

# ASIAN CHILDREN'S MISSION

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### **This just in...**

***IDES — the International Disaster and Emergency Service — has awarded a matching grant to Asian Children's Mission for a second rice mill!***

***The grant is contingent on receiving at least \$5000 from donors earmarked for the purchase and installation of the mill.***

### **Prayer Requests:**

- For safety as Joana returns to Burma on March 16 and as she travels within the country.
- For successful seminars with the ACM's school teachers and with Sunday School teachers from across Burma.
- For protection of orphans and vulnerable children
- For community development initiatives
- For more Christian teachers to go to more villages

## RICE MILL INSTALLED IN VILLAGE BEYOND THE "NO RETURN" RIVER

By Timothy in Burma

(Note: This rice mill was recently installed in a remote village in Burma. It is a joint project with our partners in Burma, IDES and Asian Children's Mission.)

On February 7, 2009, I went to see rice mill and to pray for starting the work.

There would be two people who will handle this rice mill.

This rice mill can finish from 20-25 sacks per hour. One sack is equal 100 lbs.

Because of the cyclone, farmers harvested only about 25% of their normal crop. Usually they harvested from 60 to 80 sacks per acre and but in this year they got from 4 to 25 sacks per acre.

The price of diesel fuel has fallen by 50%, so that helps us.

I would say that we should not



This rice mill will help restore economic self-sufficiency to the surrounding villages, and will help fund educational initiatives.

expect much in this year. But from next year we can expect more profit when the rice fields are normal.

The crops were not good because:

1. The surviving family members were too damaged physically and spiritually to

work,

2. Salt water entered into the fields,
3. Some seeds were not good,
4. Fewer laborers available,
5. Farmers did not know how to handle machines, and
6. They had lost all cows and buffaloes.

## BABY JONATHAN JOINS HOPE FAMILY

This is Jonathan, born in January 2009, to Josiah and Phoebe, directors of Hope Children's Home near Yangon. Josiah asked Joana to name the baby. He wrote, "We wish you to give a name to our son—either a Bible or English name, It would be good if you include part of



your name." Joana named him Jonathan after the Old Testament hero. Jonathan

was such a remarkable man in the Bible. He was in line to be king, but his deep friendship with David and his obedience to God were more important to him than earthly power and fame. Jonathon is one of Joana's Bible heroes as he lived a sacrificial life so God's will could be done.

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## CHE TRAINING PROVIDES NEW TOOLS FOR COMMUNITY MINISTRY

It is pronounced "Chay", but CHE stands for Community Health Evangelism. CHE is a true best practices model for integrating evangelism and



Entire communities can benefit from CHE. In this village, students will receive important lessons in disease prevention, which we hope they will share with their parents.

discipleship with community based development. The first programs were done in Africa in the 1980s.

CHE was then taken to other parts of the world where it proved adaptable to a wide-range of situations. Today CHE is being used around the world by churches, denominations, mission agencies, non-government organizations, and national and local governments to lift whole communities out of cycles of poverty and disease. A tool used for more than 20 years in many developing nations around the world, the focus of CHE is prevention and empower-

ment. (from cheintl.org)

Joana recently attended a week-long CHE training event. She is now qualified to introduce and teach CHE to groups both here and overseas.

Joana will introduce a CHE based curriculum on disease prevention to the Asian Children's Mission's 30 teachers. She will also hold a one-day "vision conference" for Christian leaders to discuss other applications of CHE in communities.

For more information about CHE, visit [www.cheintl.org](http://www.cheintl.org).

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## THOUSANDS ATTEND EVANGELISTIC TOUR HELD IN BURMA'S CYCLONE RAVAGED DELTA

*By Simon, Relief Team Leader*

We have helped the Buddhist victims of Cyclone Nargis for seven months. We have shown God's love by what we have done. Now it is the time to introduce them about our God and His amazing grace. We planned to go evangelical trip to Delta area. Our purpose was to hold Thanksgiving Services as it was Harvest time, and to encourage them by the joyful music of Christians. Therefore we made a big team, including Christian Musicians, Evangelists and went to Labutta. All the Musicians are from EBI and YCCS Bible Colleges. We wanted our students to see the great needs and become evangelists or teachers to help them after graduating.

The first night, we performed Christian Drama, Dance, Singings at Sarchet village. 3,000 people joined this celebration.

K. Pung Ram introduced about Our God, the Creator of the Universe. And then after singing some Gospel songs I introduced about Jesus, the Savior. And Meram spoke the Good News. Here are our



short messages...

"Our God has commanded us to go and help the needy brothers and so we come to help you. Let me introduce our God to you. He is Creator....."

"We just celebrated Christmas..... Do you know the meaning of Christmas.. Let me tell you..."

We have to be clever like snake. You know that we are banned to preach the Gospel. We have well done with no problem.

The victims were very happy and joy to hear the best sounds of Gospel songs, music and dance and the messages of Good News.

We have sown the seed of the Gospel. Pray that God will make it grow into a hundred folds.

Our vision is not temporary. We have long term vision to win their souls. Now we have sent 30 Christian School-teachers as most teachers died by cyclone Nargis. These School teachers are leading morning devotion, Gospel choruses, songs and Bible reading as well as the standard curriculum. We named them CTE (Community Teaching Evangelists). Pray for our CTEs so that the seeds of the Gospel will be growing soon.

## MAERAM OVERSEES ACM SCHOOL TEACHERS; SEEKS PROGRAM EXPANSION

*By Maeram, Coordinator for ACM's School Teachers*

I was born in a very small village of only 8 houses. As a small village girl, the only thing I knew about life was baby sitting and playing with other children along the only road in the village, while the older people gone to work in the field.

When I was about 4 years old we moved to another village which was 3 days away. This village was larger and I thought that was the biggest village in the whole world. The village was closely surrounded by mountains and I often wondered what was beyond those high mountains. After four years my family moved again, because father had to help Robert Morse with the Bible translation. I remembered all of us walking on the snow bare footed. We did not own shoes.

While we were walking, I saw for the first time, a car (a small jeep). It scared me to death!

The first day of my school life was so fun. I went to school

with my friends and learned to read. I completed Middle school and then high school. I had to walk 4 and half miles to school and another 4 and



half miles to home. But that was fun to walk with friends; nobody had bicycles or anything else.

Several years after completing high school, I met Robert and Betty Morse and their son Bobby again, they helped me to go to school in the US. I studied at Atlanta Christian College, graduating in 1985.

I am married and have 4 children, 3 boys and a girl.

I have taught at Eastern Bible Institute, serving as the head

of Rawang Literacy development committee and have assisted an American professor in analyzing the Rawang language.

Some children just run on the roads, some had to take care of their younger ones; some really want to be educated, so they gathered fire wood to sell during the day so they could pay the school fees. This happens all over the country. When I saw these things I really wanted to do something for them, but nothing happened until I met Joana Jones. God sent the right person on His own time!

I believe that sending Christian teachers to remote places and to places where they are needed will give hope to the children. So we need many teachers and we need a lot of help. These Christian teachers will help the students with school work and teach them about Jesus. We need to sow the seed while they are young and before their hearts are interrupted by other teachings.

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### Building Schools

**Cyclone Nargis destroyed many school buildings. Asian Children's Mission has been asked to replace four destroyed schools, and build one new pre-school. Using local materials and labor, the cost of each will average \$3500.**

## WORKING CHILDREN DENIED EDUCATION

This little girl is 8 years old and was orphaned by the cyclone. She is living with relatives. She is expected to contribute to the family's income by making thatched roofs. She receives about 30 cents for a long day's labor.

Asian Children's Mission is working to rescue this little girl and bring her to Hope Orphanage.

There are many, many work-

ing children in Burma. Asian Children's Mission exists to help children like this girl.

But we can't take them all to orphanages. We also help children by providing free basic education to children who can not afford



school fees. We currently have primary schools in 13 villages. Many more villages have

asked for our help. Many more children are waiting.

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new look to our website!

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## Mission Statement for the Asian Children's Mission

The Asian Children's Mission is an equipping ministry to national Christian leaders in Southeast Asia. An important part of this mission is a teaching ministry in three areas:

### 1. Effective children's ministry



### 2. A Biblical understanding of the worth of women and children

### 3. Substance abuse prevention and treatment among children and teenagers

Additionally, the mission will identify projects to enhance the health, safety and education of women and children in the region, and seek funding for those projects. Current projects include safe water provision in Thailand and Burma, the building and funding of children's homes to protect orphans and other vulnerable children, community development projects and the provision of Christian teachers in villages that lack educational resources.

## CHILDREN IN SCHOOL PROTECTS THEM FROM TRAFFICKERS, DRUG USE

By Maeram

Because of many reasons the children do not have proper education, such as poor communication, poor transportation, lack of parents' income, and not enough teachers. They may have enough rice for the family because they are farmers, but no income. They work to death just to get little bit of rice.

There are many villages with no school. So the children just play on the village road, visiting one house to another, picking up the wild vegetables for food. This is also my childhood experience. Five years ago I visited my home village which is eleven days walking distance from Putao, passing by many villages along the way. I found out the children do the same

as we did 45 years ago. Nobody knows how many of those children will be great leaders if they could only get enough education.



We need to send teachers to such places. We do not have to have formal education but if the teachers teach them well they can enter the formal education school examinations.

The children in the streets

often disappear. I have many stories about the young girls and the children who have been sold. Whether these stories true or not kids often disappear and no one knows where they have gone, and how they disappear. Parents lost everything they have looking for their children. This is becoming greater in this country. So the schools become a safe place for the children. While parents are gone to work during the day, the children can go to school.

The schools are needed in the villages because the children have nothing to do. They often learn to smoke and drink. If they go to school they will learn something. They will have more hope and better way of life.

### Current Needs:

Sponsors for orphans — \$20/Month

Sponsors for teachers — \$50/Month

Schools — \$3500

Rice Mills and Barn — \$15,000

Seminar Sponsorships — \$750