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Prayer Requests

- Protection of children at risk for trafficking, disease and ignorance.
- Protection of Christian leaders as they work and travel to remote regions.
- Continued funds to maintain and even expand the work
- Opportunities to share what God is doing in Burma

TOUGH US ECONOMY NO HINDRANCE TO ORPHANAGE BUILDING PROJECTS

Concrete replaced temporary bamboo buildings at two Asian Children Mission orphanages, due to the generosity of American Christians in a tough economy.

Loving Fountain Children's Home in northern Burma was in desperate need for a safe dorm for the 32 children who call Loving Fountain their home. The new building is pictured at right, replacing the bamboo building shown in the insert. Major contributors to this building include the Sherwood Oaks Christian Church VBS and the Montgomery Christian Church.

Hope Children's Home in southern Burma needed a new kitchen. Meals are cooked over a wood fire, and therefore needs to be in a separate building. The bamboo was literally falling down, and beyond repair. A team from Southeast Christian Church visited the orphanage and decided to meet this need. The right lower picture shows some of the Hope kids enjoying a meal in the new kitchen.



More than 100 children attended a VBS funded by ACM.

MYANMAR VBS EXPANDS STUDENTS' HORIZONS

Christians make up fewer than 1% of the population in central Myanmar. One important summer outreach is hosting a VBS camp. Local Christians provide the leadership, but have limited funds.

Joel, ACM's newest staff

member, directed the VBS. He asked for money to provide a good lunch each day, vitamins, and a field trip to a nearby national park.

From elementary age through middle school, more than 100 children attended, and appre-

ciated the good meals and the outing.

But the core of VBS is always the same — teaching children that Jesus is Lord and Savior. At the end of VBS, 14 young people were baptized.

ACM TEACHERS NOW IN 3RD YEAR OF SERVICE IN REMOTE VILLAGES

RAISING UP A CHILD...TO SERVE!



Mary, pictured above, is the first of our orphanage graduates to be sent out in ministry to villages in Burma. Ah Dee Che, director of Mary's orphanage wrote, "**Mary was sent to Kan Pha to teach the children, provide child care and begin an early childhood development program. It is very far from the orphanage, and in a tribal area where there is fighting. Pray for her safety.**" Mary has been eager to serve her people in remote areas for years, and now she is ready!

This is the third curriculum developed to meet the need of Sunday School material for Burma's churches.

Following the deadly cyclone of 2008, ACM sent 30 Christian school teachers into stricken villages. Three years later, the facilities have improved, but the heart of the teachers remain the same — educating the children and being a Christian witness in predominantly Buddhist communities.

Here are stories from two teachers, about two students: "One of the girls had not been coming to school since the farm work started. While her mother works in the field, the girl has to babysit for her younger siblings. She is very smart, she does always good in class, but it's a shame for her not be able to attend the

class. Now she is back to school again. I have to give her some extra time for her to catch up."

And the second story...

"I want to let you know about my students in the 2nd grade. They are wonderful. There are 23 boys and 16 girls, all together 39 children.

There is one boy who comes to class 30 minutes late. I found out the he comes only after the house work is done. His mother died in the cyclone, his father is in jail. He passes all the monthly exams. One time I asked why his parents never come to see him while others' parents come. With tears he said "I have no



parent". I was so sorry. I know how he felt in his heart. Because also don't have parents. I lost them in the cyclone. I love my students very much. I will do my best to educate them ."

NEW PRESCHOOL OPENS IN NORTH BURMA

Most American families know the challenge of finding safe and affordable child care when both parents work outside the home.

In many villages in Burma, older children watch the younger ones. Older children miss out on school, and younger children are put at risk of injury or even death because of inadequate super-

vision.

One supporter, with first hand experience in Burma, determined that she would sponsor a preschool in a remote village. Day to day operations are handled by Myanmar Christians, but the financial support comes from the US.

There are many opportunities for sponsorship of

teachers and orphans in Burma. You can sponsor a teacher for \$50 a month. An orphan can be sponsored for \$20 a month.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CURRICULUMS SENT TO CHURCHES

The Literacy and Teaching Ministry based in Joplin, MO partnered with Asian Children's Mission to translate and publish a Sunday School curriculum called "Who Is Jesus?"

The curriculum, written by Margaret Elliott, was translated by Maeram, ACM's educational coordinator, into Burmese and the tribal lan-

guage of Rawang.

This is the third curriculum developed by ACM to meet the need of Sunday School material for Burma's churches. The books are now in use at scores of churches, schools. Orphanages and children's centers across the country.



These Assembly of God leaders gladly accept the Sunday School books for their churches in southern Burma.

WATER PROJECTS BENEFIT MANY

In 2007, Joana Jones, ACM's director, took a water purification unit to a community in Burma. The purifier, made by New Life International in Underwood, Indiana is still working today at Loving Fountain Children's Home.

Safe water is a problem in Myanmar. Working with New Life and other partners, we have provided a dozen of these units to several villages, preventing waterborne diseases.

In some communities, water is not readily available. Women and children spend hours each day fetching water

from streams and rivers. These wasted hours mean fewer income opportunities for families, and fewer hours in school for children.

The latest ACM water project is in the far north of Burma. Funded by the International Disaster Emergency Service (IDES), this project will pipe water from holding tanks on the mountain to a village in the valley.

Pictures: (Above right), two girls at Loving Fountain orphanage enjoy consistently safe water. (Right) Maeram (in



yellow), an ACM staff member, visits the mountain work site to bring water to Shang-gong village in the valley.

ACM STAFF MEMBERS HELP LEAD MICROLOAN PROGRAM IN BURMA

The Southeast Christian Church of Louisville, Ky, recently funded a microloan program in Burma. Josiah and Phoebe, directors of ACM's Hope Children's Home near Yangon, serve on the committee overseeing the use and repayment of these funds.

Loans are expected to be

repaid to the fund, at 1% interest per month. It is a revolving fund, so as loans are repaid, new loans will be made. Seventeen projects ranging from agricultural, tourism, taxi service, restaurants and more were funded.



Phoebe and Josiah are pictured on the right.

ACM ASSISTS IN WOMEN'S PRISON MINISTRY

A women's prison in central Burma has 960 women, most serving prison sentences of 5-10 years. They work six days a week in a stone quarry, but on Sundays religious leaders can come and teach.

ACM staff member Joel and his wife are able to visit once a month, and are able to teach about Jesus. Joel wrote about one such visit, "the

faces of the women were clear and happy — like winners, not prisoners. In their physical life, they have many difficulties, but in their spiritual life, they are winners."

250 of the women are Christians, and they do their best to evangelize the prison.



Joel's wife is in the bright blue blouse on the front row. She and Joel regularly ministers in the prison. Also pictured are recently released prisoners.

TWO GIRLS RESCUED FROM CHILD TRAFFICKERS



These two little girls are from the Myanmar-China border. In their village there is a lot of child trafficking and they came to Hope Children's Home to escape being trafficked. Now they are safe at Hope and in school. They are happy with new friends and their new environment. The older one is in the 7th grade and younger sister is in grade 6.

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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!



2011 continues to be a challenging year for me. As many of you know, I made the decision to sell my family home and move to the Portland, OR area. My Victorian house has been in my family for more than 100 years, so I did not make the decision lightly.



But once the decision was made ... I was ready to move! But once again, I have been reminded that my timetable isn't the same as God's. I'm still in Indiana with a for sale sign in my yard.

As my attention this year has been focused on my housing situation, I have not had opportunity to travel to Burma. And I have not spent much time in fundraising. But Asian Children's Mission is doing just fine. It is doing just fine because we have wonderful partners in Burma, and wonderful supporters in the US. And much more to the point — God is the true director of this work and He continues to bless it.

A few years ago, a Bible study called "Experiencing God" showed one way to find God's will: look where God is working and go and join Him there. Beyond question, God is working in Buddhist Burma. Do you want to rescue children from traffickers, disease and ignorance? Sponsor a child for \$20 a month or sponsor a Christian school teacher for \$50. Or give a special one time gift to be used where needed most. And of course pray! I don't pretend to understand the mystery of prayer but in the Bible we see Jesus depending on prayer to fulfill His mission. We can do no less to fulfill whatever mission He has given us. — Joana T. Jones

CHE INTERNS BECOME CHE LEADERS IN MYANMAR

In 2010 three Christian leaders from Burma did a seven week internship in the Philippines in Community Health Evangelism. FAME, the Fellowship of Associates of Medical Evangelists, provided most of the funds for this exceptional training.

They are now continuing the lesson translation for publication in the Myanmar language. In addition, they conduct training for others who are interested in helping communities become healthier. One such training they led was attended by 29 Bible College students and staff members in Yangon.

Here's what the head of the

Bible College wrote about the training: "The CHE training was very powerful. That is the great need for our Mission students and the students of our Mission College who are going into the unreached people. Josiah and Joel (ACM staff members) did very well and had a very big impact among our people as they know our situation and background of the students of CHE."

The training provided an opportunity for representatives of three dominations to learn and serve together as well as begin to create networking relationships.

CHE is a community develop-



Participants in CHE training do a calendaring exercise as a way of learning about the community.

ment strategy to promote holistic Christian discipleship in communities. The ACM CHE team has already translated hundreds of practical lessons that trainers and volunteers teach in community settings.