



Summer 2023 Ministry Update

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Dear friends and supporters of Asian Mission for Christ,

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Greetings in the name of our Lord! We hope this message finds you well, and filled with God's blessings. We are excited to share an update about AMC and the wonderful things that God has been doing through our ministry. It is through your prayers and support that we have been able to witness His faithfulness and experience His abundant grace.

Six students completed their final year at the Lisu Bible Institute (LBI) this past spring and are currently doing internships. They are serving as preachers, teachers, evangelists, and worship leaders in the surrounding Lisu communities. After completing their internships, LBI will hold a graduation ceremony for these students. Please pray for them as they continue to serve in ministry.

LBI accepted ten new students this summer, and seven students have returned for their second year. One of the first year students is a new believer who recently decided to commit his life to God. He enrolled at LBI and was baptized after a few weeks of teaching him what it means to become a follower of Christ. Thank you to all those who are faithfully supporting the ministry of LBI. Your financial support and prayers are impactful to the continued operation of this school. We also thank all the local Lisu Christians and previously graduated students for their support. Oftentimes, their support is in the form of fresh produce.



During the summer, from April 18 to May 3, Ahpu and his colleague, Ahtapa, visited the Lisu Christians in northeast India. Lisu's in India live among the foothills of the Himalayas, near the border of Burma and China, far from a developed city. The region lacks electricity, and the roads are narrow and muddy. Ahpu and Ahtapa visited 7 Lisu Christian villages (churches), and stayed overnight in each one. They preached at every church and conducted a short-term Bible training at two of the villages. The first seminar took place at Shidi village church, the largest church, and over 500

families attended the training including preachers, ministers, elders, and deacons. It was a humbling experience, and the locals generously provided Ahpu and Ahtapa with four meals a day. The second training seminar was held at Miao, the second-largest church with over 300 members.



Lisu in Northeast India are such passionate followers of Christ, with a deep hunger to learn more about the Christian faith and a deeper understanding of the Bible. They are active in their evangelism efforts; please join us in prayer as God continues to move through India. Our Lisu brothers and sisters pleaded for Ahpu and Ahtapa to return again to encourage

them and host further trainings in Theology. They are also requesting Christian literature and the newly translated Bibles. As resources are available, we plan to help provide these materials to them.

Our native missionary in Shan State, Uzziah, is actively involved in preaching, teaching, evangelism, and youth camps. He successfully brought several people to Christ and baptized them using a water-filled wooden box. Native missionaries in Myitkina are also active in teaching, preaching, and evangelism. Ngwalisi preaches at Pamadi Church, while others, Thomas, Wuzziah, and Charlie teach at MCS, which has 55 students this year. They are also engaged in teaching the youth at youth camps. Thomas serves as a youth leader, and they had 250 youth attend a training camp.

The Bible translation project has been completed and is currently awaiting printing, which will be done before the end of the year. Ahpu is currently working on an alternate “disciple” edition, which will take some time to complete. In the previous translation of the Lisu Bible, the word “disciple” is translated as “friend.” Many Christians in the community prefer to have this word (“friend”) preserved. However, the more accurate translation, true to the original language, is “disciple”. Therefore, Ahpu is working on the alternate version for those who prefer it. Please keep this project in your prayers.

As part of our effort to make the Lisu Bible accessible through technology, we have been in search of a partner to put this on a Bible app. In May, Jeremiah had the opportunity to meet with one of the directors,

Steve Durham, at Faith Comes by Hearing. This organization is the author of an app called Bible.IS which provides access to the Word of God in more than 500 languages. We are working to add the most recent Lisu translation to the app. However, there are many steps involved to make this happen. Please keep this task in your prayers. If we can have this Lisu version added, it would have a far-reaching impact on the Lisu Christian community!

Ngwa, his wife Nar Yet, and the Burmese children are all doing well. Earlier this year, Ngwa reached out to AMC and shared that there were 4 additional children requesting to come live with his family. The 4 children are orphans who lived in remote areas far away from schools, and Ngwa shared that armed Burmese organizations are a continual safety threat to children, especially orphans. AMC prayerfully considered what to do, and reached out to others for help. Thanks to new, generous partners, as well as substantial one-time gifts, AMC currently has enough support to send for these 4 new children, plus the 5 Ngwa and Nar Yet already took in, for a couple years. Eventually, AMC will need more monthly donors to consistently support these 9 children, but we believe God will provide for this need, in time, and ask you to share with those you know about this need. AMC is now sending \$600/month total for the 9 children. The 4 new children arrived at the end of March, and are adjusting well to their new home. The 9 children are:



Han Ki (16yrs, 7th grade), Don Pae (16yrs, 7th grade), Wee Wan (13yrs, 5th grade), Ka Wan (13yrs, 5th grade), Ta Wan Pan Nyo (13yrs, 7th grade), Han Yam (10yrs, 2nd grade), Ka Tan (7yrs, 1st grade), Yin Pin (7yrs, 1st grade), and Ka Par (12yrs, 5th grade). 6 of the 9 children are able to attend school in person, and 3 are doing online schooling due to not having school transfer certificates. The children all study hard and are learning some English as well. In the evenings, they have no electricity, so they read the Bible, pray and worship together with lanterns and flashlights.



We hope this update has been informative to the work being done through AMC. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out and thank you for your prayers for, and financial support of, AMC!

In Christ,

The AMC Leadership Team