting. That's why I often traveled around the city or new places to share the gospel as much as I could. I was quite sure that God was calling me to plant a new church in Myawaddy, Kayin State. It wasn't easy for my family to move. Some of our friends suggested we stay in Yangon until all of our kids' high school education was done. It would be the best way for our children to have a good education. But their good opinions didn't change my mind. In 2000, we moved to a new place in Myawaddy. Everything was new for us, no friends in the town and only new believers coming into our house. A couple years went by and we got land for the church, which grew in some numbers. It has become a strong church and has expanded to two small daughter Churches in two different places. They are also going well. I planted and cared that church over ten years.

In 2016, I positioned a younger pastor to care for the church since I am interested in new places to build the church. After I delegated the church, I am sharing the good news in a place called Three Pagodas, which is located in Thai-Myanmar border over two years. By the grace of God, I have started running the worship service every Sunday in that place since last year. I rented a house to use



Teaching Children and Youth At Three Pagodas House Church

as a church and for me and my wife to live as well. When I look back, there were many unspeakable memories of God's protections and provisions in our lives. By the grace of God, I gave the water baptisms to least 120 people and I am praying for more grace to bring more people into the kingdom of God. There are many more people to reach in this city. So please remember us in your prayers. I can't wait to see people from this city comes to the light and live under grace of God. With blessings, Yawhan Minbai



Pastor Yawhan Baptizing

Aung Shwe – Reaching Bamar Tribe (0.4% Christian) at South Dagon Slum, Yangon

— *This tribe is on the list of 50 and the population in Myanmar population is 31,273,000.*

I grew up in animistic family background. Animism was the only belief that my parents grew up with, so they never heard of Jesus until an Evangelist visited our village and shared the gospel. When the news about Jesus was preached, my parents believed it and received Him as their personal savior.

After I have finished my high school, I went to a Bible School for four years. There I learned more about Jesus and a spiritual Christian life and the will of God. I have a vision of



Bamar Evangelist Aung Shwe



South Dagon House Church



Youth Group at South Dagon

reaching new people and planting new churches.

There is a place called South Dagon, located in the eastern Yangon slum area. I am really interested in that area. So, I have already started off by house-to-house sharing. Not all people accepted at once but, some accepted Jesus after I have shared one or two times. Others are still

investigating and interested. I keep pressing forward to reach more people and plant a new church in that area.

From his last report: In the Last 90 days, the new plant has averaged 32 in his apartment house church with two more

baptisms. Also, a new Sunday School class has been started in the neighborhood. "We started collecting funds to rent a bigger house Church as our church members are increasing. We hope and pray that we can move there in next year. Thank you very much for your partnership and monthly prayer support." – Aung Shwe

Not Yet Sponsored Evangelists . . .

Sai Htun – Reaching Ann Tribe (0.0% Christian) in Eastern Myanmar Shan State

(This new tribe is not yet in the Joshua Project Database and the population is unknown. It has not been included in any census in Myanmar.)

Sai Htun is from the Tai Lue tribe (Another tribe on the list of 50 - 0.06% Christian of a population of 62,000). He accepted Jesus as his Savior after hearing the good news from a Rawang Evangelist. He wanted to learn more about God's Word and went to Putao Christian Bible School – PCBS. He met Sothiyet, a Lisu student there and married after graduation. He took her back to Tachileit, his home town. Now he is an ACS Fellow and started reaching the Ann Tribe.



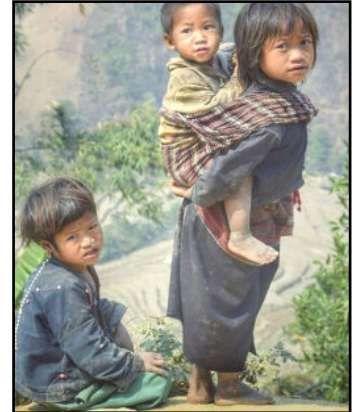
**Ann Evangelist
Sai Htun**

The Ann Tribe in Eastern Myanmar is so remote that there is no education for children or medical care. The chief of the villages attended the 2nd grade and he has ordered the villagers not to go to school. "Reading and learning damage the eyes", he said. He is



Ann people are simple, beautiful people who need Jesus

the only man who can speak the Myanmar language. The people are a beautiful people. They wear no slippers and the children have to work. Many of the children are full of worms in the stomachs. The girls marry at 13 or 14. They have never seen soap. They mark/brand their chickens, so each family



Ann children have to work and have no education or medicine

knows which ones belong to them. They farm "slash and burn" fields.

To evangelize these people, the chief



Reaching the Chief Village is the Key

The Challenge

PRAY FOR ANN TRIBE AND EVANGELIST SAI HTUN

CHALLENGE:

1. NEED Adopted Church, Families or Individuals
2. Need 3 Motor Bikes for Evangelists and friends to carry medicines, food, supplies
3. Creating Ann Literature
4. NEED Prayer Warriors

Reach All The Tribes is our Vision.
Blessings to bless all the Tribes.

Report by
Simon Thuang



Zame Yiram – Reaching the Tavoyan Tribe (0.04% Christian) in lower part of Myanmar

This tribe is on the list of 50 and the Myanmar population is 456,000.



Tavoyan Evangelist
Zame Yiram

Zame Yiram was born in Maung Mon, in the top of Myanmar. His parents accepted Jesus after hearing the Good News from the Morse Family. He was raised to love Jesus. He went to PCBS and learned the Bible as he wanted to go to reach a new tribe. After graduation from Putao Christian Bible School - PCBS, Zame's family went to Tavoy, the lower part of Myanmar on the coast of the Asian Sea and started reaching the Tanoyan people that are strong Buddhists.

By the help of God, his family has been able to reach 10 families and plant a new house church.

The Zame family needs a \$200 per month sponsor.

It would be a great blessing to be a partner to reach the Tavoyan Tribe if you will accept This challenge.



Tavoyan Buddhist Man



Zame Family serving at House Church



House Church at Tavoy

The Challenge

PRAY FOR TAVOYAN TRIBE AND EVANGELIST ZAME YIRAM

CHALLENGE:

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2. NEED Prayer Warriors

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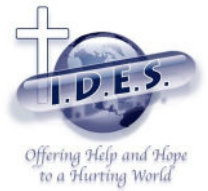


Evangelist Zame Yiram's Family

If you would like to be a prayer or financial partner with one of these tribal evangelists, let us know your involvement and we will try to give you periodic updates of their continuing work.



Monsoon Flood Outreaches A Cup of Cold Water in Jesus' Name Thank You, I.D.E.S.!



#1. Report by Robinson Mana – The monsoon rains have flooded the lower areas of Myanmar and destroyed homes, livestock, crops, and killed and injured many people by landslides and thunders recently. Dams have been destroyed, many of which will be months or years before they will be repaired or replaced. The flood waters have overrun and contaminated wells and cisterns, therefore providing clean bottled drinking water is critical. Food storage has also been polluted and crops destroyed, so basic food items and cooking oil are much needed. This past month of 2019, we petitioned IDES to help with rice, waters, dry foods, snacks, candles, and etc. and funds for this project. IDES granted our mission team funds to operate this project.



Robinson Mana



Families receiving foods to regain their energy (in Kyaikgaw)

Kyaikmayaw and Kyaikgaw villages near Mawhlmyaing in Mon state is composed of 360 families with 1,800 people who did not have any contact for flood relief. It was God's time to reach out to them by our team. They were so happy to meet us, and our team accomplished two things at the same time: we shared things with them and gave great testimonies to them with sharing some tracts talking about how a person can be saved both physically and spiritually by Christ the living God. The ultimate goal is to plant a church in that place step by step.



Tracts were passed to each family member and were received with smiling faces

As we were leaving, some of them were crying with tears. They said, "Come back again. For the next time, you can stay here as long as you wish." They were waving their hands and crying when our team left. Yes, the Lord is looking for these lost people I believe.

Without the great assistance of IDES, we cannot reach out to these people. This project was a good start for winning their souls for Christ. They realized that why we came and served them as we explained.

#2. Report by Jeremy Leme – We are glad to report that through IDES' funds, we were able to conduct food distribution in the areas where the flood gravely affected. In one town, there were 1700 families who lost possessions. The town is called Kyaitmaraw and my team was able to serve the people two times with food items. As we went there for the first time, it was not accessible. There was only one school that was able to survive far from the flood and we stopped our goods there and distributed using with handmade canoes. That was very dangerous.



Jeremy Leme



A dangerous delivery

In the next trip we found that water receded a lot but still needed handmade canoes to distribute supplies. We were able to help 1500. The second township was called Lai Boy township. There were about 1,000 individuals who were impacted by the emergency helps and the gospel of Christ.

A wonderful story.... Daw Nu Nu Win was a mother of two kids. She said that “in the middle of the night the water rose up to their sleeping floor. She was shocked and didn’t know what to do. The water was knee deep even on the first floor. In the morning the children were starting hungry and thirsty. They were crying and asking for water. There was no more safe water. All good waters are already contaminated from bad water while they were sleeping. Finally, she decided to give some water from the flood in order to stop the crying. Since that time the children started diarrhea. No help was there. She thought that her boys will be dying. Luckily, a person with a handmade canoe reached to her and gave her some good water with dehydration solution and some biscuits. That helped the family. When I met with Daw Nu Nu Win, the children looked sound! She smiled and said that all people who work to help people in disaster are angels to her!

#3. Report by Manasseh Fish –



Manasseh Fish

The Myitkyina Evangelizing Committee shared the flood relief with 996 flood victims from 4 villages, Khaing Taung village, Maing Maw village, Naung Tae village and Wa

Sha village. They shared the relief by both the water way and by land. It was a great help in the time of their need and the flood victims are very thankful for the relief fund. Especially, some villagers are non-believers and they are really touched with the love of Christ through this relief project. I hope they are closer to God and in one day, they will be converted. Thank you very much. May God bless you.



Praying for IDES before relief was shared at Main Maw Village

#4. Report about Simon Thuang –



Simon Thuang

One year ago when Myanmar experienced tremendous flooding, Simon Thuang decided it would be beneficial to form an NGO (Non-Government Organization), to allow evangelism to be useful in disaster relief situations. Simon and Josiah, his brother in Law, applied and received approval. They called it, Myanmar Community Foundation. Simon had uniforms with patches and insignias made with the new NGO name which made them all appear to be very official.

As this disaster unfolded, he appealed to IDES first. But, he also appealed to Buddhist people in Yangon he met last year who wanted to help the victims but didn’t know how. They also responded. Finally, he appealed to a Christian NGO called

FedWell foods who supplied him with hundreds of pounds of dried foods that only needed boiling water.

He assembled a team of trained evangelists. He outfitted them in the new uniforms. They made 7 disaster relief trips into Mon State to 7 different regions and ministered to thousands of victims. Many times, they stood in



Myanmar Community Foundation

chest high water praying for the flood victims as they dispersed the relief supplies. Simon reported that, as a result of the relief efforts, they baptized 4 new converts and opened the door to reach Mon and Karen people.



Simon and some of the Team



Delivering Food

See the website for a video of one of the delivery trips.



Delivering Supplies in the Storm



Praying as the help is delivered



One of four Baptisms during the Relief Effort

Jesus said, ... if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”
Matthew 19:42



Manasseh and Ruth Fish will be in the USA during the month of November. They will be at ICOM and will be visiting churches and supporters in Indiana and Ohio. If you are near Cincinnati, they will be in the home of Kent and Marcia Odor Nov 18-22. Contact kent.odor@gmail.com. They will be in Columbus, Indiana Nov 23 - December 2. Contact Dr. Steve Newton - newtonfarm@comcast.net.



In Memory of . . .

In memory of Ruth A. Boyd
 by John T. Boyd

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