



# Asian Children's Mission

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## DEDICATION

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### Training Center Opens, Nursing School Welcomes 2nd Class

*Excitement filled the air on August 18 as more than 300 people celebrated the opening of the new worship and training facility on the campus of the Myanmar Community Development Center, about an hour's drive from Yangon.*

The training center boasts a large upstairs sanctuary and meeting spaces upstairs. Downstairs are living quarters for men and women, and a kitchen. This multi-use facility will host training sessions for evangelists and lay leaders, vocational training and after school school programs for children in neighboring villages.

The new building was the result of a challenge grant from Good News Production in Joplin, MO to Asian Children's Mission, plus an additional gift from Sherwood Oaks Christian Church in Bloomington, IN.

#### Nursing Students Graduate

The celebrations continued a few days later as the Samaritan School of Nursing graduated its first nursing assistants from the six months program. Some of these 11 young women will return to their home areas, while others have accepted work in a clinical setting.



First graduates received their "tools of the trade" from their instructor Lucy during graduation services.

Each graduate received valuable gifts as she pursues her new career: a stethoscope, a watch with a second hand, a blood pressure cuff, a glucose meter, a thermometer, a first aid kit and two books — the Christian Health Worker's Handbook and Where There Is No Doctor.

We look forward to expanding the program over time, and expect to be able to offer classes on midwifery as early as next year. We are also welcoming our next class of nurses in October.

*"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."*

- Psalms 122:1



*Joana cuts the ribbon to open the new training center! She is joined by more than 300 people, including leaders from Sherwood Oaks Christian Church.*

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# Leading Star High School Shines

Due to poverty, lack of access and poor quality of instruction, the majority of ethnic children in Myanmar never have a realistic chance of graduating from high school. The Putao region of Myanmar is nearly all ethnic “hill tribe” peoples. **Last year, not one student attending the public high school there passed the all-important matriculation exams.**

But there’s a private Christian high school supported by Asian Children’s Mission in Putao. More than 30% of students attending this school pass the “big exams,” a record that beats most schools — public or private/

As the result, attendance is at capacity (85 students) and many are turned away. It is also a boarding school, and dorms are filled to capacity. They also are hoping for more toilets.



**“I lost my mother before I knew her. I don’t want to lose my education too” Marangdam Ram-gung, Leading Star Student.**



Students are expected to pay for their food.

But many cannot. In fact, many go hungry sometimes, and end up being hospitalized for a condition related to malnutrition. It isn’t that the Christian leadership of the school doesn’t want to help. They do help, but often there is simply not enough food to go around.

But even with these real difficulties, the students love being there, and appreciate their teachers who serve sacrificially. Here

are some of the students say:

*“All the teachers are very good, loving and caring. That is the strength of Leading Star.”*

*“My village is three days walk from school. I miss my family. I always keep in mind that my father works hard for me to go to school. My teachers are good. They become like my family now.”*

*“My mother is a widow. Our house has a roof that is always leaking. I want to be educated. I have a chance to learn the Bible here and get an education. I love to live here. I love all the teachers. I thank all the donors..”*

*“I want to be a school teacher so that I can teach the children to step up in their life. My teacher always encourages me to take time with the Lord, to listen to his voice. We have morning devotions, we sing and pray and meditate. That strengthens my life.”*

*“I” thank God for leading me to Leading Star. My mother is working very hard to send me to school, but she can’t pay all the expenses, and I cannot pay for food. However, I want to be an engineer, and I want to serve God by listening to His voice.”*





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## Calling Science Teachers!



“Practical is what we need” said the science teachers at Leading Star High School. What they were talking about were the ability to do biology, chemistry and physics labs with their students. Except in the most expensive private schools in Myanmar, students are expected to master the material without any hands-on activities.

**If you teach chemistry, biology or physics at the high school or college level, would you consider a short term mission trip to Yangon to train Myanmar science teachers, including those from Leading Star, in how to conduct labs and other hands-on learning for their students?**

It would likely be an 8-10 day during the American spring break or the summer months. Interested to learn more? Call or text Joana at 503-828-4111.

## Sweet Gift for Sweet Flower



Todd Anderson and Pan Cho (Sweet Flower) have bowed their heads together before. In 2013 they prayed for a safe school building for Pan Cho's students.

But during Todd's August 2016, the two met again — and prayed again — this time to thank the Lord for

the provision of funds to build a new school.

The gift to fund the school came unexpectedly, through a bequest from a gentleman in New Jersey. We are honored that John McCray chose ACM to be part his legacy.

**Contact Asian Children's Mission at 503-828-4111.**

# Honoring My Mentor — Laverne Morse

I was honored to be one of the speakers at Laverne Morse's memorial service in Yangon earlier this year. Here is what I said about my friend and mentor...Laverne died the day before I left for Burma in August.



Laverne Morse  
1929—2016

*I made my first trip to Myanmar in 2007. I traveled to Myitkyina to teach youth ministry at a Bible College, and I stayed at a Hostel. One evening I was studying my Bible and writing in my journal. Simon Thaug came over and introduced himself. Soon we were talking about his work with Asia Christian Services. I wanted to help, and Simon suggested I call Laverne Morse.*

*Laverne Morse! Of course I knew of the famous missionary family! Would Laverne be too busy — or just too important — to take a call from me? Simon assured me Laverne would take my call.*

*As it turned out, Laverne really enjoyed my call. And it was the first of many we would have over the next few years — the last one being only two weeks before his death.*

*Laverne really knew how to encourage a new missionary! Yes, he gave me solid and practical advice about working in a country so hostile to Christianity. But the most important gift he gave me was the gift of encouragement. Let me tell you first what he did NOT say:*

*He didn't say, "You don't understand the culture. How can you expect to be effective?"*

*He didn't say, "You don't speak the language. How can you expect to communicate?"*

*And he didn't say, "Only men should be leading missions organizations. How can you expect anyone to take Asian Children's Mission seriously."*

*But here is what he did say:*

***"You have a very vital ministry to women and children."***

***"You are doing a tremendous work!"***

***"You are going into areas I never reached."***

*Laverne took the time to introduce me to Christian leaders from large, important churches. He would refer to me as "my fellow missionary." I think I blushed each time he said that, as I knew my experiences were very small compared to his years of sacrifice. But Laverne was sincere and humble when he described me in this way.*

*God has placed wonderful people in my path — people like Simon, Josiah, Phoebe, Maeram and Timothy. They continue to provide both vision and day to day leadership for Asian Children's Mission. The truth is, ACM has many fathers and mothers on both sides of the ocean, but none more precious than our own dear Laverne.*

*Revelations 14:13 describes a powerful scene encompassing Heaven and Earth. Of the saints that have gone on before us, the Bible says, "They shall rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." In many ways, we are Laverne's works. We are his legacy. We have all seen a race where one runner hands off a baton to the next runner as the same race continues, but with a different runner. Laverne has passed off that precious baton of the life-saving Gospel to us. I believe Laverne is now part of that "great cloud of witnesses" described in Hebrews 12:1-2. The Bible tells us to "run with patience the race set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith." That is what Laverne did so well, and we are invited to do the same.*

