



# Asian Children's Mission

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## Adventure is 10 Years Old...and Counting!

There's definitely been some adventure in the past decade. Joana can tell great stories about "The River of No Return," exchanging money on the black market, government informants and more. But the real adventure is still bringing the Gospel to Myanmar — one of the least reached nations in the world — through Asian Children's Mission.

With divinely appointed partnerships in both Myanmar and the US, the ministry



In 2008 Executive Director Joana Jones met the first 20 kids who came to live at ACM's Loving Fountain Orphanage Center in Myitkyina, Myanmar

has established two orphanages, nine schools (including a nursing school), seven churches, one community development center, resettled more than 100

refugee families and provided emergency relief to thousands of victims of both war and natural disaster in the past 10 years. What a decade!

## "Mission to Myanmar" This Summer

Do you need a mission focus for your summer youth activities? ACM can help get your kids excited about the Great Commission through our "Mission to Myanmar" program. Call Joana at 503-828-4111 for more information."



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## Bold New Adventure — Ministry to “Differently Abled” Myanmar Children

By Joana Jones



When my grandson Max was diagnosed with autism, I had little idea of

the challenge and adventure that lay ahead for my family.

There are continuing financial,

logistical, safety, therapy and educational challenges. It is overwhelming at times.

But we are blessed. There are services available that have helped Max speak, sing, read, write, count and much more.

Most families in Myanmar don't have these resources.

Only a few schools exist in the entire nation of 50 million people to provide therapy and education for disabled chil-

dren. Most parents can not even get a good diagnosis, much less a treatment plan.

It is a daunting task to tackle, but we hope to open our first facility by the end of 2018. We will have only three or four students, and we will learn right along with them.

*Left — Max works with one of his music therapists to improve communication and cognitive skills.*



tion to God.

This tree also represents growth as described in Luke 2:52 — “Jesus grew in stature, and in favor with God and man.”

The rising sun represents a new day of hope and achievement. The barren soil represents the possibility of new life springing forth from the seeds we plant.

## The Joshua Schools — Leading Children to Find Their Promise and Future

*“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9*

Joshua of the Old Testament was the leader whom the Israelites followed to claim the land God had promised his people.

Joshua is the inspiration for the “Joshua Schools” that Asian

Children’s Mission hopes to open in Myanmar in the coming years. Through these schools and therapy centers, we want to lead children with disabilities out of hiding and into their own God-given promise of a useful and meaningful life.

The tree in the logo is a Joshua tree. When American settlers first saw the tree, it reminded them of Joshua lifting his hands in praise and supplica-

# Meet the Children

**1. Tinman** is the son of Joel



and Nan-gram, two leaders in Asian Children's Mission. He has a cerebral

palsy type of disability. Nan-gram will be the teacher at our first Joshua School, and Tinman our first student. He is already doing daily therapy to make his arms and legs stronger. He has never been able to go to public school because of his disability and does not know how to read. We look forward to seeing how far this bright 12 year old boy can go.

**2. Ngw Mee Mee** is six years old, is HIV positive and has a



condition similar to polio. She is still a

lucky girl — she is seen regularly by Doctors Without Borders and attends school. Her doctors encourage regular physical therapy, but the parents say they are too busy. Enrolling her in a Joshua School will help her get all the therapy she needs. An alternative is to send a therapist to the home to assist the parents.

**3. Ah Dee**

cannot walk and has never been to school. He cannot read or write, but is articulate and intelligent. His ambition is to be a pastor. He lives in a remote village but could attend school if his family could afford a dedicated aide. We hope to provide services in areas where we cannot have a school, possibly by employing an aide.



**4. Mary Naw** is 13 years old. She cannot speak, and her parents are not sure how much she can understand.

She cannot walk, but enjoys



going to church or to market in a wheel-chair. The only diagnosis her parents ever

got was from a doctor in China who told them her tongue was too short. A Joshua School Individualized Educational Program (IEP) might concentrate on improving communication skills.

**5. Zin Lin Mg** is 3, but cannot talk, sit upright or walk. His legs are frequently in pain, and he does not respond to his name. His mother cannot leave him, and his father has only part time work. They live under a tarp. Therapy for this child at a Joshua School would benefit the entire family.





## Hope Rises through Stadia Church Build on Campus

Asia Christian Services has teamed up with Stadia Church Planters to build 10 churches in Buddhist majority communities in Thailand and Myanmar. Stadia's latest church build in Southeast Asia is on the campus of Asian Children's Mission's Hope Children's Home, one of the orphanages ACM operates. The one-story building will be used for worship on the weekends, and as a preschool through the week.



*February 2018 dedication service for Hope Christian Church in Hwambi, Myanmar.*

## Facebook Fundraiser for Fungus Infection

Sarah is six years old and had an out-of-control fungal infection on her scalp, in her ear and on her face.

Traditional medicines helped somewhat, but the fungus always came back.

Local doctors didn't have the right medicine either.

Her desperate parents called Maeram, a staff member of Asian Children's Mission, hoping that her American friends might be able to help. We could — through a Facebook Fundraiser!

Twenty-four donors participated. The medicine was purchased in Oregon, flown to Yangon, delivered to Maeram, who then flew to Putao in northern Burma, and rode on the back of a motorcycle to deliver the medicine to Sarah in her remote village.

The medicines — chosen after “crowd sourcing” the diagnosis and treatment from pictures — included therapeutic shampoo, over-the-counter fungal creams and antibiotic ointments, betadine and vita-



mins — are working! After one month, Sarah's scalp and skin are much better, and she is continuing these treatments.