



ASIAN CHILDREN'S MISSION

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ACM BOARD OF DIRECTORS



A LETTER FROM THE BOARD

The year 2022 has been a year of navigating the new normal in the active coup and in the post pandemic world. Psalm 55:2 “Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken” became our anchor and the reference point. The Lord is gracious to us in times of trials and in times of celebration. There were definitely many trials and disappointments. But we learned to let go of our plans before the coup and the pandemic, and put full trust in the Lord to carry us through the new normal. Nothing like a time of trials and uncertainties to bring us closer to the Lord.

As always, our gracious Father in heaven, showed up in a big way and made a way for us when there was no way – to re-open five of our preschools, to re-open Joshua School for the special need children, to send all 52 children at Hope Children Home to a private school, to provide healthy meals with protein every day for all the children we serve, to purchase land so that Hope Children Home can have vegetable gardens and an animal farm, to celebrate Christmas season with Buddhist neighbors, and much more.

As the Board of Directors, we continue to be amazed at the steadfast faith our staff in Myanmar has for the Lord and the obedience they have in carrying out the mission for the Kingdom. We can see the evidence of faith, hope, and love that is born out of grace and mercy from the Lord in the couples lovingly serving in our orphanages; in the teachers selflessly taking in children and raising them as their own; or in the staff members faithfully traveling near and far, sometimes in dangerous conditions, to reach the unreached people to spread the good news of Jesus in a predominantly Buddhist country. Thank you for coming along side us in obedience to God’s calling with your faithful giving, your encouragements, and your prayers throughout the year. As you read through these pages, we pray that you will see our faith in the Lord, our hope for the vulnerable children in Myanmar, and our love to reach the people of Myanmar.

We are so very blessed to have you on this journey alongside us!

In Christ,
ACM Board of Directors



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The Board of Directors for ACM is a working Board. A working board has operational roles and responsibilities.

It is a governing board with staff responsibilities. So after prayer, brainstorming ideas and creating a plan for the the staff and children of Myanmar, we stay in constant contact with them to hear their ideas, plans and opinions and then we help facilitate these combined plans.

The Board of Directors and the Treasurer of Asian Children's Mission, are never paid for their involvement in this mission.

The Board of Directors attended the life-giving International Conference on Missions (ICOM) this year in Columbus, Ohio. What a thrill to witness first hand what God is doing throughout the world. The Morse Family (who were instrumental in bringing the Gospel to Myanmar) had a wonderful 100 year celebration that told much of the wonderful story of God moving in this country. It was the Morse family who brought our founder to Myanmar and began the ministry of ACM.

The Board of Directors is meeting again in 2023 in Indiana and would love to spend time with donors or people interested in hearing more about what God is doing in the beautiful country of Myanmar and how we all can participate in bringing the knowledge of the love of Jesus Christ to this war-torn area.



EVANGELISM

As Jesus said, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28: 19-20.

This is The Great Commission and is one of our mission's goals is to fulfill this most needed task in a Buddhist country. Since the Coup happened in 2021 life in our country is getting more difficult, more dangerous and we have no freedom or safety to move about. We do not have as much opportunity for Evangelism and reach out but our God is faithful and keeps His promises. He still opens doors even in the mist of nowhere and in such a difficult time. Through God making a way, the Lord added more people to His Kingdom and we baptized 30 people in ACM different ministries in 2022. He is still adding more people to His Church and also we have planted a new home Church (Nyaung Na Pin Church) in new area in 2022. As we serve a Mighty and miraculous God, we stand in awe.

ACM Staff have been reaching with God's Love and sharing the Good News to thousands of people including the poor and Internal Displaced People in 2022. Please pray for these people's physical needs (protection and food) which are urgent needs, but also for them to continue to grow in their spiritual life. We trust the Lord will expand His Kingdom even more in 2023 and we need your prayers and you all are always in our prayers.

-Josiah, Director ACM, Myanmar



EDUCATION

Prior to February of 2021, the National League for Democracy (NLD) government in Myanmar was in the midst of instituting fundamental changes to a previously lifeless education system. It foreshadowed a new era for students in Myanmar. In the preceding decades, military rule had undermined any innovation in schooling. Military leaders' fear of student-led uprisings repeatedly resulted in draconian policies, including the closing or relocation of universities outside the cities, strict control of curriculum, and the shortening of the academic year. Part of the NLD's plan to continue to revamp education also offered a move away from an antiquated system of rote learning. The reforms were encouraging schools and universities to instead adopt student-centered teaching models and focus on elevating critical and independent thinking. It was so hopeful as it would bring on a brighter future for all our children in the Asian Children's Mission Homes in Myanmar.

Our God continues to provide:

HOPE CHILDREN'S HOME - In 2022 we saw that education was taking a downward spiral that would affect the children God had given us to care for, in very negative ways. We had been praying about sending our children to private school, unheard of for an orphanage in Myanmar. We were already funding Josiah and Phoebe and another member of our staff to send their children to private school and they were so happy with the results. So in May of the 2022, the beginning of the school year, 52 children from Hope Children's Home headed to Brilliant Education Center, a private school. What a wonderful decision it was. Throughout these months we see God protect them, encourage them, bless them, and give them an opportunity that goes beyond anything we could have ever imagined! They are thriving!



PRESCHOOLS - Five of our preschools opened in May of 2022 and were filled to capacity. The children are learning academics but most important, hearing about Jesus. Seventy percent of the children do not come from Christian families.

JOSHUA SCHOOL - Our school for children with special needs also reopened in 2022 and now has 10 full time students! We were able to hire two new assistants, giving the three current teachers much needed help. These children are getting an opportunity for growth and we feel blessed to share God's love with them and their families.

SAMUEL SCHOOL AND MASOE'S SCHOOL - These two schools never closed through the Coup or Covid! Praise God they were in areas that were able to continue much needed education at full capacity.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

2022 brought an opportunity to purchase a building with some land for AhShar in the region of Konglangpu. It is a wonderful place to hold her school and provides land where she is funded to begin raising a cash crop of Sago for many years.

2022 also brought an opportunity to purchase the land next to Hope Children's Home. For ten long years we have been praying over this property in hopes that the owners would sell. Hope grounds are very crowded and there is no room to grow crops, raise chickens or pigs or most importantly to have some room for the kids to play! With this new property we will move more into sustainability and opportunities to teach and provide healthy lives through holistic living. Mind, body and the amazing Spirit of God within us.

2022 sadly brought about the closing of the Mandalay Treasure Preschool. The area where the school has flourished for 10 years, is now occupied by the military and they have begun to demolish the walls around and buildings on the property.

2022 gave way to graduate another 20 students from the Rural Nursing Program taught by Lucy at Myanmar Community Development Center. Of those graduates, 7 of the students are now working in Singapore nursing homes. This was not the original plan for this program, but sometimes plans change. Lucy and her husband Reggie have a wonderful opportunity to pour the love of God and the clear message of the gospel into the students they serve. Perhaps Singapore needs to hear about the Kingdom of God!



CHILDREN'S HOMES

As we began this year with so much to consider in Myanmar, we once again look at our desire to do God's work with excellence. How were we addressing the care of the children at our homes and the tireless staff watching over for them? We have always desired to take a holistic approach, looking at body, mind, and spirit and so we began 2022 looking at all of these areas.

With the help of a Harvest of Talents food grant through IDES (International Disaster Emergency Service) we were able to give an additional monthly food gift to both our orphanages to be used solely towards protein. We continue to teach the importance of nutrient dense foods for growing children. We are now teaching the connection between food, the brain, and emotions. The results are already being seen and very positive.

Both of our homes experienced new insight with the introduction of a Trauma Therapy Program, taught by David Sandong. We cannot express how beneficial this was to our children and staff. The staff have been trained in the continued process of this therapy, and children are excited to continue.

What a privilege to pour the love of Christ into so many children for so many years. The present circumstances of Civil War and uncertainty gave the staff many opportunities to teach of the love of God and how HE had created each of them with a special plan for their lives. Making disciples that can go out into the world and preach the Good News, is a high calling and one we take very seriously. With severe poverty in the community surrounding the homes, the children had many opportunity to share food and love that will not be forgotten.



EMERGENCY AID

According to a UN Humanitarian Needs Overview, the turmoil in Myanmar is projected to have driven almost half the population into poverty, wiping out the impressive gains made since 2005. It is now estimated that 14 out of 15 states and regions are within the critical threshold for acute malnutrition.

"If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday."

Isaiah 58:10

All around the communities that ACM serves and even within the staff and children that are a part of our ministry, a cry for help was heard. Market prices are out of control and people were/are hungry. With the help of our generous donors and a grant from IDES, we were able to give out much needed food to many adults and children and give a tangible message that we love them and care about their needs. Some of the people who received this aid are Christians but many do not know the one true God. We are so thankful that we could share the love of Jesus with so many desperate people. Because they are all connected either by being part of the communities or part of our ministry, an ongoing connection is firmly established.



FUTURE PLANS

ACM is thrilled to report that our first year of Hope children attending private school was a HUGE success and so our hearts are determined to continue for the years to come. Please pray with us for provision and for the future of these children.

ACM saw an extremely positive response to the Trauma Therapy program we began in 2022 and have plans to continue this program for many years.

ACM once again partnered with IDES for two projects within the ACM framework. Both are moving us into a sustainable future and with the present unrest, are a true gift from God. MaSoe will begin raising goats! These will be raised for milk and later for food. She is starting with 10 and asks for prayer! She has three mentors that will help her along the way. AhShar is going to grow Sago. She will plant one acre to start but has plans for two more acres. It is a long term crop and very marketable in her area.

ACM is so excited about Joshua School reopening and are beginning the search for a larger building. With the necessity of physical therapy for most of the children, we find that the equipment needed takes more space. Also an outdoor area for exercise and play would be so helpful. We will see what resources God will provide.

ACM is praying about a structured follow-up program for all children leaving Hope or Loving Fountain Children's Homes. If our primary objective is raising up disciples to spread the gospel in this Buddhist country and afar, we want a program to follow these students for years after they leave. With the present civil war in Myanmar we are also concerned with their safety and direction. Please join us in prayer for this.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

35% ORPHAN CARE

31% EDUCATION (PRIVATE SCHOOLS)

12% LEADERSHIP

15% RELIEF

7% ADMINISTRATION

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
CONTINUED
SUPPORT!**

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$174,899

TOTAL DONATION \$122,340