



Summer 2022 Ministry Update

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Dear friends and supporters of Asian Mission for Christ,

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A lot has been happening within AMC, and we hope you find this update informational and inspiring!

Lisu Bible Institute is continuing its education and training in the Word. LBI students and teachers are doing well. The 2021-2022 school year ended in March and the new school year has begun just this month! LBI now has 16 total students which includes 1st and 4th year students. As long as the 4th year students progress well, they should graduate in March 2023! This is exciting as it will be the first round of graduates from LBI since LBI re-opened several years ago. Please be praying for these students and their studies.



We are excited to share that thanks to generous donations received at the end of 2021, AMC is helping provide for a new water drill to be put in place at LBI's rice fields. LBI rice fields currently do not provide enough rice for the school to feed the students and teachers all year. A major factor inhibiting further rice harvest is a lack of sufficient water for the fields. With the addition of this water pump system, an additional rice field will be able to receive water, and grow rice for students to harvest. This will help LBI continue to be partially self-sustaining. Work has not yet started on this project because of the rainy season being rough this year. We are hoping for work to start on it in the fall.

As you may recall, AMC has been supporting a children's home for several years, run by Ahti & Warin. Throughout COVID, much has changed. We have been prayerfully considering how to proceed. As you may remember from our last update at the end of 2021, the 3 girls AMC had been sending financial support for (Arisra, Chonrada & Wipa) were living with their grandparents in villages away from the city, and completing schooling online due to concerns over COVID. This was their grandparents request, and we were hopeful they could resume in-person schooling this summer and return to Ahti & Warin's home in Chiang Mai. However, all 3 girls' lives have taken a different direction. Arisra is planning to go to Australia to work and study, as she has a distant family connection there. Chonrada found a new orphanage home

where she can attend school in-person, and Wipa had a great opportunity to go to a prestigious school in Chiang Dao on scholarship, which her grandparents decided was best for her. Ahti & Warin agreed with all of their decisions, and continue to stay involved in the girls' lives and visit them regularly. For the time being, Ahti & Warin are focusing on raising their 3 biological children while continuing to work as mango farmers, and ministering in local villages. Ahti additionally serves on LBI's leadership board.

With all of that said, the leadership of AMC has been praying about next steps. We know there is a great need to help disadvantaged children in southeast Asia, and we know many of you are passionate about providing for children in need, as is AMC. In talking with our current native missionaries, and inquiring about other impoverished children, we were told of a pastor named Ngwasita & his wife, Na Yet Het, in Burma who have been requesting assistance to care for children in need for several years. This couple, along with their church community, wish to help several children in poor living conditions. And there is generally a massive need in Burma as Burma has been under political unrest for many years, and there is currently a civil war. The people wish for a democratic government, and are fighting for this, but the government is corrupt and has killed and imprisoned thousands of citizens in attempts to maintain control. Burmese people also experience regular road blockades, price hikes, internet restrictions and power cuts.

The children Ngwasita and Na Yet Het want to care for all have very minimal help with basic needs in their remote villages. Many of the villages do not have electricity. Some of the children are true orphans, others have one parent still living but that parent is either medically sick or struggling with addiction. One thing is common amongst them all...their stories are heartbreaking, and nothing that a child should have to experience. They have all had to stop their education and their basic needs are barely being met. AMC believes that a loving, Christian home and adequate education are key to stopping the cycle of poverty. After prayerful consideration, and much discussion, AMC has transitioned financial support to these Burmese children in need. The 5 children recently arrived in Myitkyina where Ngwasita's family lives. Myitkyina is a relatively developed area in northern Burma, with decent school systems. The church that Ngwasita is pastor of, sits on a compound of sorts with a parsonage close by, and the children are living with his family there.



We hope you will join us in praying for these children. Pray that they will acclimate well to their new home, and that they will feel loved and supported. Pray for their school studies, as many of them have been out of school for several years. We at AMC are excited about the opportunity to come alongside Ngwasita & Na Yet Het to help provide for these kids, and play a small part in changing the direction of their lives. We are grateful for your ongoing support and hope you will reach out to us with any questions regarding these recent changes.

As far as our other native missionaries, Ahpu shares that they are all doing well. They are serving the Lord faithfully in the midst of turmoil and COVID. The Bible Training Schools in Yangon, and Myitkyina were closed last year. However, they continue to train through correspondence. In January 2022, Myitkyina Christian Seminary started again. They have 30 students. Charlie, Thomas, Jephtah and Wusayah (Jayphi) are teaching there, as usual. They finished up the second semester in February 2022. Ngwalisi is not teaching at

Berea Bible Training Center any more. He is preaching at Pamadi Church. Last year he baptized 46 people, and this year he baptized 11 people. He also performed 7 wedding ceremonies. He is preaching and teaching at his church regularly. Jaykhi is in Yagon, preaching at home, at his church, and teaching at Eastern Bible Institute. His children continue to do well. His wife is also leading Sunday School classes. They both are actively involved in the ministry. Jaykhi's father died last year, along with several of his coworkers. But his family is doing well under the Lord's protection. Please, keep his family and his ministry in your prayers. The native missionaries in Shan State are doing well. Jaywu's family is serving at Three Mountain Church. Uzziiah and Ahshwi are also serving as evangelists and church planters. They just started a new church among Musi people. This group of people are unreached people. But through Uzziiah and Ahshwi, some of them are turning to the Lord, and several of them have converted to Christ, and were baptized. A new church is established among Musi people. They are also working among a tribal group called the Ahkha people. Ahshwi himself is Ahkha. Thufusa is teaching at Lisu Bible Institute. He is serving as student dean at LBI. He and his family are doing well.



Finally, we are thrilled to share that the Lisu Bible translation project Ahpu and other LBI leaders have been working diligently on, is coming to an end. It is in the final stages of review and editing. We are currently working on raising funds to help with the printing costs of the Bibles. Each Bible costs \$15 to print. We would like to implore our current supporters to consider making a special donation to go towards the printing of Bibles. This new translation is similar to our NIV, and is a more accurate and easier to read translation than the prior Lisu version. It will be instrumental in helping Lisu grow in their faith. We are also seeking out ways to make this version digital and accessible on phones, and even perhaps create a Lisu Bible app. Please be praying for doors to be opened to help make this Bible widely accessible to the Lisu people.

Thank you for all of your generous financial support. Your prayers are vital to this ministry!

In Christ,

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