

## Mission Statement



The care, protection and education of vulnerable children in Burma (Myanmar) is the primary mission of Asian Children's Mission.

Our work is an outgrowth of the command of Jesus given in Mark 10:14: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

We practice holistic Christian ministry where we do not make a false distinction between the spiritual and physical needs of children. Our work with children is specifically expressed in educational initiatives, orphan care and community development.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

Although lasting transformation must take place in hearts and minds, there is no doubt that facilities can help.

A multi-purpose building will be a good asset to the community. The two story structure will provide room for the teachers upstairs.

Downstairs will be a meeting room and library. Libraries are virtually non-existent in remote areas. A library will help expand the horizons of these children !

Additionally, as Myanmar opens up more to travel in areas, the multi-purpose building can host groups who come to the region to conduct medical clinics, children's camps and more. Using readily available local materials and labor, the cost of the simple structure will be around \$5000.



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**Lauretta Adkins  
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## Who we are at ACM

Asian Children's Mission is a non-profit corporation. Donations to ACM are fully tax deductible under the provisions of 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Joana Jones, the founder and director of ACM, formed this agency in 2008 following two short term mission trips to Southeast Asia. Joana takes no salary. The Myanmar leadership of ACM consists of Josiah Aung, who oversees our orphan outreach, Maeram Rawang, our educational coordinator and Joel Pung, who heads up our community development programs.

Since that time, two orphanages have opened and we have either established or assisted with 15 schools, ranging from preschool to high school. Children's Centers have also been established for tutoring and Sunday School lessons. Churches have been established in several of the communities where we work, directly as the result of our work with children. Additionally, we have a number of water projects that have substantially improved health in many communities.



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## Focus on Putaikgyi

### UPDATE ON TRANSFORMATION

In Mark 4, Jesus told a parable about a sower of seeds — some seeds were not productive for various reasons, some were productive, and some were very productive—yielding a 100 times what was sowed. An Asian Children's Mission outreach to the small Buddhist village of Putaikgyi in southern Myanmar

(Burma) is one example of such fruitful results.

A well, a school and a growing church are part of this community that is so remote that it has no electricity. Read on and meet the remarkable leaders and students who are at the forefront of bringing the Gospel to this region. And read on to learn about the latest opportunity to strengthen our outreach to children and their parents.



Hundreds of visitors traveled to Putaikgyi to see the Christmas program led by the school children and hear the Christmas message presented by the teacher. In an area that is largely Buddhist, the people want to learn more about Jesus Christ, the son of God.



# Myanmar

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Cyclone Nargis
- Test of Faith to Find Water
- Christmas visitors flock to hear children
- Multi-purpose Building Planned

### How to Give to Help ACM Continue the Work in Burma

1. Checks can be made payable to Asian Children's Mission. Our mailing address is 352 S 28th Ave., Cornelius, OR 97113
2. Use PayPal. Our email address is [asianchildrensmmission@gmail.com](mailto:asianchildrensmmission@gmail.com)
3. Give online at: [asianchildrensmmission.org](http://asianchildrensmmission.org)



## A CYCLONE OPENS THE DOOR

I had been home two days from an extended trip to Southeast Asia in the spring of 2008. I turned on the news and learned that Cyclone Nargis (cyclones are similar to hurricanes) had destroyed Burma's low-lying Delta region. The Myanmar government did not even warn the people about the approaching storm.

As American aircraft carriers loaded with aid sat outside Myanmar's ports, the reclusive government refused direct aid and denied most aid workers entry to the country. All the while, the death toll was staggering — more than a 100,000 people were confirmed dead or missing.

I called the Myanmar embassy in Washington, DC and asked for permission to return to the country. Amazingly, they issued me a visa.

Travel to the stricken region was difficult, dangerous and heartbreaking. I visited communities with death rates of more than 50% — including the loss of school teachers. When I met with a Buddhist monk and asked what their communities most needed, the answer was clear: "We need teachers. Being a Christian is no barrier. We just need teachers."

ACM worked with two Myanmar Bible Colleges and recruited 30 teachers to go to the devastated villages to educate children. Putaikgyi was one of those villages. Five years later the community is being transformed through holistic Christian ministry.

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### PUTAIKGYI ELDERS EXPRESS THANKS FOR GOOD WELL

We are the elders from Putaikgyi village. There are 150 houses in our village. We were always having problems with drinking water. Now we have drinking water and we are very grateful for the water well. It is because of your kindness.

The were 27 water wells were drilled in this area in 2008 and early 2009, but only the well in Putaikgyi has safe drinking water. Water from other wells are only good for cleaning and washing. This is what the man (U Kyaw Oo) in charge of drilling says.

Before, we had to travel by motor boat for one hour to buy drinking water. It took one day by the little boat without motor. We paid 300 kyat for only a small water tank. That only lasted for one day, but we had to use as little as possible to save water. Now we are free from this problem.

## 2009—FINDING FRESH WATER IN PUTAIKGYI

**By Timothy Pungsar (Husband of Maeram Rawang, ACM's educational coordinator)**

By the Grace of God, we got fresh water in Putaikgyi. In the first drilled well, only gas came up from the depth of 620 feet. In the second well, we drilled to a depth of 720 feet and fresh water was available. All the villagers were very happy for this.

Through this, Christ is glorified in the Delta region. Two men, who worked for the United Nations and had drilled 50 wells in the region, surveyed the village. At the end of the survey, they told me that finding fresh water would not be possible. "If you want to waste time and money, go and dig," they said.

The survey took about a month. Maeram and I prayed that God would send us a man to get fresh water there. Finally, Pushile from Putaikgyi called and told us he found a man who can try to get fresh water, and would charge less than the UN trained men.

Before the villagers and the drillers, I prayed and said that God will give us fresh water. Without doubt, we prayed continually and finally God has listened our prayers. It was so wonderful when the water came out and it was good. If fresh water was not available, people would think that Christians' prayers were the same as the prayers of non-believers. It was a big challenge for believers before unbelievers in Putaikgyi village.

Again, in my life, I realized that God has listened our prayers and God uses Asian Children's Mission for Myanmar.

*Editor's Note: The water well in this village is over four years old. It continues to provide fresh water in the dry season — enough for Putaikgyi to share with surrounding villages. Representatives from neighboring villages come by boat and fill barrels with this good and abundant water. Joana has been in other villages where wells have been provided by other organizations, including the United Nations, and saw that they were dry in the summer. Funds for the Putaikgyi well were provided through a generous grant from the International Disaster and Emergency Service (IDES), a Christian Church organization based in Kempton, IN.*

## PRIMARY SCHOOL THEN AND NOW

Putaikgyi school teachers were killed in Nargis and the school building destroyed. Even so, ACM sent two teachers to the stricken region. The roof leaked, the building was open on one side, and the children were traumatized. But classes began. The teachers taught school lessons by day, and the Bible at night. Health and hygiene were also taught — and the children became healthier and more confident in their ability to do well in school.



Above, 2008. Below, 2013.

Ninety students are currently enrolled in this rebuilt primary school. A music program has recently been added to the curriculum, and children are encouraged to participate in public speaking and performing events. One particularly brave 8 year old girl sings solos, thrilling her parents. They said "Who knows? She might become a singer!"



The school recently received a solar powered TV and DVD player. These tools will also help children understand the opportunities beyond their own small village.

## Self Supporting Church Planted in Putaikgyi



**Sunday School Class. A worship service attended by adults is also held each Sunday. Additionally children meet in the evenings to learn, sing and worship.**

About 20 people attend church on Sundays. This church plant is a direct result of our work with children. Deeram writes, "We collect offerings and use the money to buy candles for the evening classes and things we need in our little church."

## PUTAIKGYI CHRISTMAS

BY TEACHERS DEERAM AND ZAW HKUM

We had the best Christmas celebration! We helped children memorize scriptures, telling them about Jesus' birth. The children are asking questions. We spend time answering their questions and working together for a community-wide Christmas celebration. Some adults, mostly the children's parents, helped us with the work. The parents went with us to sing carols.



Others helped to by giving rice to feed all the visitors. They gave rice enough for thousands of people. There were about 300-400 people during the day but the evening thousands of people came. Almost all the visitors are non-Christians. We took advantage to preach the Gospel.

The visitors saw their children sing, act and quote scripture. Everyone enjoyed it very much. It was not done without God. Teacher Maeram sent 200,000 kyats (about \$235) and some decorations. But the food was enough. When the celebration was over no money was left but we didn't have any debt either. I am still amazed at God's provision.