

Asian Mission for Christ

2018 Year-End Update

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Dear friends and supporters of Asian Mission for Christ,

January 29, 2019

Enclosed you will find updates on the various aspects of our ministry, including a letter from Ahpu on LBI and his and the other native missionaries' work, and an update on the Children's Home. Year-end giving receipts are also included for tax filing purposes. We are all so grateful for your continued support of the important work being done through AMC. Please know that your giving continues to be disbursed however you designate.

2018 was another big year for AMC. We would like to highlight the year in an attempt to capture how God is working through this organization. Earlier in 2018, members of the AMC leadership team visited churches to share about the organization and provide updates. We had the opportunity to visit two churches that have been invested in the work of AMC for many years, First Christian Church of Monmouth and Marysville Christian Church. We also re-visited a new church partner from late 2017, Trinity Lutheran Church in Jeromesville, OH. All these visits provided many opportunities for sharing about AMC, answering questions, and thanking members in person for their support. It was so nice to meet people face-to-face who are dedicated to the work of AMC. We thank all these churches for hosting us and we look forward to connecting with more congregations in the future.

Our Children's Home received a surprise blessing earlier this year. Through DSW Inc.'s philanthropic program, "Shoe Lovers Care *Lead the Way*", Tiffany Weller, one of our board members, applied for a grant on behalf of AMC's Children's Home. The program rewards the passion DSW associates show through giving their time and leadership to non-profit organizations. We were so excited to learn that AMC was chosen to receive a \$3,000 grant! The leadership team of AMC has decided to use these funds to make a lasting impact. When we began supporting Ahti & Warin's Children's Home, we knew we wanted to raise enough support to put all the kids through college. We didn't know how we would do this, but we did know that college in Thailand is very affordable compared to the US. We are excited to share that we are currently funding Ahnyi, the eldest child in the Children's Home, as she pursues college education! The \$3,000 will be able to cover ALL her college expenses over 4 years! How awesome is our God? He provided what we prayed for and we are so grateful for this blessing!

Additionally, in November four of us from the AMC board (Jeremiah, Alison, Ben & Tiffany) travelled to Thailand. We brought along four other friends with us, and we were able to show them LBI as well as the Children's Home. We spent time playing with the kids and sharing the story of AMC with our friends. We focused on getting to know the current LBI students, as well as assessing needs and opportunities for continued growth. A few donors gave money for us to use specifically to purchase gifts for the kids, things that they wanted versus needed. What a blessing it was to witness the joy on their faces when they got to freely purchase gifts that they wanted. Sometimes it is these small experiences that remind them that God continues to watch over them, and cares deeply for them. What an honor to represent AMC and all the supporters for the work of God's kingdom in Southeast Asia.

All in all, 2018 was a year of continued growth for AMC. LBI was reopened and this was a major goal for a long time. The work of LBI to train Christian leaders continues to be desperately in need among the Lisu communities. The 1st school year for LBI has been completely funded. We are now looking towards the 2nd year of LBI being open. Current students will go into their 2nd year of classes, and new students will be

enrolled for their 1st year of study. AMC is actively seeking to raise funds so that LBI can continue to expand and function at full capacity. LBI needs \$3,000/month when operating at full capacity. Currently, LBI receives about \$600/month, which has been sufficient since only 1 year of students are enrolled. In the coming 2nd year, AMC will need to send LBI more monthly support in order to provide for more students and faculty members. We are planning for a minimum budget of \$1,000/month for the next school year, which starts in June. We also hope to raise enough funds to do some much needed small renovation projects around the campus including fixing the vehicle shelter and doing plumbing work. While at LBI this past November, we interviewed the current students and hope to focus our 2019 fundraising efforts on student sponsorship through creating short video clips on each student. Please consider reaching out to other churches or individuals who may be interested in hearing about the work of AMC! We would love opportunities in 2019 to share about our organization, and specifically LBI, with new congregations. Please be praying for this.

In addition to the previous areas of growth, AMC grew financially in 2018. Total donations received increased by 28% when compared to 2017! A portion of this growth came from one-time donations, like the DSW grant, and we pray that 2019 will bring continued financial growth so that AMC's impact can reach further into the heart of the Lisu people in Southeast Asia.

In conclusion, we want to sincerely thank you all for your support of AMC. We are passionate about the work we can do state-side, but without your monetary support, and more importantly, prayer support, AMC would not be where it is today. You each play a vital role in the work being done! Please continue to pray for AMC and for the ministries you will read about in the following pages.

In Christ,

Alison Nguapha

Alison Nguapha & The AMC Leadership Team
(Jeremiah Nguapha, Ben & Tiffany Weller
Jason & Jenise Potter, George & Mary Potter)

January 9, 2019

Dear Christian friends and supporters of AMC,

Happy New Year to all. Though the year 2018 is over, the Lord gives us the year 2019 to serve him. Thank you all for your prayer and financial support throughout the year 2018. The Nguapha family and LBI family needs your prayer and financial support for the year 2019 to serve the Lord faithfully and effectively with you in Southeast Asia. Your prayer and financial support is vital in the ministry.

Jeremiah and his wife Alison, along with Ben and his wife Tiffany, active members of AMC, came to visit us in Chiangmai, Thailand, for a couple of weeks in December 2018. They stayed with us during their visit and we had a good time with them. While they were in Chiangmai, they came to visit LBI, they met with students and interviewed them. They also visited the children's home which they are a part of in Chiangmai. They also visited a Lisu village, where a graduate of LBI serves as a pastor.

Our daughters Anna, Ellie, Lois, and our grandson Isaac, came to visit us during Christmas. Our daughter Lois is going to graduate from Oral Roberts University (ORU) in May 2019. Lois was with us until the New Year celebration and left for ORU to continue her schooling on January 9, 2019. Right now, only Asher is with us. Every one of our family members are doing fine because of the Lord's care and your prayer for our family.

LBI teachers and students are doing fine and the classes are going well. LBI had two weeks of Christmas and New Year break. They all went back to their villages and returned to LBI two days ago to continue their classes. During Christmas, students went as a group to perform music and to participate in Christmas celebrations with Christian brothers and sisters. LBI students also went to Thanksgiving celebration in the villages to participate and perform music. Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations are an important part of Christianity here in Asia among the Lisu people. Thanksgiving is celebrated after the harvest of the rice, and Christmas is celebrated from mid-December until late December, on selected dates.

LBI rice was harvested in November 2018. The Lord blessed LBI and LBI harvested over 400 tins of rice. This rice will be enough to feed LBI students for the rest of this school year, and the first semester of the next school year. LBI also receives some rice from the Lisu churches. Some of the Lisu churches have begun to support LBI with pumpkins, vegetables, bamboo shoots, and cucumbers. The Lord is good to us.

I am teaching Old Testament History and English five days a week at LBI. I am also teaching to a group of adult students from nearby villages every Saturday from 9:00am to 3:00pm. There is only a one hour lunch break. Fifteen to twenty adults come to study on Saturdays. Many of them are elders, deacons, and active members in Lisu churches. Some of them are teachers in the churches. Please, keep them in your prayer. I also preach on Sundays at churches, as well as at Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations. During Thanksgiving and Christmas celebration season I was invited to preach various places.

Between September and October 2018, I went to the Burma and China border to teach short term Bible trainings for five weeks. I left during the 2nd week of September and I came back the 3rd week of October 2018. The first training I taught was at Shwi-Zet Lisu church. Elders and deacons from Myitkyina area came for the training. There were over a hundred Lisu Christian elders and deacons who came. They are all active Lisu Christian leaders from over 30 churches. After that I went to teach at another Bible training seminar at a Lisu village church called Kwi-Tu, which was over an hour drive from Myitkyina. It was a small church and 50-60 members of the church came regularly for a week. They were greatly encouraged because of the training. There was preaching of the gospel every night. Hundreds of people came for the worship service at night. One Muslim came to listen to the teaching and accepted Christ as his Lord.

On the third week, I went to teach at Berea Bible School (BBS) in Myitkyina. Ngwalisi, one of the native missionaries works there. He serves as dean of the students at BBS. He translated for me, because the students there included Lisu people and other tribes. I taught there every day, all day, for a week. There were

79 students at BBS. They have Lisu Class and Burmese Class. BBS is three-year Bible School. Every weekend, the students go to Lisu churches to perform music and practice leading worship services.

On the fourth week, I went to the China border to train Christian leaders from China with native missionaries, Uzziah and Charlie, who are teaching at Myitkyina Christian Seminary (MCS). Three other teachers from MCS also went with us. We were there for a week. More than 70 Christian leaders came for the training. The classes began at 7:00am and lasted until 8:00pm. There were only two breaks; brunch and dinner. After the day was over, many of the students came to us and asked many questions from their Bible and we answered their questions and explained God's word from the Bible. These people were active Christian leaders from many different churches from the bordering area. I had a good time with the native missionaries and teachers of MCS, and with Christian leaders from the area.

Native missionary, Thomas, was not able to go with us to the training seminar. He was leading youth ministry in Myitkyina. He teaches at MCS and serves as dean of students. He and his family live at MCS campus. Charlie also lives at MCS campus. He teaches at MCS and serves as a dorm parent. Another native missionary, Jeyki, lives in Yangon. He teaches at Eastern Bible Institute (EBI) and preaches at Hlaytaya Christian Church as usual. EBI has more than a hundred students. My second brother's son, Ngwadi, goes to EBI. My sister Ana's daughter went there, and she is now serving as a Sunday school teacher in Putao.

Thanks for your partnership and support for AMC through finance and prayer. We keep you in our prayer. May the Lord bless you and watch over you throughout the year 2019.

In His Service,

Ahpu and Acha Nguapha

Native Missionary Jeyki in Yangon



Short Term Bible Training & Training at the China-Burma border



Ahpu preaching at a church during the Thanksgiving celebration.



LBI Students harvesting rice and practicing worship songs in class.

To the supporters of AMC's Childrens Home,

January 29, 2019

We thank you all for your continued support throughout 2018. The parents of our Children's Home, Ahti & Warin are doing well. We were able to visit and spend time with them during our recent visit to Chiang Mai. Ahti is currently in Burma visiting his parents and siblings. He had not been to Burma to see them in over 25 years, so this is a very special trip for him! Ahti and Warin continue to work hard to earn income through the mango farm they own, as well as through pastoring a congregation in a nearby village.

Ahna, the eldest girl in the Children's Home, got married this year! She is now living with her husband in Chiang Mai and works at a coffee shop. She has been doing well. Ahnyi, the next eldest, is studying in college. She has shared with us that she wants to be a tourist guide, or work in a hotel, and these are reputable jobs to have in Thailand. This past fall, she completed an internship at a hotel and really enjoyed it. Out of all the kids, Ahnyi is who we can communicate the best with. It has been so special to build a relationship with her over the past few years, despite the cultural and communication barrier that exist.

Arisra and Pai are the other two girls living at the Children's Home and they are continuing their studies in school. Arisra is 14 and Pai is 12. Ahti & Warin's biological children, Esther & David are also doing well! While it is challenging to communicate with the kids, we enjoyed playing badminton, shopping, and simply spending time with them. Ahnyi & David's birthday fell while we were in Thailand! We made a special trip to see everyone for their birthdays and took the kids cake and ice cream. It was a fun celebration!



As mentioned in the initial update, AMC was able to bless the kids with some special gifts around Christmas thanks to a few donors. The 5 kids had been sharing 3 bikes and AMC was able to purchase 2 more bikes thanks to a donor who was passionate about purchasing something for them that they wanted. Additionally, a group of donors decided to pull together resources to provide money for the kids to use to buy items they wanted. Some of the girls bought clothes, shoes, makeup, body spray, jewelry and ear muffs to use on cool mornings as they ride motorbikes to school. The excitement and joy the kids expressed over the generosity of people they've never met was just so sweet. Thank you to those who made the holiday season extra



special for these kids!

Please continue to pray for AMC's Children's Home and thank you so much for your continued support of this important ministry!

From left: Arisra, Ahnyi, David, Esther, & Pai