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# Newsletter

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## Official opening of Savar School-cum-Church, Dhaka









### **VISION STATEMENT**

Equipping Christians in Asia to effectively reach out and transform the lives of the poor and the marginalized within their communities.

### MISION STATEMENT

To create deepening relationships and provide resources for ministries and new churches across Asia. Connecting them with partners both locally and internationally with a similar heart, vision and passion to help those in need.

### **GO FORTH ASIA OBJECTIVES**







Community Development



Medical Care



Children's Home



Humanitarian Aid



We thank God for donors who channeled in funds to complete the School-cum-Church in Sarvar, Dhaka, Bangladesh. This premise will benefit 200 kids and will also be used for various community project trainings. The objectives are:

- To provide basic education for disadvantaged children.
- To create employment opportunities for qualified teachers and vocational instructors.
- To provide space for Worship Services, Sunday School and weekly Bible Study.







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### Savar School Opening & Food Supply to the Poor.



### Discipleship Training

Sri-Mongol District, Bangladesh (May 2017)

### PARTICIPANTS: 35 TRAINEES



### **TEACHER'S TEAM**

- ► Ps Newton Sarkar
- ► Pr Niranjon
- ▶ Pr Hemlota
- ► Rickta Sarkar.

#### Home Visitation & Some Brief about Sri-Mongol

We visited 15 families in this area and met with a few pastors who had to work part time for their livelihood. Their customary early marriages have affected the health of many girls in which our Pastors and leaders there are helping to bring awareness through programs for the local community. Prayer and counseling are given to help their community to forgo young children's marriages and bring about positive changes.



### **TESTIMONY**

I attend all of GFA trainings regularly. It has not been easy to find a good Bible study/training in our city.

After meeting the GFA team from Dhaka in our village, my heart bubbles up to praise God for Bibleteaching during these GFA Training sessions. Please do continue to teach us God's Word. Thank you so much.

- Mrs. Promila (Women Cell Leader)

### GFA Bangladesh

Gopalgonj (Jan 2017)

**PARTICIPANTS: 55 TRAINEES** 



### **TEACHER'S TEAM**

- ▶ Ps Newton Sarkar
- ▶ Ps Richard
- ▶ Ps Anadi

### **HOME VISITATION**

We visited 22 families in this place. God's Word was shared and prayers ascended to the Heavenly Father for their needs. Some teachings were given to the new believers in Christ.





### **TESTIMONY**

I live in Gopalganj with my husband and children. GFA leadership training is such a blessing from God. Chancing on a GFA pastor's prayer, there was a word of knowledge that a lady with neck pain and God was healing her immediately!

I felt my neck pain disappearing and since that day there was no more pain. My grateful thanks to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ for His healing for me and the GFA pastors for their prayers.

- Mrs. Rojina Molla

GFA training has taught me great spiritual truth and how to obey them. The teaching on Evangelism, Bible study and Basic Doctrine were clear and easily understood.

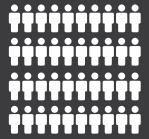
We are most delighted to have this wonderful training in our rural village. Our grateful thanks to the GFA team for their good teaching and ministry to our rural village. Thank you very much. God bless.

- Pastor Jhontu

### GFA Bangladesh Leadership Training

Faridpur (March 2017)

**PARTICIPANTS: 40 TRAINEES** 



### TEACHER'S TEAM

- ► Ps Newton
- ► Ps Toukir Hossain

#### Visitation

Visited 18 and shared the Gospel and prayers.

### **Preaching**

Ps Newton was invited to share in the William Carey Baptist Church Youth Conference where 1,200 youngsters attended.

### TESTIMONY #1

Having converted to Christianity, I had been regularly attending the cell church on Fridays. Since 2013, I suffered from polycystic ovarian syndrome with no cure from the doctors.

Ps Omar Molla prayed for me during one service and upon scanning later the cyst had disappeared. Praise the sweet name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Now I am a cell leader and have learnt much from the training given to us.

- Masum Billa

### TESTIMONY #2

There were 2 answers to prayers from the Lord for my family:

Spiritual growth and my husband's visa to Oman to work was approved and he is working there now.

- Mrs. Rojina Molla





### **GFA Pakistan**

Leadership Training (April - June 2017)









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#### PARTICIPANTS: 31 TRAINEES



### **TEACHER'S TEAM**

- ► Ps Emmanuel Sadig
- ▶ Ps Simon Shahbaz

#### Visitation

On the first day, we visited 23 families and shared the Gospel of salvation to them. Praise the Lord, 17 people accepted the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour. The local pastor was encouraged to do follow-up with them.

On the third day, we visited another 13 homes and the Holy Spirit convicted 11 to give their hearts to Jesus Christ. They will be baptized in the near future.

#### **Night Rally**

Ps Emmanuel preached on the second and fourth nights where 18 came to the Lord. The local pastor will teach and later lead them to be water-baptised. Prayers for the demon-oppressed saw some delivered to the glory of God.



### **GFA Pakistan**

Chichawatni (February 2017)

### PARTICIPANTS: 29 TRAINEES



### TEACHER'S TEAM

- ► Ps Emmanuel Sadiq
- ► Ps Simon Shahbaz
- ► Ps Saleem Ejaz
- ▶ Ps Bramuel James

#### Home Visitation

On Wednesday evening, we visited 17 homes in village 174, together with the pastors. The following evening, 33 families in village 108 were visited. The Lord touched their hearts and 37 people received the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. Baptism classes will be conducted soon.

#### Night Rally

A night rally was held in Ps Rohail Anjum Church at village 148 Chichawatni. After preaching God's Word, 11 souls came to the Saviour Jesus Christ. Two demon oppressed persons were delivered after the service.



### **TESTIMONY**

Lord this GFA leadership training has Friday in Church. strengthened my church.

A Youth Fellowship was birthed in my church and 31 young boys and girls became the initial members.

I have been serving God in village They've also been a great help in my church 148 and the neighborhood. Praise the ministry. We have prayer meetings every

> The youth, forming the backbone of the Church, came and many have been baptized with the Holy Spirit. I am very thankful to GFA Pakistan Leadership Team

for their wonderful teaching of God's Word.

After the training, lives were transformed and my whole area experienced a spiritual revival. Do continue to pray for our Church, especially the youth.

- Ps Rohail Anjum

### **GFA Nepal**

Leadership Training (March 2017)



These were the first Leaders Training under GFA in Kathmandu in collaboration with Hope Church Nepal from 1st – 3rd March.

### **TRAINERS**

- Ps Joshua N
- ▶ Ps Stanley Gerard
- ► Bro Albert Chen

The GFA trainings have been fruitful. Many have showed their appreciation verbally to the trainers. After the training, the pastors will be bringing the teaching to their respective churches and villages to build up their members.







During ministry time, many of the believers were prayed for and were delivered.  $\blacktriangle$ 

### Christian orphanage visitation





In the evening, the team was given a tour of the Action Love Nepal Orphanage, Kathmandu.

35 underprivileged children have been under the loving care of Bro. Sangam and wife.

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### East Nepal Report

May 2017

Amrit Lama, GFA Representative in Nepal, visited Pachathar East Nepal. It is a very remote area about 25 hours journey from Kathmandu. The Malaysian returnees are very positive for GFA training here.

Praise the Lord a Leadership training for returnees were completed during a 1-day training. They have been most receptive to the teaching and many went back blessed.



GFA Malaysia is partnering Nepali churches with training leaders especially in remote areas.









### **GFA Ministry Partner Tent of David**

Bangladesh (January 2017 - June 2017)



Report for first half of 2017 is as follows. We currently have 25 trained volunteers and 2 full time staff who are involved with the following areas of service unto the Lord.

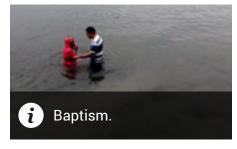
- Slum evangelism visited 62 families.
  65 people accepted Christ.
- ► Baptism 36 people were baptized.
- ► House church 7 new house churches. 22 Total House Churches.
- ► Main Church Madarbari Church (30 members.)
- ▶ 2 new Sunday schools. Total 5 Sunday schools in 5 different locations. 450 total number of regular Sunday school students.

- Youth Ministry we are currently training and equipping 30 youths for Tree of Life Mission
- ► School 16 paying students.
- Visited Prison for evangelism during Easter 2017.

















### Wells: Community Development in Myanmar

February 2017



**Living Water Project** - 29 wells have been built around Myanmar in very poor communities and schools. These brought much relief and blessings to the beneficiaries.

### **Myanmar Mission Trip**

Orphanage of Tachilek Church (April 2017)



### **TEAM**

- Ps Randall
- ► Ps Morris
- ▶ Bro Philip Ong and wife

### Fellowship

With Ps Morris, Tachilek Church, Myanmar, he was encouraged to work with GFA in leadership training for his pastors in remote villages. They are ready for more concentration in pastoral / leadership training and will be further equipped for future church planting missions.

Tachilek, Myanmar (North Border town with Thailand)

VISITED: ORPHANAGE OF TACHILEK CHURCH ABOUT 15 CHILDREN





2017 with a refreshing, cool treat at Swensens. children The went swimming at Oudong Park and had great fun with friends

Our children now cycle to school daily and had to learn road safety rules for their own protection. Our children continue grow physically, mentally and spiritually.

Home bid goodbyes to 2 good staffs but also welcomed 2 new staffs: Pastor Leap Yuleang, wife and son.

All praise to our Lord. Sing, one of the children, has started skills training after

Miki Home ushers in school in the afternoons. He is now happily learning the basic skills and English course at Man of Dignity Center.

> Another child, Sokly, went on a 3 days 2 nights school field trip to Kampot, Kep and Bokor Mountain organized by Western International School.



# GFA Ministry Partner (MIKI Home)

Cambodia (January - June 2017)



Anne continues to provide art and craft on Saturdays. The Bread of Life Church (BOL) also organized a football game for Miki Kids, BOL youth and staff.

We were blessed with a good harvest of jackfruit and mangoes and blessed our neighbours and our children's parents. Parents of Miki Home's children came to visit on

two occasions; one of which was Khmer New Year

The Khmer New Year is the best time of the year for everyone (10 to 12 days of holidays). Parents would come to bring their children home for their annual village visit.

Miki Home is grateful to all our family members, friends, sponsors, staff, children, prayer partners and officials for your gracious contribution in one way or another.

Your involvement with Miki Home has definitely made a difference in the lives of our children.





### Harvest bells are ringing.

or centuries past, church bells role have been to summon, celebrate, remind and commemorate with her congregations. They had served the communities as a tool of mass communication for both spiritual and secular matters.

Today, though the onset of modern mass communication like radio, television and the Internet has decreased the "breadth of church bells" communicative role, they nevertheless retain much of their original meaning.

The harvest bells are ringing in rising intensity; calling all who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ to intensify urgently their mission gears. With all the increasing evidence of evil around the world, it merely confirms the pressing urgency to reach the lost. Are we in twelfth hour of God's appointed time, as our Lord Jesus did mention? (Matt 24 2-8).

Praise be to God, our Lord God Almighty surpasses all power and authority the forces of darkness may possess. Out of the storm of unrighteousness, the Shekinah glory of God will shine forth evermore. For out of darkness shall burst forth the brilliant exuberance of God's marvellous light (2 Cor 4:6).

Today, the mission bells are ringing incessantly, to awaken the Church into action in reaching the unreached, unengaged people groups of the world. Do we spirit-filled believers hear the BELLS?

God is signifying a time such as this. GOD is opening supernaturally closed doors for the Church to advance into the harvest fields to reap the ripened harvest. Believers everywhere are encouraged and steered to put their hands on the plough in obedience to the Messiah's command in *Matt 28:18-20*.

We at GFA thank the Lord Jesus Christ, who has been graciously guiding GFA to work this past 6 months in area of leadership trainings in Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal. Further trainings also has been planned for Kalimantan in Indonesia, Cambodia and Northern Myanmar.

God's work is thriving in many fields of GFA that God has designated. Clean water from wells dug bring much relief and delight to villages and communities, especially in Myanmar. Disaster relief and Medical care were also given to many poor effected families in Bangladesh and Pakistan; not forgetting the new school building and cell church in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

The remote villages in Kalimantan, Indonesia are also calling out, like the Macedonian call to Paul, "Come and help us!" With God's providence of funds and resources, there is a generated plan to help train more pastors and leaders in four deep inland villages, where they are experiencing dire shortages.

May leaders be raised and discipled with proper teaching and guidance to reach out to these remote communities and families. May we, as Christ's body, partner together in providing resources necessary for the completion of the task of extending and expanding the kingdom of God. We would like to continue to thank all our partners and supporters in coming alongside Go Forth Asia for the progressive work in the field.

Do visit our website at WWW. GOFORTHASIA.COM for more detailed stories and download our other bi-annual GFA newsletters. May His Name, which is above every other name, be glorified now and forever, and let us respond to the summoning of the Bells to reach the lost.

► By Ps Stanley Gerard

# The GFA Founder / Director writes...

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missionaries / pastors supported.

full-time staffs.

**800 - 1000** 

leaders trained from Leadership Trainings.

2,000

**300** 

raised for medical care.

families involved in our community development.

## You can partner with GFA by giving to:-

- Leadership Training ◀
  - Children's Home ◀
    - Medical Care ◀
- Community Development ◀
  - Church Planting ◀
  - General Donation ◀

#### YOUR DONATION MATTERS

Even the smallest donation helps support the work we do on the ground. GFA assures all donors that all designated funds will be channeled to the specified projects and ministries, without any levy imposed.

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