

Asian Christian Services

NEWS FROM TAUNGGYI CHRISTIAN CENTER

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We are spreading the gospel in Shan State in the eastern Myanmar bordered with Thailand and Laos. Among the seven states of Myanmar, Shan State is the largest state and the strongest Buddhist state. Some are still ancestor worshippers. Christians are very few. For this reason, we have founded Taunggyi Christian Center through the help of Asian Christian Services as a mission base for spreading the gospel in Shan State since 2002. We have sent 15 evangelists into different parts of Shan State. Through the evangelists' great commitment and hard working, we have been able to establish 14 new churches and got baptisms more than 1000 within the past eight years. Last month also, we got eight baptisms of new converts, Lisu, Shan and Burmese converts. Besides we are spreading the gospel and planting new churches in Shan State, we are also working with the Myitkyina Evangelizing Committee for a new church planting program in near China-Myanmar border area. Last time, through the help of IDES, we have been able to provide zinc roofing for seven new churches.



Giving baptisms to New converts

TAUNGGYI BIBLE COLLEGE

In order to be more effective of evangelism, we have founded Taunggyi Bible College since 2005. **Its mission is to train the local evangelists and send them back to their own people to be reached by themselves.** Until now, we had three graduations and totally 53 students were graduated. Now, they are spreading the gospel in their own different areas. Recently, Mr. Poe Thar, one of our graduates was able to convert his father who was a great shaman along with his mother and sister. The story goes like this: Mr. Poe Thar is the first convert from their family and he came to study at our TBC for three years. Then, after he graduated last year, he went back to his village and shared the gospel with his father, mother and sister. Actually, his father got a lot of income from his shaman work but after he has known Jesus as his own Savior, he burnt all alters of the spirits and forsook his work of getting much income. This year also, we have 58 students from 11 tribes from different parts of Myanmar.



MR. POE THAR AND HIS FATHER, THE SHAMAN, HIS MOTHER AND SISTER

Especially, through the Lord's grace, this year, we have a new two storey building. We use the two rooms of downstairs, one as the classroom and another for the sewing classroom for girl students. Until last year, the sewing class was conducted in a narrow room and it was much inconvenient for both the teacher and the students. However, this year, we have a new room of



TBC FACULTY AND THE STUDENTS(2010)

enough space and girl students are praising to God that. We will use the two rooms of upstairs, one for the faculty office and another for the college library. However, we are in need of about \$1500 for the furniture for those two rooms.

We are also in need of monthly support for our three recruited teachers and two staffs. The three teachers are Mr.Ah Phu Paul, Mr.Ah Wu and Mr.Khun Caleb. The two staffs are Miss. Tabitha, the sewing teacher and Mr. John, the registrar. Each of them will need \$75 per month. Therefore, it would be very good if you can commit the monthly support for anyone of them. If there is someone whom you would like to give support, please let us know. We will send their biographies and their ministry pictures.



A CLASSROOM IS THE NEW BUILDING



THE NEW BUILDING



THE SEWING CLASS IN THE NEW BUILDING



LUTHA CHURCH OF CHRIST, ONE OF THE SEVEN NEW CHURCHES PROVIDED ZINC ROOFING BY IDES



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THREE NEW TEACHERS, THE SEWING TEACHER AND REGISTERAR MR.AH PHU PAUL, MR.AH WU AND MR.KHUN CALEB, MS.TIBETHA AND MR. JOHN (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT)

Word of Thanks

We are very thankful to IDES for providing the scholarship fund for the students for three months, from June to next August. We are also very thankful to Mrs.Ruth Margaret who generously contributed for the new building which is a precious resource for our TBC now. We are also very thankful to Asian Christian Services helping us raising the funds for the evangelists and for various our ministry needs form time to time.

The Needs and Prayer Request:

1. TBC is in need of the scholarship fund for another three months from next September to November
2. We are in need of fund for furniture for the faculty office room and the library room
3. We are in need of monthly support for our new three recruited teachers and two staffs.

We hopefully would like to request you to contribute whether more or less for our needs mentioned above. If you are going to contribute for our ministry needs, please write specifically the need you contribute for and send according to the following address. Thank you very much. May God bless you.

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