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### Vision Statement

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

### Mission 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

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



# LORD OF THE HARVEST



## Time waits for no man

**"Time waits for no man."** That is so true. We are now in the new year of 2017. God has been faithful as He has promised. Our many mission trips testify to His grace and mercy. GFA has seen His providence in our many projects and partnerships during the past year (Psalm 144:2; Philippians 4:19).

A miracle we witnessed was in Sarvar, Bangladesh where a school cum church became a reality. This school has started with more than 200 needy students. It will also serve as a house of worship for believers. The dedication ceremony will be in late February 2017.

Our partnerships have been established in the nations of Cambodia, Thailand, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal and Indonesia as well as in East Malaysia. Leadership trainings for local pastors and leaders are already in the pipeline for this year. We are awed at God's mighty hand at

work in these nations and we ask for His anointing and empowerment to fulfill it. Man is definitely not an island nor is one man able to do everything by himself. Without the help of qualified and experienced volunteers in GFA, our many projects and plans would be stifled. We are grateful our volunteers have been instrumental in helping us with our website, newsletter and administration. Our gratitude also to all who have journeyed with us in prayer, financial support and mission trips. Not forgetting our faithful workers in the field who are fervently reaching out and touching lives with the gospel of Jesus Christ through training, church planting, medical mission and community development. Another exciting year lies ahead, as we marvel at the amazing works of the Lord. Amidst times of economic slowdown and pessimism, we as God's people say, "Is there anything too hard for our God?" (Jeremiah 32:27). Wishing everyone a meaningful and fruitful 2017 and we give all the glory to God and God alone

Stanley Gerard  
Director, GFA

## GFA Bangladesh (Gopalganj - July 2016)

We conducted Youth meetings and visited a women cell church, shared the Word, did counselling and prayed for the sisters.

First Leadership Training: 21 - 23 July

This was our 1<sup>st</sup> GFA training in this place. There were 55 participants in this Training.

**Subjects Taught:** Prayer; Praise & Worship; Leadership.

**Teachers:** Ps Newton Sarkar, Ps Shusantho, Mrs Merry Sarkar.

**Ministry Team:** Ps Newton Sarkar, Ps Shusantho, Ps Monoranjon

**Home Visitation:** We visited 23 families. During the visits, we shared the Word of God, heard their prayer requests and prayed for them.



Leadership training in progress



Women's Cell Leader Mrs. Piku Ojha was testifying

### Testimony:

Mr. Firoz (Youth Leader)

I thank God for communing with me through GFA Training. I like all the lessons and I have also suggested to my friends to attend this training. God has touched me through His grace and I have received His blessings. This GFA training has changed my whole life; I learned to pray, worship the Lord and God has blessed me tremendously.

### Testimony:

Mrs. Piku Ojha (Women Cell Leader)

When I was a young girl, I attended Sunday School with my Christian friends. I know Jesus is the only one Savior in this world but I have no way to receive Christ.

When I was married, I introduced my husband to Ps Newton. Ps Newton gave us some gospel books and Jesus film DVD. Few years ago when my father-in-law was very sick, Ps Newton sent some pastors to our house and they prayed for my father-in-law and he was healed. After my father-in-law received his healing, he denied he had received Christ. Whenever he got sick, he would call Ps Newton and his co-pastors to pray for him. After several afflictions, he was paralyzed. He understood without Jesus there was no way to get healing. Several weeks later, he was healed and received Christ as his personal Saviour and became a part of God's family. Praise the Lord.

We are very happy to have the opportunity to learn more of God's Word through GFA training in our village.



Ps Newton was teaching the youths



Youth meeting conducted by Ps Monoranion

## GFA BANGLADESH (Faridpur – Sept 2016)

This was the 1st GFA leadership training in Faridpur District (26-28 Sept) There were 40 participants in this training.

**Subjects Taught:** Prayer; Praise & Worship; Leadership.

**Teachers and Ministry Team:** Ps Newton Sarkar and Ps Raton.

### Home Visitation:

We visited 19 families, shared the Word of God and heard their prayer requests and prayed for them. We visited some persecuted families

### Testimony:

Ps Sukantho

This is my first time in a GFA training. The training has made me understand more about Prayer, Praise & Worship. The Holy Spirit has miraculously delivered me from my addiction, my rude and stubborn nature. I have started seeing visions and dreams - something that I have never experienced in all my life. I also joined the prayer time during the training program. It was a heavenly experience!



Prayer for the next generation

## GFA BANGLADESH (Sri Mongol - Nov 2016)

This was the 1st GFA leadership training in Sri Mongol District. There were 40 participants in this training (17 – 19 Nov).

**Subjects Taught:** Prayer, Praise & Worship, Leadership.

**Teachers & Ministry Team:** Ps Newton Sarkar, Ps Richard, Ps Robin

### Home Visitations & News about Sri Mongol:

We visited 17 families in Sri Mongol. It is a beautiful district in Bangladesh. There are acres and acres of tea plantations and rubber trees. Many people are working in the tea plantations. Sri Mongol is a hilly place and the roads are very narrow. Some areas have no transport, so we need to walk for 5 or 6 kilometers to reach a certain destination. The residents are living under deep poverty. Some have only one meal a day but they have a strong desire for the Lord.



Ministering to the ladies

### Testimony:

Robin Murmo

I was in GFA training for 3 days. On 15 Nov my 2-1/2 year-old daughter and my 4 year-old son were both infected by chickenpox. My daughter was crying and itching for a whole night on 16 Nov. I gave her medicine but the itching didn't stop and my daughter continued crying until the next day. Then the next day, I was at GFA training. God spoke to me continuously through two subjects which were: "Praise & Worship" and "Prayer". I therefore continued to pray to God for my children's healing. The GFA team also prayed for my children. On that day all the teachings were on Prayer, Praise & Worship. I cried and prayed. From that night onwards, there was no more itching or pain. Both my son and daughter were healed from the chickenpox. Praise the Lord!

### Testimony:

Ps Hebol

I am so thankful to God for a wonderful training in our area. It was a great blessing for all the believers who are workers in the tea plantation. Tea plantation workers are doing hard work daily and at the end of the day they came to my house and attended the prayer meeting. The pastors and leaders also ministered to them. We are grateful to the GFA team who came to our district.

## GFA PAKISTAN (Mian Channu - July 2016)

The ministry team of Ps Emmanuel Sadiq, Ps Simon Shahbaz and Ps Bramuel James conducted this leadership training in Mian Channu on 5-8 July.

### Home Visitation:

As part of training, house visitations were a virtual experience for the trainees. 14 homes were visited, with salvations and 3 believers were baptised in the Holy Spirit.

### Night Rally:

A night rally of evangelism was conducted at Village 13. The Lord touched 17 souls and they gave their lives to the Saviour. Many received healing through prayer and even demon-oppressed individuals were liberated.



Ps Emmanuel (in grey striped shirt) with the pastors and leaders

### Testimony:

Sana Perviaz

I am a young Christian of 22 years. I am thankful to the pastors who came to our city. God did great work in our lives and after the training program, the villagers in my vicinity were experiencing spiritual revival. After the first training session, I was filled with the Holy Spirit and I prayed to God that I wanted to work among the youths. He answered my prayer and used me for the youths. We started a Youth Group in the House Church and we have fellowship every Wednesday. Praise the God, we have 13 members in our Youth Fellowship.



A big crowd at the Night Rally

## GFA PAKISTAN (Chichawatni - Aug 2016)

The trainers (Ps Emmanuel, Simon and Saleem) taught 31 trainees who attended the Leadership Training.

### Home Visitation:

Trainees were assigned to visit 26 homes in Villages 104 and 112. The Gospel was shared with 29 souls won to the Lord.

### Night Rally:

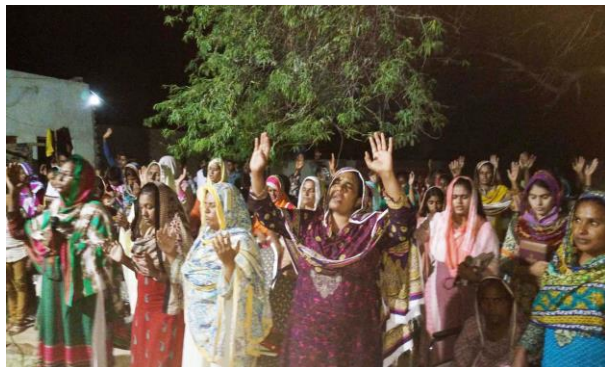
This evangelistic meeting saw God moving as the Gospel message was preached. 23 souls were saved and 2 demon-oppressed villagers were set free in Jesus' name.



Ps Emmanuel with pastors and leaders after the training sessions

### Testimony:

I am a young girl and a member of RCAM Church at village 148. I am very grateful to God that I am a part of this training. My parents and my whole family were nominal Christians. My brothers and my father used to take drugs and alcohol which made the atmosphere of our house unpleasant. When my mother and I attended these trainings, we started praying hard for them. God intervened and transformed their lives and they discarded their bad habits. It was an encouraging testimony to the people in our village.



Women praying at the Night Rally

# GFA NEPAL - Leadership Training - Nov 2016

Ps Stanley and Elder Albert Chen conducted a leadership training in Ratomate Aasish Church in Hetuada Village, a 6-hour hilly-terrained drive from Kathmandu. 30 Nepali pastors and some church planters attended the training. The participants were mainly young men and women who received the Lord in Malaysia and had now returned home. Many have accepted the Lord and are now serving God fulltime. Eleven sessions were organized during the 3-day seminar. Elder Albert and Ps Stanley had a fruitful discussion in Kathmandu with the local pastors on ministry plans for 2017.



Ps Stanley, Ps Joshua, Ps Rhon and Elder Albert Chen.



Physical food for 40 people



A time of worship before the training sessions



Ps Stanley conducting training



Pastors and leaders with their families



Elder Albert teaching a training session



Worshipping the Lord

# GFA CAMBODIA - Sept 2016

## Leadership Training 7-9 Sept

Venue: The True Way of Life Church, Phnom Penh

Facilitated by Ps Paul Bonython, Ps Gail Bonython, Ps Stanley Gerard

7 Sept - The Greatness of our God – Ps Paul & Ps Gail

8 Sept - Worth of Wisdom – Ps Paul & Ps Gail

9 Sept - Victorious Christian Living/Counselling – Ps Stanley Gerard

55 local pastors and leaders attended.



Ps Paul and Ps Gail ministering with God's touch



Leadership training group picture



Ps Paul teaching the leaders

## Testimony:

My name is Sophon Monophal from Kandal Province. I learned a lot from this training:

The Greatness of God. John 3:16 became alive to me as I understand that our God is so different from all the worldly gods. Our God is full of love, mercy and forgiveness. He gives us amazing grace to come to Him through Jesus Christ.

Worth of Wisdom: I learned about the time line in the bible from Genesis to Revelation, and I learned about who were the great men of God and their characteristics when they walked with God. About Luke 10, the Good Samaritan is compared with Jesus Christ, oil represents the Holy Spirit, and wine represents the blood of Jesus that cleanses our sins.

One amazing thing that I have learnt from the book of Isaiah is that it reveals to us a whole picture in the bible. There are 66 chapters in the book of Isaiah: 39 chapters represent the Old Testament, 27 chapters the New Testament. History in the bible is not just about true events. It is really about the story of Jesus Christ.



Ps Gail sharing with women

## Testimony:

My name is Chean Savrey from Tbong Khoum Province. I learned about the greatness of God. My God is a living God (John 3:16). He always hears when I pray, and responds to what I ask. He cares about His people. He is very different from other gods. He came down to earth to save us from our sins by dying on the cross. After three days, He rose from the grave. The Lord is full of love, mercy, forgiveness and He gives us eternal life.

## Medical Missions: GFA Bangladesh (Jessore - 4 Oct 2016)

**Total number of patients: 467**

### Medical Camp Objectives:

We conducted a medical camp in Jessore District. The objectives were to provide medicine, vitamins and antibiotics to the villagers. We also helped to increase awareness of basic hygiene and preventive health care and to determine the percentage of the most common diseases among them. The team comprised of 3 doctors, 1 dentist, 3 para medical staff and 6 volunteer workers.



A GFA volunteer helping to sort out the various medicine



A doctor giving a child's prescription

A few months ago, many villages were devastated by floods. Many people were afflicted with diseases but they did not have enough money to buy medicines. The people were afflicted with skin disease, fever, diabetes, stomachaches, Hepatitis A, B and C. Our doctors and volunteers treated them and many were happy and blessed to receive the treatment. We also conducted blood tests for certain patients, especially those over 40s and serious cases. Our pastors and leaders will continue to visit them and help them with counseling and prayers.

## Medical Missions: GFA Pakistan (Khanewal - 5 Oct 2016)

**Total number of patients: 117**

We conducted a Medical Camp in Shantinager Village. This village which is the second largest in Punjab is mainly populated by Christians.

Go Forth Asia has been helping this village by supporting its pastors and assisting in building this community by organizing several seminars and leadership training programs.

117 patients were given free medical treatment and medicine.

The objectives of the Medical Camp were to provide free consultation and treatment with medicines and vitamins, to increase awareness of basic hygiene and preventive health care. There was also an opportunity to determine the percentage of common diseases prevalent among the villagers and to assess their most pressing medical needs.

The ministering team comprised of 2 doctors, 3 nurses and 4 para medical staff.

Four volunteer workers also joined the team in ministering and counseling the people.

The main complaints among the patients were stomach ailments, Hepatitis A, B and C, malaria, skin diseases, eye infection and Tuberculosis (TB). We also conducted blood tests for patients who were in serious condition.



TOP: A child was being treated

BELOW: A doctor giving the medicine dosage.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: GFA MYANMAR

### LIVING WATER PROJECT

GFA continue digging more wells with hand pumps as a urgent request came in. Due to a drought in May-June in 2016, many had to walk miles to get water or drink contaminated water from existing water sources like pond. To date, we have completed 29 wells in needy villages. The people are very grateful since they can have access to clean water.



Trying out the water tap



3 children drinking the water



Flood victims

### FLOOD RESCUE AND RELIEF

The continued heavy rain across parts of Myanmar since July 2016 caused heavy flooding that affected about half a million people. As many as 100,000 people had to be evacuated. GFA sent in some funds so our partners were able to respond immediately to rescue some people affected by the floods. Food, water and relief items were purchased and distributed to the victims. At times, food was cooked for the display until they could return home.



Children eating porridges from their cups



Kids received dry food packs

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: GFA BANGLADESH (Nov 2016)



Ps Newton, with 3 helpers, brought the food stuff to the victims

The yearly floods due to heavy rains fell in devastating abundance and affected 2.5 million of the populace. 600 families were affected by the floods and lacked food for their families. GFA Bangladesh could only manage to help 300 families in Nilphamari, Lalmonirhat and Kurigram Districts with basic survival essentials such as rice and cooking oil. GFA is grateful to God for a Japanese church, moved to provide funds earmarked for this very purpose. A Malaysian church too

partnered GFA in the reconstruction of some houses and church buildings, in dire need of repairs after the flood waters receded. Christian love in practical action.



Some rice sacks fell into water. Later they were hooked up and dried.

## GFA MINISTRY PARTNER – Tent of David, Bangladesh

2016 saw much fruits in this ministry. Meetings in the slum areas progressed well, with evangelism efforts twice a week running smoothly, chalking up a total of 900 salvations out of 3500 attendance from Jan till Dec 2016. 15 house churches were established. 8 preaching points (outreaches) were initiated and 61 believers received water baptism. There was an increase of children attending Sunday School (under the care of Eity and Stella) in 2016, totaling 220 from the slum areas.

Attendance among the youth fellowship had also improved with 25 young people actively serving the Lord.



Training



Praying



Baptism



Ladies' Fellowship

Tent of David had trained and raised up 25 leaders, with some of them involved in prison ministry quarterly. There was a growing ministry among the ladies, in fellowship, prayer, counselling and encouraging each other. Leadership, mentoring and discipleship trainings were conducted once a month.

## The School-cum-Church - Dhaka, Bangladesh



Sarvar School/Church, Dhaka

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

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

## GFA MINISTRY PARTNER - MIKI Home, Cambodia

Praise the Lord, the children are healthy and happy. They had all passed their final school exams and one boy is now studying in a secondary school nearby. They enjoy their weekly art and craft sessions. They also learn to play guitar as well as ukulele. The boys enjoy playing football in the school, church and sports center.

Four older children attended the Traffic Law and Drug Abuse Prevention Workshop organized by the Western International School in Siem Reap. They also participated in making glutinous rice cakes for a local festival.

In November, the children started the new school year with new uniforms and sport attires.

Some Singapore friends came for a visit to the Home. They brought gifts of mooncakes and toys for the children, to their delight. Jehovah Jireh sent us generous donors from many countries. Beyond caring for the needs of the Home, God gave surpluses to distribute food and toiletries to 30 needy families in the near vicinity. We look forward to a fruitful 2017, as we labour to make a difference in the lives of the deprived children.



Enjoying an outing.



Singapore team with the children.



Birthday celebration with friends



Yummy mooncakes from Singapore

## GFA Visit To Miri & Bario, Sarawak (Aug 2016)

Ps Stanley Gerard, Ps Takashi, Bro GK Khoo and Bro Kithsiri Dais visited Miri and Bario, Sarawak in Aug 2016.

The purpose of the visit was to share the Word of God and to encourage the body of Christ.

The team visited 'BEM on the Rock' headed by Ps Andy Anyi Wan in Miri.

The next day, they took a flight to Bario where they shared the Word of God at the Long Houses and SIB Church, Bario.

The team, together with the locals, ascended the Prayer Mountain early in the morning to pray.

After that, they visited the memorial stone slab commemorating the Bario Revival in 3 Oct 1973.

A special fellowship with Ps Solomon Bulan (central figure in the Bario Revival) was arranged.

Before leaving Sarawak, the team met the Vice President, Ps Stephen Upani of SIB Church and other pastors for some discussion.

It had been a fruitful trip with GFA and envisaging a working partnership with the Sarawak churches in the near future.



Ps Andy Anyi Wan and wife posed with the team



Visiting the Bario hills



The team with Ps Solomon Bulan (centre) in Miri



Dinner fellowship at Canada Hill, Miri



Church Service at Bario Church



Traditional dances to welcome team

# GFA visit to MYANMAR and THAILAND (Nov 2016)

## Ps Mark Lim reports on his mission trip to Myanmar and Thailand

**Myanmar** – Travelled from Mae Sai, Chiengrai into Tachalek, Myanmar. Met up with four Burmese pastors. Ps Morris oversees the other 3 pastors (Ps Abraham, Ps Barnabas and Ps Amu) who have established churches in the remote mountainous villages. GFA has been supporting their work for the past year. The 3 pastors have been tirelessly working their best to evangelize the villages. Good news is that the last 15 resistant villagers of Lawsanshi are to be baptised, effectively making this a Christian village where Christ is the Lord! The other villages are seeing a few come to the Lord.

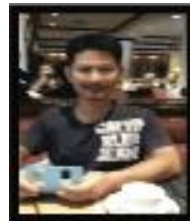
### Thailand –

1) Met with Rev Dr Surapong Prathuwan. With a Bible College, a children's home and a church, his work is demanding and yet he has work in Myanmar, Laos and even China. GFA hopes to partner with him to train leaders in Myanmar.

2) Met with Ps Teruaki, a worker in a children's home in Chiengrai. Presently, he has a Japanese staff and his wife also ministers to 4 Akkha children. Many of this tribal people could not care for their children, leaving many to be sold into prostitution and child labour. In the coming months, he will be taking more children out of their vicious cycle of poverty, sexual immorality, drugs and illiteracy.



Ps Morris, Ps Appa, Ps Barnabas, Ps Abraham & Ps Randall Chee



Ps Teruaki



Dr Surapong's Children's Home

### Year 2017

- Support pastors/missionaries = 40
- Full-time staff = 4
- Leadership training = 800-1000 leaders
- Medical care = USD2000
- Community development = 300 families

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

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

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### GFA 2016 Ministries

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|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Churches planted      | 100 house churches            |
| Leadership Trainings  | 700 Trainees                  |
| Community Development | 29 wells provided             |
| Humanitarian Aid      | 500 flooded affected families |
| Medical camps         | 700 persons treated           |
| Water Baptism         | 420 believers                 |