

## How Firm a Foundation!

In late July a cyclone coupled with monsoon rains caused massive flooding in Myanmar. Houses were swept away, rice crops destroyed.

Into the great need stepped the ACM Myanmar leadership team, providing both immediate and longer term aid. Funds for this continuing effort are coming from IDES, FAME, churches and individuals.

In the midst of widespread destruction, one house stood as a parable. A minister attending a class taught by Joel, a member of the ACM leadership team, made this comment: *“when the flood came in this town many houses were swept away but my house remained. Everyone was amazed. I was also. But when the water left, the reason was clear. My house was founded on the rock.”*



### School Becomes Ark

ACM sponsors the school in U Zaw Taung village in western Myanmar. Early in the spring, IDES granted funding to repair the school, making it more secure for the rainy season. Again, God’s timing was perfect.

The school became an ark to 20 students for several days as the floods made it impossible to go home to neighboring villages.

The children continued with their lessons, played games, studied the Bible, prayed and shared meager rations while waiting for the waters to recede.

In that same village several houses had also been repaired prior to the flood through the generosity of ACM donors. Each of those houses also remained, unharmed by the rains and flood.

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# Building the Church!

*And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple.*

I Peter 2:5

Something wonderful is happening in Burma. Children and young adults are stepping into leadership roles building Burma’s young church. This isn’t in just one place — it is across the country.

A community development center under construction also promises new opportunities—and new partnerships—for the expanding and vibrant Christian mission in Burma.

Read on for inspiring stories about the growing church in Myanmar.



Orphans at Hope Children’s Home enjoy their new puppets! They memorize Scripture — often entire chapters — and share leadership roles in the church that meets at Hope each Sunday.

*Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.*

I Timothy 4:12

The 13 and 14 year olds on the right are the deacons and treasurers of the church in Putaik Gyi (see story on P. 3). Mentored by their ACM Christian school teachers, these young people, first generation Christians, take their leadership roles very seriously.

Here’s what they said recently: *We have a long term plan for our church. We don’t know if it will happen or not, but it is about our church. One thing we are sure — some day in the*

*future we will have a real church in this place and we will be taking responsibility. We are just encouraging one another in order to prepare for that responsibility.*

Several young people from this church plan to attend Bible College.



Good News Productions of Joplin, MO is offering a matching grant of up to \$20,000 to help build the Worship Center on the site of the Myanmar Community Development Center. The center will also be used to train Myanmar ministers and evangelists, making



them even more effective in reaching out to the Buddhist majority.

In addition to a large sanctuary, the structure will also contain meeting rooms and a men’s dorm.

The center will join other structures already in place: a health care clinic, a classroom building, the women’s dorm and the caretaker’s house.

Donations can be made online at [asianchildrensmision.org](http://asianchildrensmision.org) or sent to ACM, 352 S 28th Ave., Cornelius, OR 97113.

*Newest Partnership Provides Matching Grant for a Worship and Training Center!*

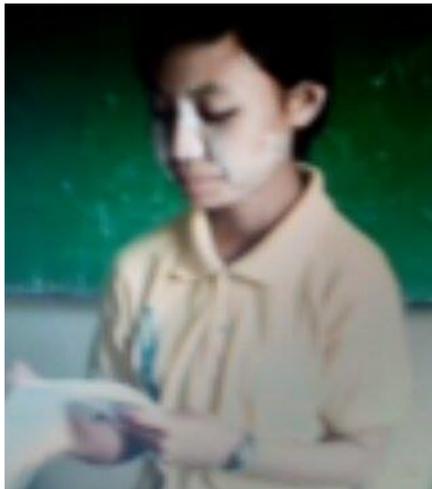
## Children Learn "The Just

### Shall Live By Faith"

Zin Ma Win (pictured below) is a member of the young church in Putaik Gyi, in Burma's southern delta. She is a first generation Christian, like the other young people who are part of this church established by Asian Children's Mission teachers. Recently she was asked by the young deacons in the church to encourage the others by giving a Bible message.

But her father would not let her go to church that Sunday. She prayed very hard, but at 10 am her father still would not allow her to go. She prayed again. "God will surely intervene," she thought.

She was right. At 10:30 her father said, "are you not going?" The minute she heard that she ran to the church to give her testimony and her message. The text was from Romans 1:17 — "the just shall live by faith.."



### We met Lu Nan (Lucy) as we have our other leaders...through divine appointments

With the health care clinic built, Asian Children's Mission is preparing to open a nursing program on the campus of the Myanmar Community Development Center (MCDC).

But finding the right leader was key. The qualifications were stiff. She needed to be a Myanmar registered nurse, one with experience in teaching student nurses, a Christian who could work with other Myanmar medical professionals, and fluent in English to translate for American medical guest lecturers.

Lucy came to us before she knew anything about our plans. She attended a Saturday evening worship service held at Hope Children's Home, gave her testimony and asked that people pray that she might lead a program to train Christian nurses.

Josiah, ACM staff member and administrator for both Hope and the MCDC, was in the congregation that evening. Josiah shared the ACM vision with Lucy. Lucy then met with Doug and Linda Pettit who were in the country doing a fact finding mission to help design the rural nursing program. She later met with ACM Director Joana Jones.

Lucy is eager to begin, but must wait until the clinic, women's dorm and classrooms are furnished. About \$12,000 is needed to equip this new school.

We plan to have around 20 students for each class, including five openings for scholarship students. Once the start-up costs are secured, we expect the program to be largely self-supporting.

There was nothing in the storehouse but there were 42 hungry children....

## North Plains VBS & God's Perfect Timing



### A parade of tribal costumes was a learning experience at VBS. The first challenge — how to wear a piece of material without zippers or buttons.

It most ways, it was a typical Vacation Bible School at the North Plains (OR) Christian Church. The kids were excited, the teachers were busy, the teens were leading action songs, and a missionary speaker spoke about a faraway land.

What no one knew was how important that VBS would soon be to 42 orphaned children living in a remote village in Myanmar.

Joana, the speaker, left for Myanmar the following week. The gen-

erosity of the North Plains congregation left her with some discretionary funds for the trip.

These funds found a good home. Joana visited with the directors of an orphanage while the children were in school. At the end of the meeting, Joana pulled out some funds as a gift to be used where needed most. Although nothing had been said, the reality was the food had run out the night before. The unexpected funding provided enough food for the next several days.

## Partnership UPDATE



The Highline Christian Church of Seattle, WA has become our latest church partner. They are the first church in the Pacific Northwest to pledge regular support to ACM!



IDES, the International Disaster and Emergency Services organization awarded ACM with two grants this year — one to repair a school building and replace roofs on homes in the Rakhine state of Myanmar. The other is to replace housing lost in the recent flooding. ACM has received more than 60 grants from IDES since 2008.



FAME, the medical mission group based in Indianapolis, continues its partnership with ACM through teaching Community Health Evangelism seminars and providing assistance for our new nursing program. FAME's next trip to Burma is in January 2016.



The Pour House Café in Bloomington, IN, along with Sherwood Oaks Christian Church, contributed funds for the purchase of rice seeds. Along with others, enough seed was purchased to plant 380 acres of rice.

### Regular Supporters!

We continue to appreciate the regular financial support from Sherwood Oaks, Syria, Paoli and Hardinsburg Christian Churches in southern Indiana. ACM also appreciates support from the Mt Byrd Missionary Circle in Kentucky and a number of generous individuals.