



Asian Children's Mission

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Upcoming Events

- March 3—Wonder Valley
- March 4 — Nicholson Valley Christian Church
- March 9 — Good News Production, Joplin, MO
- Other events are currently being scheduled

"LET US PRAY AND DO FOR THE GLORY OF GOD & FOR THE NEEDY"

In some remote areas of Burma, land ownership is not established. The government has begun a land registration process to establish ownership. Either local people or foreign corporations can register the land.

Asian Children's Mission worked with the leaders of a small church of Christ in northern Burma to register 20 acres of land. The cost — only \$500!

And this land is incredibly beautiful! Along a river fed by mountain streams, the land contains both plains and mountains. We are just thrilled to assist the indigenous people of the region keep their land. Some foreign corporations wanted this land.

Joel, Asian Children's Mission,



A river runs through it...20 acres of pristine land with cool mountain streams, a fertile plains and snow capped mountains was registered with the government for \$500. The river is a crucial means of transportation, as few roads exist.

Community Health Evangelism coordinator, arranged the purchase. He wrote, "Let us pray

and do for the glory of God and for the needy."

Local farmers will be able to use this land, beginning this year. The first crop will be mustard plants. How appropriate! Jesus told the parable of the mustard seed in Matthew 13:31-32 to illustrate that God's work may be done quietly and without fanfare, but blossoms into something great.

In the future, we hope to use this land to demonstrate updated, but appropriate, agricultural technology. Other opportunities may include study and classification of the herbal medicine of the region and opening a guest house for tourists.

Joel wrote, "I believe within three to five years we will see the land in a beautiful view."

CHRISTIANS ON THREE CONTINENTS COORDINATE EFFORTS FOR ONE GIRL



A little girl at an orphanage in Burma suffered from tumors on her back and neck. The orphanage director, sister to ACM's educational coordinator, had a promise from a British couple that they would pay this girl's operation in neighboring Thailand.

With this promise, the director and the little girl traveled to Chiang Mai, Thailand and checked into a hospital.

The operation was successful. However, the promised

money never came.

Ginzi began to communicate through email with American friends. She did her best, but her English is somewhat limited.

She asked a friend in Australia to contact an American couple who had visited the orphanage two years ago.

It became clear that Ginzi needed \$3000 to pay the hospital bill. The American couple were willing, and they

contacted Joana Jones, the director of Asian Children's Mission and asked her to facilitate the transfer of funds.

Despite the drama that lasted for about 48 hours and involved Christians in Asia, Australia and North America this urgent need was successfully met. Wireless communication — both email and prayer — made a happy ending for this little girl. She is back in Burma and doing well.

LEADING STAR GRADUATES HOPE TO BECOME HEALTH CARE WORKERS

BAPTISMS AT HOPE



Josiah, director of Hope Children's Home, recently reported that 10 children were recently baptized. There are about 40 children living at Hope.

Following are letters written by graduates of Leading Star High School in northern Burma. Asian Children's Mission established and maintains this small high school.

My name is Ninram. I have four other brothers and sisters. My mother died when I was very little. After that father got mental illness. The neighbors and relatives helped us. I passed the national high school exam, and got the highest grade in Economy. I praise God for giving me so much opportunity to attend this free high school.



Mother died because of lack of health care workers and lack of knowledge of how to care for the sick. I want to become a nurse to help my people in the villages.

I grew up in a big family. My

parents were very poor so they gave away my youngest sister. It was so sad and it hurt me so much. That is the reason I did my best to achieve the high school education. If not for the supporters for the Leading Star I would never be able to complete high school education.

Getting into University is an uncertain dream. But I gave all my future to God. I will just wait what He has in store for me. Thank you to all supporters of Leading Star.

BIRTHDAYS, CHRISTMAS CELEBRATED AT HOPE

HOPE CHILD WINS AWARD!



Mary Na, a 3rd grader at Hope, won the top academic prize in her grade at school.

Celebrating 40 separate birthdays is a bit of a challenge at Hope Children's Home near Yangon. After all, there's school, holidays, summer vacations and other activities that take place.

To simplify the logistics, the directors, Josiah and Phoebe, decided to set aside one day to celebrate everyone's birthday. The day they chose was December 18. This also hap-

pens to be ACM's director's birthday!

Christmas was celebrated with singing, games and a "lucky draw" for gifts. A special chicken lunch was served, with plenty left over for supper too.



A gift for the entire home was provided by an American donor — a new water tank and tower! The gift makes life easier on the busy campus!

STUDENT AT LOVING FOUNTAIN CHILDREN'S HOME WRITES ABOUT NEW BUILDING SAFETY, SECURITY

My name is Naw Shwe. I am very happy to live in the new building. Thank you very much for your loving kindness. We can live well and secure for studying and living.

I am attending grade 10. I am the fifth of the top ten academically. I have been trying my best for the final examination.



I try my best to be one of the top 10.

All the staffs are doing well and teaching well for all the children. Thank you very much for everything you supported. Thank you very much all the donors from USA.

Left: Older students at Loving Fountain spend hours before and after school each day in lesson preparation with tutors who come to home. Careful preparation is essential to pass difficult exams.

TEACHERS SPARK TRANSFORMATION IN VILLAGE

By Zaw Hlun, ACM Teacher
Ours was the best Christmas of all in my life. We had a tremendous Christmas with the children and parents. Ninra (the other teacher at the school) and I taught Christmas songs to the children. We taught them the Christmas story (the real one) and even played the story on the stage.

The children gained so much confidence. They performed well. I borrowed large sound-box from the neighboring village. The children were excited. And they performed the Christmas story and songs very well.

The parents were very happy.

They said, "We never have such activities before. Teachers!, we want you to stay in our village forever!"

We thought this might be our last year to teach. I have been in this area for three years and Ninra four years. We are so much attached to the people here. It will be so hard to leave the children even for the summer.

The children are improving so much. They look much cleaner than we first came. They all look healthier. They



can take care of themselves now. They study well, they do home work regularly.

It is because of you and other Christians' help and support that we are able to teach to these children.

LEAVING HOPE, GOING TO WORK



Nyo Nyo Thein was in 5th grade, loved to jump rope and wanted to become a teacher. She is an orphan, and her aunt sent her to Hope Children's Home for her care. But when this young lady turned 12, the aunt pulled her from Hope, made her quit school and forced her to go to work in a factory.

Pray for the children of Burma. Pray that the rights of children will be defined and protected in the country.

SNOW WHITE TEACHES IN BURMA'S DELTA

"I have taught children all my life. These children are my life. I have so much hope that they will improve the life in their home village. I believe the Lord saved me from Nargis to serve Him. Teaching the children His way is my life."

Most of our teachers have names that are difficult to pronounce. But in southern Burma, a middle aged lady named Snow White teaches middle school and is supported by Asian Children's Mission.

Like many survivors of Cy-

clone Nargis that killed more than 140,000 people in 2008, she has a dramatic story.

According to Maeram, ACM's educational coordinator, Snow White was washed away by the wind during the cyclone.. She caught onto a tiny tree top and held on until her strength was gone. She placed her neck between two branches. She was tossed by the wind all night. Her jaw was rubbed between the two branches and she lost her teeth. But the Lord saved her and gave her strength to participate in



Daw Snow White stands with her class of middle-schoolers.

His ministry as an ACM teacher in the Delta. Many of our teachers have similar experiences.

SMALL SCHOOL, BIG GAINS SAYS ACM VETERAN TEACHER

By Naw Mable Thaw
I have taught three years now. Most of the students are doing much better in school.

There are some children who need special attention. While their parents are doing jobs, the children have to do house

work, not homework.

There is no electricity, so when it gets dark everybody goes to bed.

I teach my students why and how we need to wash our hands. We literally do wash hands in the class.

I often visit the students' parents and talk about how to keep their children healthy and happy.

On Saturdays, I tutor students who cannot learn well. I also teach Sunday School. The students and I are

always together. I love the children. They are improving in many ways.

There are not many students in my school. But to teach them is important.

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Other Involvement Ideas

Finally...Joana is available to speak to service clubs, small groups, Sunday School classes and congregations about the work in Burma. Give her a call at 812-276-8004!

STILL COLLECTING CAMERAS

A picture is worth a 1000 words — but many teachers and evangelists in Burma don't have a way to document what God is doing through them. ACM is collecting digital still and video cameras to distribute to Christian leaders working in remote areas. Please give your used (but functional) cameras to ACM!



ASIAN CHILDREN'S MISSION

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



CURRENT NEEDS FOR ASIAN CHILDREN'S MISSION

Sponsors for Teachers — \$50/Month

(Note: Only about 10 of our 30 Teachers have regular sponsors. This is a practical way to participate in evangelism and transformation of an entire village.)

Sponsors for Orphans — \$20/Month

Mustard Seeds for One Acre (See P. 1) — \$40
VBS Camp Sponsorship in Myanmar for 100 students — \$500

Prayer!!!



Sponsor a child, and send your picture to him or her. Your picture will mean that someone in America cares about him or her, and it will become one of the child's most precious possessions.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A CHILD ISN'T RESCUED...

This is the second in the occasional series about human trafficking in Burma....ACM works to prevent vulnerable children from exploitation.

By Simon, Myanmar Christian Leader & Aid Worker

We will give you a good job in Thailand"....Many young girls are deceived and travel to the Thai-Myanmar border. The young girls thought that they would get a good job.... But it is like hell.... locked into a room and sold as prostitutes.

Unexpectedly they get pregnant and became hopeless. Some commit suicide, because they are afraid to go back to their families. The girls do not have money for either an abortion or a safe

delivery.

Our evangelists preached to them and rescued two babies. The mothers did not know the babies' fathers.

One of our evangelists just baptized a pregnant 17 year who was sold into a brothel. He asked me to find some one to adopt this child. I don't have any idea. I do not know what to do.

The young girls thought to escape from poverty, but are now carrying more heavy burdens.

Asian Children's Mission provided the funds for a safe delivery of this precious baby boy, and the care of both for six months. We are hoping to



17 year old S Hay Man was sold to a brothel and became pregnant. She is holding her newborn son—who will never know who his father is.

provide some vocational training for her as well. There are many unplanned and undocumented babies at the refugee camp where she is staying, and few opportunities for adoption.

Would you protect a child from traffickers? Child sponsorship is only \$20 a month.