



# BUILDING A CAMPUS

Asian Children's Mission

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## FAME, Good News, Churches & Individuals Partner with ACM

*The Myanmar Community Development Center outside of Yangon is no longer just an empty "field of dreams." It is a growing, active campus with a school of nursing and a major building project underway. It is Asian Children's Mission newest ministry.*

***"Every picture, every story are testaments to the power of great Christian partnerships."***

- Joana Jones, Executive Director

### Partnerships Make It Possible

Funding for the site was provided by Christ's Church at Mason (Ohio) Vacation Bible School. Funding for infrastructure improvements and initial buildings came from the Bethel Baptist Church in Galesburg, Illinois. FAME, the medical mission group based in Indianapolis, completed the financing of the health care clinic. Good News Productions of Joplin, MO, provided a matching grant to build a multi-purpose building for both evangelism and vocational training. Many churches and individuals made the match. Sherwood Oaks Christian Church of Bloomington, IN provided funding for a kitchen and dining area. Many other churches and individuals provided the balance for plumbing, electricity and furnishings.

In this issue we celebrate the progress of this new campus, as well as give updates on other ACM ministries. Every picture, every story, are testaments to the power of great Christian partnerships in the US with the amazing Christian leaders in Myanmar.



***A class on well baby care in the nursing school.***

### ACM Celebrates Graduation at Four Preschools



From Preschools to Nursing School, ACM is involved in Christ-based education. Several self-supporting churches have been established directly as the result of our educational ministries to children.

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# Coming to America ... This Fall!



Myanmar Christian Power Couple — Timothy and Maeram!

Good News Productions and the Sherwood Oaks Christian Church are bringing over Timothy Pung-sar, the spiritual director of the Myanmar Community Development Center and his wife, Maeram, ACM's educational director. They will be in the country for about two months this fall. I will travel with them in Indiana for about two weeks. And...this will be my first time back in Indiana in four years! Here's our tentative travel schedule: Please let me know if you want on the schedule. We would love to meet with you!

## Meet our Student Nurses

Diverse might be the first word you think of when meeting the inaugural class of our Rural School of Nursing. Four ethnic groups are represented, and five separate Myanmar states. Seven of the students hope to return to their home communities to serve as the primary health care provider. Two students would like to go into government service, one would like to work in a city clinic earning enough money to send home to support her parents and one would like to pursue more Bible training upon graduation.



Nov. 9 — Paoli Christian Church

Nov. 10—Hardinsburg Christian Church, Meet with Team Expansion in Louisville

Nov. 11 — Attend Global Health Missions Conference in Louisville

Nov. 12, 13 — Sherwood Oaks Missions Weekend

Nov. 13 (Evening) — Syria Christian Church

Nov. 14 — IDES and Tulip Street Christian Church

Nov. 15 — Donor Appreciation Dinner

Nov. 16 — Montgomery Christian Church

Nov. 17-20 — ICOM in Lexington, KY

**Call Joana at 603-828-4111 to get on the schedule!**

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## Back to Burma in August

Leaders from Sherwood Oaks Christian Church will accompany Joana on her August trip to Myanmar. One of the highlights of the trip will be to dedicate the new worship center on the campus of the Myanmar Community Development Center.

We will also visit the far north of Myanmar to get updates on the schools in Putao. The fabled city of Mandalay is also a stop to review ACM ministries in central Myanmar.

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## Back to North Plains in July

Joana will once again be the missionary speaker for the North Plains (OR) Christian Church VBS.

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## Facebook!

No need to wait until the next newsletter for updates! The Asian Children's Mission Facebook Page is updated frequently!



## Campus Building Update

Remarkable progress continues to be made on the campus of the community development center. The buildings to the right — the caretakers' house, the classroom building, the healthcare clinic and the women's dorm are all complete!

The worship and training center, below, is still in progress, with construction expected to be completed in August.



## Crafty Women Boost ACM



Dawn Lee of the Tulip Street Christian Church is one of our first child sponsors, but she reaches out to many more children in Myanmar through her puppets.

This year, she asked family and friends to assist. The result: cute-as-a-button hand

puppets that will be given to children in August.

Asian Children's Mission received a special gift for the new rural nursing program from Debbie Stonerook Trego of Delaware, OH. She recycles wool sweaters into mittens, and then sells them all over the US! They are only \$25.00 each! Interested in buying a pair or more...message her on Facebook or ask me for her email address. She calls her ministry "Mittens for Missions." Warm your hands, and someone's heart through this unique ministry!



# Celebrating our Women Leaders

By Joana Jones

One of my favorite verses is from Proverbs, “Where there is no vision, the people perish.” This speaks to our need for Godly leadership to cast the vision for our families, our communities and our nations. Asian Children’s Mission is so proud of our women leaders whose vision and courage are extraordinary. Let me take a moment to introduce you to some of them,.



**Phoebe** (right) is known to many American visitors as a world class cook at her home on the campus of Hope Children’s Home. The mother of three sons and a recently adopted baby girl, Phoebe leads Hope with her husband **Josiah**. She is also an instructor of Christian Education at nearby Emmaus Bible Institute and a sought after women’s seminar speaker and leader.



**Lucy** (above left) is the newest member of our team, leading the newly established School of Rural Nursing. As a nurse educator, Lucy is pioneering this 12 month program that is designed for young ladies who will often be the primary health care provider in rural and remote villages.



**Maeram** (far left) is a leader in literacy and education—for both Asian Children’s Mission and the Rawang ethnic group. She has established several preschools, and written several children’s books in her native language. She travels throughout Myanmar

to lead seminars for Christian women and educators. Maeram’s husband, **Timothy**, leads the Good News Production Studios in Yangon, and is the spiritual director of the new Myanmar Community Development Center.

**Pan Cho** (next to Maeram) is one of our teachers, operating an elementary school in a remote village on Burma’s southern coast. Without her leadership, there would be no school. Her home is the school, and she preaches on Sunday. Her village is a mix of Christian and Buddhist residents. Her students have won awards at state level competitions.

**Nangram** (above right) has established two preschools and works with her husband **Joel** in planting and leading churches in central Myanmar. The mother of three boys, she is also a highly sought after speaker and leader for Christian seminars. She recently returned from China where she helped lead and equip Rawang believers living in China.



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