

## BREAKTHROUGH BY PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS

"Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession" (Psalm 2:8).

What does this mean to us as God's people who desire to mature in our prayer life? Our focus should be the nations (especially our own), the cities and the communities around us. We are the ones who can impact our nation through our prayers. I've heard it said that 'history belongs to the intercessors.'

God wants me to pray. God wants you to pray.

The question is: Are we willing to pray?

Although prayer is an integral part of our Christian experience, it remains a mystery to many believers. We must learn to come before the Lord, making a conscious effort to draw near to Him and invite His Presence. It is when we are immersed in His Presence that He reveals His mysteries to us, layer upon layer, until we come to a full understanding of the plans and purposes to which He has called each and every one of us.

God is looking across this whole earth for those whose hearts resonate with His heartbeat for the nations of the world - those who will intercede for the nations. Will you be one to stand in the gap for the nations? Will you allow God to lay upon your heart a nation to pray and intercede for? The body of Christ needs to be actively interceding for unreached people groups and for troubled areas of our world. God wants to impart to us His passion for the world. He desires that every one of His people begin to open our spiritual eyes, expand our vision, see our world as Christ sees it - a world in distress and chaos, desperately needing His grace and mercy - and then start praying as never before.

In 2012, our church was blessed with a multi-storey car park premise which we then converted into a church building. Our vision was to reach out to the community around us. Our initial outreach efforts were not easy - we were treading on very hard ground with an oppressive atmosphere all around. We tried many methods and strategies to connect with the people, initiating programs that were 'non-churchy' to build friendships. Our staff were deployed to engage with business owners and shopkeepers in the area but the response was poor.

Then in 2013, we started to learn the importance of hosting the Presence of God through prayer. Our members were hungry to seek God through prayer and fasting for our community. We held prayer groups weekly from Tuesdays to Saturdays and midnight prayer on Fridays. As we waited on the Lord and dwelt in His presence, we sensed the work of the Holy Spirit in our own lives first - a greater passion for God's Word, a deeper intimacy with God and a stronger faith to believe God for miracles!

The Holy Spirit did not stop there. Soon, we sensed a change in the spiritual atmosphere of our community. The people were gradually beginning to accept our presence there and they began participating in the various community programs we offered, especially for children and senior citizens. We believe prayer brought about this big change in their response towards us. Many people in the community have since accepted Christ. All glory to God! I was amazed because we did not bind, cast out devils or combat the darkness! All we did was intentionally host and immerse ourselves in God's Presence and bless the community. Surely, God's radiant Presence was shining through the veil of darkness. Wherever the light of Christ shines, the darkness has to disappear!

Prayer is truly powerful and the time we spend in prayer is immensely more effective than the many activities or programs we can plan. We may be able to draw in the crowds through activities alone but we will miss out on the very real Presence of God. It is not about the 'doing', but the hours we spend on our knees that truly matters. It requires setting aside time to commune with God. When we have this intimate communion with God, our prayer life becomes more than just a form or a discipline. It is this place of prayer that we need to come to, in order to see a supernatural transformation taking place in our communities, our nation and the nations of the world, wrought by the very hand of God. I believe that the deeper the communion, the deeper the revelation of God. The deeper the revelation, the deeper our surrender and trust in Him. The deeper the Presence of God in our lives, the deeper the

anointing and release of His power upon His people to accomplish His purposes and plans.

Likewise, Go Forth Asia has learnt the importance of prayer and intercession for the nations. As a former GFA board member and now, partner, we have witnessed the radical transformation of whole communities in Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Myanmar and Cambodia through the power of prayer. Children's homes and orphanages have been set-up, schools have been built, humanitarian aid and medical services have been provided, pastors have been trained and equipped, and community development has flourished. All this has been wrought by the hand of God as GFA continues in prayer and intercession - seeking God's will, purposes and plans for the nations.

Prayer must always precede ministry and prayer will always determine the effectiveness of ministry. If we truly believe that, then we will be ready to answer the question, "Are we willing to pray? Yes Lord, we are willing."



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GFA Partner

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# ARE WE WILLING TO PRAY?

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GILBERT'S  
MESSAGE  
SIB KL Church &  
GFA Partner







## VISION STATEMENT

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

- Leadership Training
- Community Development
- Medical Care
- Children's Home
- Humanitarian Aid
- Church Planting

# MALAYSIA

## GoForthAsia HQ

## MISSION STATEMENT

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

## RAISING UP THE NEXT GENERATION

I was born and bred in the port city of Chittagong in Bangladesh. I grew up as a disturbed and rebellious child and at a very young age, considered suicide to end it all. Thankfully however, the Lord did not allow that to happen because He had a good plan for my life. In His love, God revealed Himself to me and in 2006 I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour and Lord. Praise God for His saving grace! In October that year, I got married to a Malaysian doctor by the name of Dr Jason. I came to Malaysia - a newborn believer, free from spiritual bondage but still feeling a little 'lost'. I liken my experience then to the experience of the Israelites in the desert. They had been freed from bondage in Egypt but spent many years in the wilderness, sometimes falling back into their old ways and being unable to fully embrace God's ways. My husband and I faced many challenges and struggles as a young couple but as we look back, we realise it was all for the testing of our faith. Indeed, God was always faithful



Article by  
Joy Sophiya

and His mercy and grace sustained us and carried us through every trial we faced. I have been living in Malaysia for 14 years now and have grown to love the people, culture and traditions. Above all, Malaysia has given me a family, many wonderful friends and spiritual mentors who have helped me grow spiritually and made me the woman I am today.

Right from the time I was saved, despite all the challenges, I knew with certainty that God was going to use me for His purposes and His kingdom. But in what way? I did not have the faintest idea.

Then, in 2011, my husband and I met Pastor Stanley Gerard of Go Forth Asia (GFA), who took us for our very first overseas mission trip - it was a medical mission to Cambodia.

That experience birthed in us a new understanding of what it means to truly love and serve God. A fire began to burn within our hearts for the lost and since then, our lives have never been the same! We became passionate to bring the gospel to the lost, especially to the younger generation. God has given me the opportunity to minister to youth and young adults and He has shown me that young people in this nation and all over the world are the main target of the enemy in these last days. I recall how 'trapped' and hopeless I used to feel, convinced there was no way out of my situation. I do not want another young person to experience that same sense of hopelessness when I know there is a way out and that way is through the Name of Jesus Christ. Today, virtual reality has created such a distorted view of the real world for young people. Many are also caught up with social media and enslaved by its effects. This generation of young people needs help and we must be willing to heed God's call to be a light in the darkness to them.

God has blessed Jason and me with two beautiful daughters - one is 16 years old and the other is 2 years old! We, as parents, have the awesome God-given opportunity and responsibility to ensure that they have a solid foundation in Christ in order to escape the snares of the enemy and be overcomers! In the same way that I am concerned for the well-being of my own children, my heart goes out to young people everywhere, especially in this nation. I believe that God has given His Church this big responsibility to lead the younger generation back to Him and His Word.

To this end, we partner with GFA, ministering and discipling young people, both in East and West Malaysia. We travel to various parts of Malaysia ministering to young people, using music as one of the platforms to engage with them, becoming friends and eventually, leading the unsaved to Christ or helping others find their way back to the Father's arms.

Currently, we have a few small groups for young people within Selangor participating in obedience-themed bible studies. The aim of these bible studies is to help young people return to the basics of God's Word, to love His Word and learn to obey His commands. When they are ready, we assist by placing them in a local church where they can grow spiritually strong and mature in their faith, with the vision and hope that they will be future leaders, impacting the lives of many others.

Jason and I are truly thankful to GFA for helping to equip and raise us up as 'next generation' leaders. I believe the year 2020 will bring a great harvest of young people into God's kingdom and I am excited to be one of God's workers in this harvest field! May I take this opportunity to invite you to be a part of God's great work in and through the next generation!

21-22nd Sept  
**MISSION WEEK**  
FGA, KUALA LUMPUR  
Booth display & fund raising.



ESTABLISHED  
**2015**

5 Board members  
4 Pastors  
7 Staff & Volunteers  
12 Worldwide Partners  
Monthly Prayer Meet

**SELANGOR**  
USJ, SUBANG JAYA

Ps Stanley & Ps Takashi  
Vista Perdana Iban Church  
Canada Hill Church

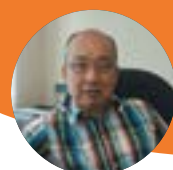
**MIRI, SARAWAK**  
EAST MALAYSIA



Ps Stanley



Tania Lee



Philip Ong



Ps Joshua



Steven Chung



Ps Theodore



Ps Chok &  
Ps Betty



Dr Jason &  
Joy Sophiya



Grace Iburg



John Teh





# CAMBODIA

Founders - Ps Stanley & Sis Pushpa  
Caretakers - Bro Top & Wife Chhoun

## MIKI HOME

*Making Inroads for Kingdom Interests (MIKI)*

### PHSAR KROM

Children's Home

8 Children (7 in-house & 1 staying out)

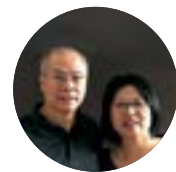
- + Adopting more in the near future
- + Many have passed through, graduated and currently working.



Ps Stanley



Sis Pushpa



Ps Chok & Ps Betty



Bro Top & Wife Chhoun

**2012-2019** Sis Pushpa Nabham

**2019-2020** Ps Chok & Ps Betty

**2020** Bro Top Prum & Wife Chhoun Chhengkea

## Vision

To provide shelter, education and primary care for underprivileged and special needs children.

## Mission

To provide these special children with the right foundation for a bright and hopeful future by enhancing their well being in their physical, mental, emotional and spiritual growth.

## SIEM REAP

1.007 million (2019)  
10,299 square kilometres

## MIKI HOME & GFA CHURCH PLANTING

MIKI (Making Inroads for Kingdom Interests) was set-up in 2012 as a children's home. Our children come from underprivileged and broken homes, having experienced hopelessness in their community and in their very own families. We firmly believe that children should live in a safe and happy environment, which is why we strive to make MIKI a 'home away from home.'

By the grace of God, MIKI has now entered our eighth year in Cambodia. Our desire is for each child to know God personally as their Heavenly Father who loves them unconditionally, cares for them, and to be assured of His promise in Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

We give hope to our children by caring for them and meeting their basic needs of food, shelter, clothing and education. We also do our best by preparing and guiding them into God's plan for their future. Truly, we recognize that we do all this by God's grace alone! How else can we be capable of loving, ministering to, watching over and guiding these precious young lives that God has entrusted us with?

We are also very appreciative of our many supporters and donors who give generously and consistently towards the work in MIKI. Your giving has blessed and enriched the lives of our children more than you can imagine. All glory to God!



17 Missionaries  
(1 doctor & 1 dentist)

210 total patients  
46 dental patients  
100 families (food)  
34 villagers (accepted Christ)

Organized by  
NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Community work & medical mission in Phnom Krom village.

MAR 2018

A weekly 'cell' meeting was started at the home of a lady named Sopheak. Ps Yu Leang conducted bible study for the new group of people. Evolved into a church housed in a rented wooden premise just by the main road. Weekly services held on Sundays.

160 attendees including children

2018

100 families (food & fishing nets)

Partnered with  
NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH

**Humanitarian Aid**  
Recent heavy storms which resulted in an unexpected flooding.

OCT 2018

Church moved to a rented house right next to the Phnom Krom mountain. Weekly youth and children's ministries.

Free English tuition classes for the community every Monday to Thursday.

Ps Yu Leang & wife Sopheak  
4 volunteer workers  
80 attendees including children

DEC 2019

## PHNOM KROM CHURCH PLANTING

Ps Yu Leang

Medical mission, community outreach, humanitarian aid, English classes, etc.

Apart from managing MIKI, Go Forth Asia also focuses on unreached people groups in the Siem Reap area. We venture into rural and remote areas, reaching out to the communities there and eventually starting a church in their location. We then equip local pastors and leaders by conducting training programs to help them be grounded in their faith and in the Word of God. Subjects such as Discipleship, Leadership, Children's Ministry and Youth Ministry are taught so that these pastors and leaders can effectively teach and instruct their congregation in the Word of God.

Cambodia is a developing country - a land of great potential and opportunity. However, many of the people are still in great need, both physically and spiritually. God's labourers are needed and to this end, GFA continues to press in, sowing the seeds of God's love and God's Word, and standing ready to bring in a great harvest of souls for His kingdom. May Cambodia be greatly blessed by the Lord!



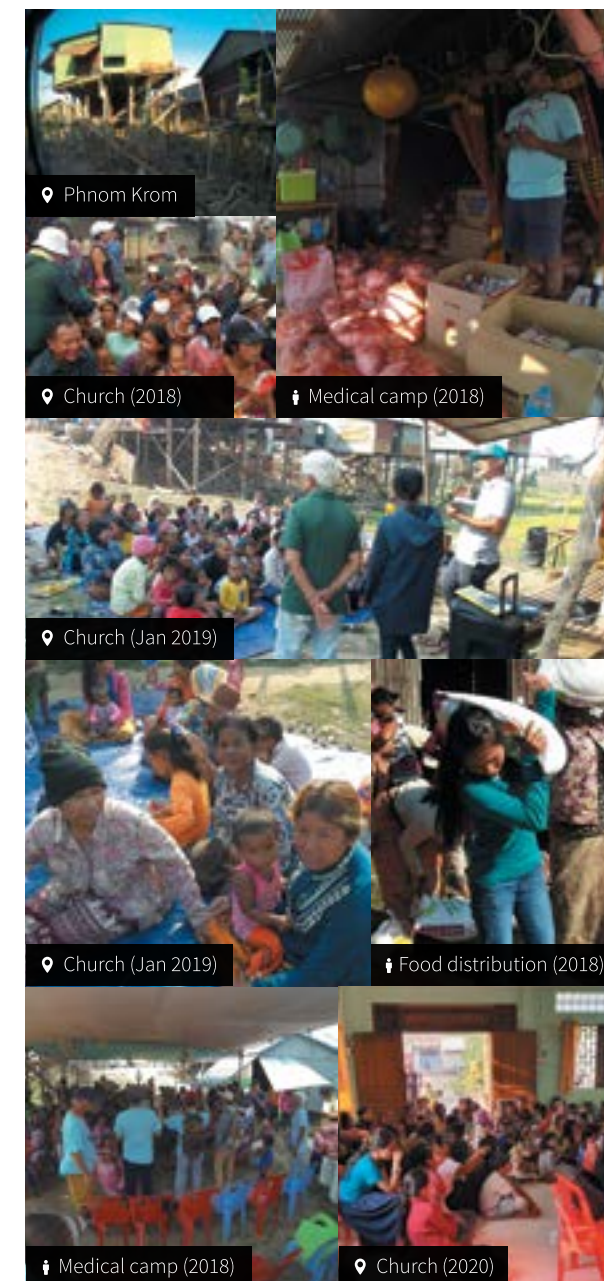
Ps Yu Leang & wife Sopheak



Sis Sopheak



Article by  
Ps Chok







**LEGEND**  
OCT to DEC 2019

Water Baptism ■

New Cell ■

Home Visitations ■

2 1 42 Ps Zakir Hossain

🕌 **DINAJPUR (Sept 2019)**

**CHURCH**

👤 34 members & 4 leaders

🕌 **MYMENSINGH (June 2019)**

**CHURCH**

👤 28 members & 2 leaders

+ **MEDICAL CAMP (June 2019)**

👤 488 patients

👤 3 doctors, 3 para medical staff & 5 volunteers

2 1 48 Ps Bivash Roy

🕌 **MEHERPUR (March 2019)**

**CHURCH**

👤 27 members & 4 leaders

🕌 **GOPALGANJ**

**BANGLADESH COMMUNITY CENTER (BCC)**

👤 242 pastors & leaders

🕌 **NAOGAON (Sept 2019)**

**CHURCH**

👤 34 members & 2 leaders

🕌 **FARIDPUR (March 2019)**

**CHURCH**

👤 25 members & 2 leaders

2 1 48 Ps Omor Molla

🕌 **BARISHAL (June / Nov 2019)**

**2 CHURCHES**

👤 35 / 32 members & 5 leaders

1 1 38 Ps Jacob Kunda

2 1 58 Ps Novodan Barol

# BANGLADESH

● **MAGURA** Nov 2019  
Training - 35 attendees

● **BAGERHAT** July 2019  
Training - 35 attendees

**For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building. - 1 Corinthians 3:9**

Bangladesh is one of the most densely populated countries in the world, with a total population of approximately 165 million people, concentrated in the two main cities of Dhaka and Chittagong. Despite the overcrowding, the warmth and hospitality of the Bangladeshis was in abundance, on my very first trip there. Guided by Ps Stanley of GFA, Ps Takashi from Japan and Ps Newton (our local coordinator), I journeyed to this land, with the hope of learning their culture and traditions as well as experiencing firsthand the lifestyle of believers there. I was truly blessed to be given the opportunity to share the Word of God and encourage a small church consisting of persecuted Christians. Traveling, more often than not, requires various modes of transportation, especially to reach remote villages. The indomitable determination of the local leaders and pastors to reach the unreachable is truly inspirational!

Apart from our ministry in various towns and villages, we also paid a visit to our locally planted school/church located at Savar in Dhaka district. We exhorted the teachers and students and also distributed basic food items to needy families. Our other primary objective was to view a piece of land recently purchased by

GFA. Our vision is to build a halfway house, a bible school and a training centre on this land. Local pastors and leaders are putting their hands to the plough and lending their resources in the development of this project. We are deeply appreciative of all who have contributed generously for the purchase of the land and assisted in fund raising for the construction of the building.

We stood before that land and gave thanks to our heavenly Father, as we recalled His faithfulness in fulfilling the vision He had given to us. Truly, our God is able to supply all our needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus! We saw the land with our physical eyes but, through the eyes of faith, we were able to describe the building. We are now looking to God, believing that He will supply everything that is needed so that the construction can be completed in 2020/2021.

The Christian population in Bangladesh accounts for only 0.5% of the total population. Thousands are turning to Christ and Christianity is growing in this nation but much still needs to be done. Bangladesh clearly needs Christ and we, as His people, need to persevere in reaching the lost, no matter the cost. We treasure your prayers for GFA as we continue to pour in our resources and partner with local leaders to accomplish God's purposes and plans for this nation. The harvest is truly ripe and God invites us to join Him in His mission - gathering souls into His kingdom!

Article by Ps Takashi & John Teh

Ps Newton Sarkar 3 2 52

🕌 **DHAKA (2018)**

**CHURCH (GFA BANGLADESH HQ)**

👤 30 members & 5 leaders

(CHURCH) 22 families (30 children & 40 adults) 👤

(SCHOOL) 6 teachers & 120 students 👤

**SAVAR (Jan 2017)**

Ps James Liton

3 1 49

Ps Richard Adhikary

2 2 55

**JESSORE (June / Nov 2019)**

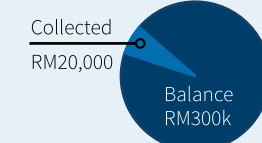
**2 CHURCHES** 22 / 40 members (2 leaders) 👤

🕌 **KOTALIPARA (2019)**

**PURCHASED LAND - Kotalipara, Gopalganj**

Church, Training center, Halfway House, Refuge Center, Farm, etc.

**FUNDS RAISED**  
(Building & Overall Construction)



**END OF 2020**  
(Estimated time of completion)

**INFORMATION / STATUS**  
(Ongoing Works)

- 📏 Size - 1 Acre
- 🧱 Boundary wall under construction
- 💰 USD500 (contributed by local pastors)
- 👤 > 242 Pastors and Leaders are involved

**BUILDING STRUCTURE**  
(Total - 3 floors)

- 🏠 Pastors' Residence
- 🏢 Conference Hall
- 🍽 Dining

**SELF-SUSTAINING COMMUNITY**  
(Self Consumption + Sale)

- 🐟 Fish farm
- 🌴 Coconut plantation
- 🐔 Poultry farm



## MINISTRIES

Pastoring & leading over 200 cell-church leaders, GFA leadership training and church planting.

## FUTURE PLANS

The 2-year vision for GFA Bangladesh is to reach more souls for Christ and to plant 5000 more cell churches by the year 2020.



**DHAKA (GFA HQ)**

👤 Ps Newton Sarkar



8 assistants / workers.

2 1 48 Ps Saroj

🕌 **COX'S BAZAR**

**Sept 2019**

**CHURCH**

👤 18 members & 2 leaders



Ps Takashi



John Teh





## MINISTERING IN THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE

After much ministry in the different parts of Myanmar, a land of dictatorial rule for many years, a spiritual breakthrough has come. Go Forth Asia is now ministering in an area known as the Golden Triangle--a place where the borders of Myanmar, Thailand and Laos meet--in a town called Tachileik, which takes about an hour to reach from Chiang Rai.

In Tachileik, Go Forth Asia supports Pastor Morris and his team of pastors and leaders, who have come aboard Go Forth Asia for the past 3 years. Together, they are moving aggressively in evangelizing many in the region. Pastor Morris also runs an orphanage called Vineyard, which has 28 children. Go Forth Asia has been supporting them for the past 3 years.

Since last year, Go Forth Asia has been going in to train the pastors and leaders intensively, as well as to raise up more church planters and leaders, so they can go into their own villages and conduct their own trainings. In early January 2020, Go Forth Asia organized a further training with a team of 2 pastors and a junior participant, whose personal testimony we reproduce below—

**Divinely Orchestrated** - It was the end of our first session and we were about to leave. I turned to Pastor Gilbert and I asked him, 'The song that the worship team sang toward the end of the session, do you know what the lyrics meant? You decided to spend some time praying in tongues, and invited the Holy Spirit in.' Pastor Gilbert, of course, said 'No'. (The song was sung in Burmese, and none of us spoke Burmese). I told Pastor Gilbert, 'I asked the worship leader what the song meant. The worship leader told me, it was the Holy Spirit song.'

"Wow." All I could say was, 'Sounds like someone up there is planning things.'

Fast forward to later that evening. It would be my turn to teach the next session the following morning: "Praise & Worship". I had already planned out the lesson outline. Just a simple example from King Jehoshaphat and a simple example from King David--AND about 10 chapters' worth of Psalms to explain the difference between praise and worship.

I was beginning to get restless--'Lord, I need to go through all these Psalms'--'Lord, I need to explain what praise and worship really mean'--'Lord, I need to explain Psalm 95:1-6 (my key scripture on praise vs worship)--'Lord, if I cut all that out, my lesson is going to be so simple and so short'. But just before I slept, I decided to cut it all out. Cut out all the stuff about praise vs worship, cut out all of the extra--and leave just the two central stories on King Jehoshaphat and King David. My lesson could be done in one hour. I was given three hours. The morning of the session arrived. Pastor Stanley started off with an introduction. As he went about the topics, I could see that he was covering most of the material that I wasn't. Maybe. It could just be a coincidence. But then he stopped with a scripture. Could you guess what it was? It was Psalm 95. "Wow". And I soon got the feeling, 'God's gonna move in here'. And I believe He did.

It's "wow" moments like these that make us realize who's really in control. It's how we get questions like, 'How did the worship leader know I was going to share that verse?', or 'How did the speaker know I was going to sing that song?'. It's what we get when all God's devices are connected to a common source. We get to see the hand of a Divine Orchestrator at work. A heavenly Wi-Fi of sorts. It's always a great question to ask, 'How may I submit to the Holy Spirit today?' I want to see Him move. How about you?

As a parting word, I'd like to say a huge thanks to Pastor Morris, Pastor Cung Cung and everyone at Vineyard. In particular, Pastor Morris. Never before have I seen a man so humble and grounded in God for all the Lord has blessed him. May the Lord continue to prosper the work of his hands and supply all his needs.

I am also thankful to GFA for giving me this opportunity to go on my very first mission trip and to experience the powerful anointing of the Holy Spirit as I taught and shared on His precious Word. It was my first overseas mission trip but I know that it won't be my last! To God be all the glory!



Article by  
Bro Jonathan



TACHILEIK

Rev Morris



9 church planters.

# MYANMAR

### LEGEND

JULY to DEC 2019 ▼

Water Baptism

Home Visitations

# CHINA

**MONG LIN (Sept 2017)** 🏰

**CHURCH - Ps Aa Pha**

6 members

1 20

**HOI LEN (June 2007)** 🏰

**CHURCH - Ps Enoch**

32 members

7 36

**LAW SAN SHI (May 2005)** 🏰

**CHURCH - Ps Barnabas**

1 assistant

146 members

14 24

**TACHILEIK (Dec 2003)** 🏰

**CHRISTIAN MISSION CHURCH (CMC) - Rev Morris**

GFA Myanmar HQ

2 assistants

122 members

Rev Morris 13 35

Ps Myo Myo Oo 7 23

**TACHILEIK (June 2017)**

**Vineyard Children's Home - Ps Ngun Ci**

28 children

1 47

# THAILAND

# LAOS





**MINISTRIES**

- Evangelism crusades
- Prayer and revival seminars
- Church planting
- Village outreach ministry
- Children's ministry
- Medical assistance
- Financial assistance for the needy
- Rehabilitation for drug addicts
- Education programs
- Sports programs
- Christian literature distribution



Ps Emmanuel Sadiq



2 churches planted.



12 assistants.

**FUTURE PLANS**

To establish more skill centres (i.e. computer and sewing centres).  
To uplift deprived communities, especially the widows and orphans. To conduct more leadership training for pastors.

**KHANEWAL DISTRICT**
**GFA LEADERSHIP TRAINING #1**

- 33 Attendees
- Village 81/82

**MULTAN**
**GFA LEADERSHIP TRAINING #1**

- 43 Attendees
- Community Project Beauty Parlor (Razabad Christian Colony Multan)

**GFA LEADERSHIP TRAINING #2**

- 42 Attendees
- Chabagh Wala Colony (Cell Group)

**LANDHI**
**GFA LEADERSHIP TRAINING #4**

- 33 Attendees
- Abrahim Colony (House Church)

**+ MEDICAL CAMP (Sept 2019)**

- 165 patients
- 2 doctors, 2 nurses, 3 para medical staff & 4 volunteers
- 500 households

**PAKISTAN****LEGEND**

OCT to DEC 2019

- Water Baptism
- Home Visitations

**MULTAN****AFM CHURCH**

10 Pastors

6 different cities (Punjab province)  
Multan, Khanewal, Mian Channu, Sahiwal and Okara.

**SCHOOL**

65 Children

Razabad Christian Colony Multan

Ps Emmanuel Sadiq

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**GOD HAS NOT FORGOTTEN YOU, O BELOVED JAPAN**

'The Land of the Rising Sun', a phrase synonymous with Japan, is home to 126 million people, 91.8% of whom live in urban areas. Japan is an island country located in East Asia and its five main islands of Hokkaido, Honshu, Kyushu, Shikoku and Okinawa comprise 97% of the country's total area. Ask anyone who has visited Japan and they will say that it is one of the most stunning places in the world – from subtropical beaches to snowy mountains, futuristic skylines to ancient temples. It is a beautiful land known for its excellent cuisine, cherry blossoms and advanced technology. Sadly, Japan also ranks as one of the countries with a high suicide rate, according to a recent World Health Organization report.

Religion in Japan is dominated by Shinto and Buddhism while Christianity falls to a dismal 2%. Furthermore, there has not been significant church growth despite years of evangelistic efforts by local and foreign missionaries in this nation. Has God forgotten Japan? This is the question upon the hearts and minds of many missionaries and pastors who have laboured and persevered through the years, bringing the light of the gospel to Japan. Will revival come to Japan, as it has to many other nations in the world?

I believe the answer is a resounding "Amen!"



The Lord has not forgotten you, Japan! He has seen the years of unwavering labour of His faithful servants. In His perfect timing and plan for Japan, He will send a mighty revival upon this land that will bring glory to His Name. As the body of Christ continues to intercede and send God's labourers into Japan, strongholds will be pulled down and a spiritual tsunami will encompass the nation!

Most Japanese are bound by family, tradition and culture and this is the main hindrance to them embracing Christianity. In recent years, however, there has been a change in the spiritual climate of Japan, especially among the younger generation. Old belief systems are slowly being broken down and hearts are becoming more receptive to the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ.

As I have travelled across Japan - training and equipping leaders as well as ministering in churches - I have witnessed escalating numbers being touched by the Spirit of God. I have personally seen people walking into churches and being miraculously healed and receiving salvation. There is also tremendous spiritual growth and transformation among the younger generation believers, some of whom have given up their careers to serve God in a full-time capacity. All this has encouraged me to return to Japan year after year – ministering to pastors and leaders, equipping the body of Christ for the work of ministry and helping to raise up young men and women who will give their all to serve Christ.

Article by  
Ps Stanley

To the faithful brethren all over the world who have been interceding for Japan all these years as well as those who have laboured long in this vineyard, be assured that your prayers are being answered and your labour has not been in vain. A great revival is surely coming to Japan! Many missionaries, churches, Christian businessmen and young people all over the world are being mobilized, ready to take the gospel throughout Japan.

As a fellow partner in prayer, GFA's vision for Japan is that Jesus will arise to reveal Himself as the Son of God to the multitudes living in darkness and set them free to worship the one true God. We, as the global body of Christ, will faithfully persevere in prayer until the Lord gathers in a great harvest of souls in this 'Land of the Rising Sun'. God has not forgotten you, O beloved Japan!



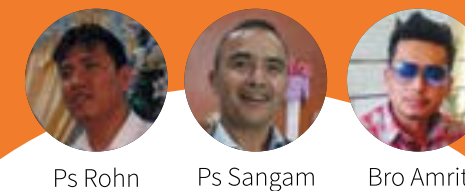


## TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THAT CHRIST HAS COMMANDED

Completely closed to the gospel until the political revolution of 1951, Christianity in Nepal is reportedly growing at an impressive rate of over 10% annually. Jesus promised that signs would follow the preaching of the Word of God and I believe we are witnessing this very thing happening in Nepal.

Active personal evangelism accompanied by powerful experiences of healing and deliverance have opened entire families to the gospel of Jesus Christ - liberating men and women from generations of curses due to witchcraft, the burden of caste segregation, domestic violence and gender inequality. At the same time, tens of thousands of young Nepalese men, in being sent overseas to fill the demand for foreign labour, have been exposed to the gospel, and are returning to their homeland - saved, delivered and on fire for Christ. Young and dynamic, the church in Nepal is surging with the potential to transform the whole nation for Christ. All glory to God!

In August 2019, my wife and I travelled to Kathmandu for 6 days - ministering at church services, youth and ladies' meetings as well as conducting training for church leaders. The many testimonies we heard of how people had come to Christ were truly amazing. It was exciting to see how the miraculous healing power of the gospel had become a motivation, not just for adults, but even for children of first generation believers, to seek and serve the Lord with all their hearts!



NIM Sapatar Church  
40 believers

**KATHMANDU (Aug 2019)**  
**NIM JORPATI CHURCH**  
 40 Attendees (Leadership Training)  
 Ps Theodore & Bro Amrit

Now, however, as the Nepali church is steadily growing in number and a new generation of believers is arising, the need to 'teach them to observe all that Jesus commanded' (Matthew 28:20), is fast becoming urgent. The dangers of strange doctrines, false religion and spiritual dullness - brought on by material distractions - must not be underestimated. The church in Nepal must be nurtured and grounded in the faith and in God's Word so that it will emerge strong and resilient. At the same time, evangelistic outreach within cities and to remote villages must be maintained and even intensified to ensure the steady growth of the Nepali church.

Since 2017, GFA has been endeavouring to meet this very pertinent need in Nepal. We started by supporting 2 key leaders. In 2020, we will increase our support to a total of 9 leaders who minister in Kathmandu, Hetauda, Lalitpur and Dhading. Two leadership training programs are planned for February 2020, catering to a total of 30 pastors in Kathmandu and Lalitpur while in April 2020, GFA's partner, the Australian School of Ministry, will be conducting their second training program for senior leaders. Subsequently, in July 2020, Pastor Stanley Gerard together with another Australian partner, will pioneer a new work in the Gorkha district, ministering to 150 pastors from 23 churches.

Difficult terrain, unpredictable weather conditions and poorly maintained roads make access to remote villages and churches in Nepal a great challenge. Thus, our training is most often held in central locations in cities. Local pastors and leaders usually have to travel quite a distance to reach the training venues with most of them requiring 2 whole days just for travelling. The cost of transportation, food and accommodation for them is high. As an example, the cost of training for 30 pastors in February 2020 will be approximately USD1,500. Nevertheless, our trust is in the Living God who has promised that He will equip, complete and strengthen us to fulfil the task.

Together with faithful local and foreign partners, GFA is committed to strengthen and build up the church in Nepal for the effective establishment and expansion of Christ's glorious kingdom in this nation. Indeed, we will do whatever it takes to 'teach them to observe all that Jesus commanded'.



Article by  
Ps Theodore





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## FOR THE SON OF MAN CAME TO SEEK AND TO SAVE THE LOST

"Turun!" was my cue to jump off the motorbike while the driver scrambled up a steep, yellow, muddy slope. That was one of the experiences as part of the team from the Australian School of Ministry (ASOM) to Indonesia from 23 November–3 December 2019, led by the principal, Dr Natanael Costea. The mission trip took us to three cities: Palu, Manado and Pontianak. Evangelism is positively alive in Indonesia among the local churches. It is unmistakable that those who are faithful with little are also faithful with much as we see the fruits of sowing into these ministries. The Australian School of Ministry partners with Go Forth Asia and supports by equipping and funding in the ministries of GFA.



### Church / School

ASOM helped build 3 new classrooms (extension to the church)

### Rancang

Hendrik Yansen (Pustikawati's husband)

Michael Yansen (Pustikawati's nephew)

Ibu Pustikawati (Visionary leader)

### PONTIANAK (West Kalimantan)

Rumah Retreat Gloria (Tikalong)

### ASOM AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

Led by Dr Natanael Costea

ASOM has had an 18 year partnership with Ibu Pustikawati & Hendrik Yansen, supporting the Dayak people.

### Purasak & Bambuk

### PALU (Central Sulawesi)

2018 Earthquake & Tsunami

Ps Markus (local pastor) **Sahlua** (Donation Raised by ASOM)  
Ps Andrew Prakasam **Tuah**  
Dan Peterson

Philip East (Agriculture missionary - Perth)

Dr Jeff Hammond (Australian missionary, since 1974)

### Kapot Kannan (70 HA village)

Persecuted by jihadist. Blessed with a primary school, an orphanage & a Bible school.

### MANADO (North Sulawesi)

## INDONESIA

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