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“For the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ.” Ephesians 4:12

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Return to Myanmar

In the Fall of last year, E412 was invited to return to Myanmar by Archbishop Stephen Than Myint Oo. This was the third consecutive year that we have traveled to different areas of Myanmar to conduct conferences on the Person and Works of the Holy Spirit. It is a real blessing to partner with the Provincial Church of Myanmar as they seek to ignite the fire of the Holy Spirit throughout the country.

A Foundation in Pyay

St Mark’s Church sits on a high bluff overlooking the Irrawaddy River, a site chosen by early missionaries. It is an impressive position on this busy



Myanmar is a Vast Country Now Open to be Claimed for the Gospel



Rev. Sun Oo, a Charismatic Leader with a Vision!

waterway that runs the length of Myanmar from the hills of Kachin down to the Andaman Sea. The Irrawaddy River is known to many around the world because Rudyard Kipling wrote about it in his poem, “Mandalay.”

The fact that the retaining wall of the bluff gave way this past spring, creating a sheer drop to the river below of about four stories, does not deter the work of the Rev. Clement Sun Oo, the dean of the Pyay Deanery. The foundation of this deanery is built on a stronger bedrock, the Lord Jesus Christ.

St Mark’s is strategic as the headquarters of a future diocese in this ambitious province. Archbishop Stephen Than Myint Oo has made it very clear to the Pyay deanery that they are to build a diocese, one of eight in formation that will more than double the number in the Church of the Province of Myanmar.

Archbishop Stephen gave us the privilege of journeying out into the countryside, to be in this center of growth. We traveled six and a half hours by bus through the lush rice fields of the Irrawaddy River plains to Pyay to lead a

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three day conference for clergy, evangelists, catechists and lay leaders. The Rev. Sun Oo had come down to Yangon to accompany us, which provided a great time to visit with this humble man whom we had met during his masters' work at Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, PA. He is a member of the Ashu Chin tribal group as are many of his people.



Priests and Catechists Join in Praise

As we greeted people we recognized some of the priests and evangelists from an E412 training in Yangon two years ago and they were eager to share what the Lord had done in their lives and ministry. With an overall theme of "The Person and Works of the Holy Spirit," we were quickly engaged in small group discussions and testimonies.



Carol Teaches on the Works of the Holy Spirit

In The Church of the Province of Myanmar they saw the church be open to the Holy Spirit through:

- "The leadership of Archbishop Stephen"

- "A fresh emphasis on evangelism"
- "Mission areas improved as we strive to grow"
- "New, competent people"
- "Working through the Bible and prayer meetings"
- "Testimonies, dreams"
- "Using Alpha for spiritual training"

Individually they saw the Holy Spirit work by:

- "People being anointed for different types of work"
- "The Holy Spirit speaking to them individually"
- "Seeing the Lord use us"

They experienced barriers to the Holy Spirit when:

- "We are hardhearted"
- "When we are not humble"
- "We feel fear or shame"
- "We forget to seek God's guidance"
- "We create barriers by being stuck in our roles as priests"
- "We focus on money"
- "We let the culture be a barrier"



Small Groups Worked Outside Above the River

During the ministry time we experienced the very powerful presence of the Holy Spirit as we prayed for a fresh infilling. Many were touched. The following morning they reported feeling peace, warmth and the strong presence of the Lord.

After teachings on "Spiritual Gifts", "Praying for Physical and Inner Healing" and "Spiritual Disciplines" they shared how the Lord was at work.

"I am not the owner of these talents, God is!"

"I intend to teach my congregation all of these things."



Each Session Began by Singing Praise

"I have been convicted to read the Bible more."

"I prayed for healing for others and realized I was the one who needed it."

"The pain in my finger has gone."

"I will remember, Listen, Love, Pray."

"The Holy Spirit came into my body with heat and I felt a renewed inspiration to read the Bible."

"I received prayer for healing in my liver and eye and I realized I want to run into God's ministry and not follow secular things. I wanted to cry. This was God's encouragement."

"I wanted to cry because others did not come. I have heard these teachings before without a response but now I feel encouraged and inspired."

"I didn't expect to receive the gift of tongues. I am surprised! How can I never stop the fire of the Holy Spirit?"

Dean Sun Oo closed with a blessing saying, "We want to serve by the power of the Holy Spirit, to share boldly as a body."

On the final day Clark introduced a teaching on "Deliverance Ministry" by sharing a dream from the night before. He dreamed of an underground place that was a place of the devil. Creatures came toward him like martial arts figures. Initially he was afraid and then he realized that they couldn't hit him. He



Participants Spent Quiet Time Praying for One Another

hit a figure and it fell over dead and then he killed all of them. Clark knew he would be giving the teaching that morning. He received a word, "You are much stronger in Jesus Christ." His initial fear turned to comfort.



Clark Teaches on Deliverance Ministry

Nine leaders said they were involved in deliverance ministry. They shared local customs about "nats" (evil spirits), witch doctors and worship of ancestors. At the end of the teaching there were many practical questions. Rev. Andrew said, "I want to ask you to return next year and you will be so encouraged by what you see. The Lord is at work!"

After a teaching on "Ministering in the Power of the Holy Spirit" Clark told participants, "As described in Ephesians 4:11, you are a gift to the church." He led them in an inventory of gifts that

would be needed in their ministry. They listed:

- *Intercessors*
- *Evangelists*
- *Small Group Leaders*
- *Mission Team Members*
- *Congregational Training in Gifts*
- *Praying to Receive Gifts*
- *Practicing*
- *Demonstrating Gifts by Our Lives*
- *Testimonies*
- *Deliverance Teams*

In closing, one evangelist said, "I have been trained and I tried to do this in the past but this teaching has been



Rev. Sun Oo, a Leader, Solid in His Faith

very powerful and now I want it to continue. How can I do that?" Others offered their suggestions and encouragement from scripture.

A woman said she realized she had been running from God. Now she and her prayer partners were "filled with a bright light." "God has been wanting to catch me. I have been running away."

A young man said, "The verses of 1 Timothy 3 and Matthew 23 have really impressed me through this training. This is what God wants me to do."

The Rev Sun Oo asked each person to write a vision for their ministry and we gathered at the altar to pray over those visions. Please pray for this strong foundation, this place of leadership. Pray that an outpouring of the Holy Spirit will bring a mighty multiplication and an overwhelming spread of God's Kingdom. Pray that the visions of these servants will be fulfilled in this place on the banks of the Irrawaddy River.



Book Recommendation: *Eternity in Their Hearts* by Don Richardson beautifully tells about the Gospel being received by many of the tribes of Myanmar and other tribes around the world.

Holy Cross Theological College, Yangon

"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor serving the Lord," Romans 12:11. The Rev. Dr. Paul Myint Htet is a great example of this Bible verse. As a professor of New Testament and Dean of Studies at Holy Cross, he is a theologian who guards against errancy with fierce enthusiasm and conviction. After a period of trying to survive in a repressive, military regime and a dominant Buddhist culture the Church of the Province of Myanmar is looking



The Rev. Dr. Paul Myint Htet

outward and training young men and women for evangelism. Dr. Paul strives to develop students who are well grounded in scripture and theology, equipped for ministry and “fired by the Holy Spirit with enthusiasm for mission.”

“Ministry in the Power of the Holy Spirit”, “Spiritual Disciplines” and “Making Disciple-Making Disciples” they shared what surprised them, what God was saying to them and how they wanted to go forward:

- “I was surprised by the importance of confession in fellowship.”
- “Silence is a problem for me. I want to be more diligent in silence.”
- “I want to focus more on fasting, and be more attentive in morning devotions.”
- “I want to use 1Timothy 3:1-7 to examine myself.”
- “I want to increase my time in solitude with God.”
- “I want to be more repentant, seek silence and guard against laziness.”
- “I want to welcome the Holy Spirit in my life.”
- “I want to follow Acts 20: 27-28.”
- “I want to follow the disciplines of Jesus, to be more sacrificial.”
- “I realized that I need to use my head and my heart with 1Timothy 3:7-10.”
- “I want to be prepared to be sent out, to develop these disciplines in preparation for ministry.”

All came forward to receive prayer for going forward in service to the Lord. These are committed, serious servants who will face a challenging mission field. Pray for Dr. Paul and the faculty as they seek to equip these future priests for engagement in a culture where they are a very small minority. Please pray for their maturity and for bold commitment to be part of a revival in the Province of Myanmar.



Students Worked Together in Small Groups

Mission to Gujarat

An older man in the Kutch tribe, an unreached people group in northwest India, was in hopeless debt. He decided to drown himself in an isolated lake. He experienced being pulled from the lake by a man dressed in white robes. His son found him dripping wet on the shore of the lake. The rescued Kutchi man realized that his rescuer was Jesus. He



Clark Encourages the Students to Make Disciples for Christ

We shared in a special Saturday seminar for Holy Cross students who were eager to delve into the Word and to apply it to their lives. They represented many different ethnic groups and parishes in remote areas, villages and large cities. In response to teachings on



Carol Listens to Feedback from Small Groups



State of Gujarat, India



Carol Speaks to the Women's Prayer Network

and thirty members of his family came to Christ. Pastor Gideon Peter said, "It was then that we were assured that the Lord was serious about the Word being brought to the Kutchi people." Pastor Gideon Peter and Sharmila, his wife and ministry partner, have a clarion calling to the Kutch people. They were encouraged to continue in their lonely pursuit by this man's testimony.

Our nine-member team's joining in ministry for eleven events in nine days in



Pastor Gideon Peter Was an Inspiring Leader for Our Team in Gujarat

multiple locations and our complicated logistics were made possible by this gracious pastor, Gideon Peter, who serves as the Evangelism Coordinator for the Diocese of Gujarat as well as continuing his own ministry to the Kutchi. Pastor Gideon and Sharmila are the definition of servants of Christ.

Every mission should be conceived in prayer and it was so with this trip to India. An Anglican Frontier Missions (AFM) team went to prayer walk through some of the least evangelized cities of India in 2012. An invitation from Bishop Silvans Christian of Gujarat, CNI, to return and lead training for lay leaders and pastors to equip them for his new vision for ministry led a 2014 AFM team from four different US congregations to answer the call to return and serve in both sacred and secular settings. In addition, one of the 2012 team members had a compelling call to the unreached Rabari people group of Gujarat. Bishop Christian's vision for the Gujarat Diocese of 366 churches with 100,000 members was bold and comprehensive. The Bishop's first priority was spiritual renewal, starting with the pastors and lay leaders.

India has one-third of the world's unreached people, one-fifth of the world's population, 40% of the world's poorest people and is 97.7% non-Christian yet India receives only 6% of the world's full-time missionaries. Because of growing

persecution of Christians we are not free to write or show the team's activities in secular settings, picture some team members or mention some individuals, but we will share more about our time in church settings. We were pleased to participate in a Children's Ministry Day, the opportunity to speak at the launch of a Women's Prayer Network, lead Leadership Trainings and preach in churches. We witnessed the dedication and faith of our three drivers who safely carried the team over a total of one thousand miles. Overall, we saw a great opportunity to partner in ministry to further the Gospel in this diverse and complicated land.

In leadership seminars in churches we received gracious hospitality, entered into joyous worship and experienced a hunger for Gospel teaching. The inaugural Women's Prayer Network, entitled "For Such a Time as This" was hosted by Sharmila Peter. An afternoon of dedicated prayer and teaching held the promise of inspiration, committed intercession and mutual support for over 100 women from a number of different congregations seeking to further the expansion of the Kingdom.



Our Team Leader, The Rev. Janet Echols

One important trip took three of us very far south to the tribal area of The Dangs, an area where there have been many conversions and the planting of over 200 churches in the last 15 years. Yet here, in 1998, there were 55 churches burned to the ground. We led a pastor's conference



Clark Preaches in the CNI

for 85 pastors in a teak forest. We were warmly received as brothers and sisters in Christ. The men were joyous in worship, engaged in the study of God's word and eager to receive prayer ministry. Their leaders were resolute despite a repressive environment.

Sunday services ranged from very traditional to more contemporary but always gave the feeling of the gathering of a large, affectionate family. Church members said they were encouraged by visits from fellow Anglicans.

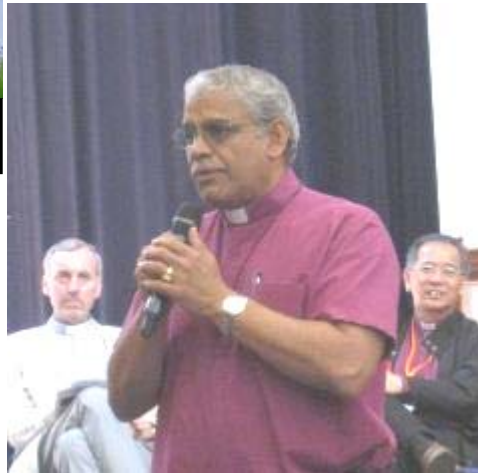


Participants Joined in Praising the Lord

It was compelling to witness Christians who were risking their lives daily for the Gospel. It was also stark to see the areas of darkness, the oppressive poverty and the need for the light of Christ. May the Lord help others to answer the call to partner with our Indian brothers and sisters as they faithfully strive to further His Kingdom. Please join us in praying for the spread of the Gospel in India.

Missions Consultation Roundtable, Singapore

Anglicans in the city-state of Singapore are charting an impressive commitment to global missions. Many of their leadership are first-generation Christians, having been brought to faith during their secondary or university education. Singaporeans do mission as an everyday, unquestioned activity with a zeal and humility that is inspiring.



Bishop Rennis Ponniah of the Diocese of Singapore

Twenty-two years ago the diocese committed to spread beyond their multi-language, island nation, roughly the size of Chicago, to establish missionary deaneries in the surrounding nations of Indonesia, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Nepal and Thailand. Singapore was involved in mission in other countries but this was a strategic commitment to build beyond the existing chaplaincies that had served expats for generations in these six neighboring nations of SE Asia.

Singaporeans are brilliant in business, building and education. We



ACNA Archbishop Foley Beach Contributes in a Panel Discussion



Archbishop Stephen of Myanmar

witnessed this first hand when we lived there in the early 80's. They have applied these same skills to mission. With heavy investment of funds and purchase of land they were guided to make strategic plans unique to each country and location. The Singaporeans reached out to make investments in education, campus ministry, schools, church plants, language centers and aid organizations. They sent missionaries, inspired Singapore congregations to partner and recruited other international Anglican partners. All of this was prayer driven and undergirded with a deep patience, investing in the future, inspired by very small percentages of growth.



Twenty-two years later there are 10,000 Christians worshipping in the six missionary deaneries on Sunday, one third of the members of the Diocese of Singapore! The growth is inspiring and the curve of commitment and investment has not slowed. We have been grateful to join in ministry in several places in Thailand since 2009 and to visit some of the mission activities in Cambodia.

The fourth Missions Consultation Roundtable with the theme of “That They May Know and Confess Jesus as Savior and Lord” brought together 150 mission partners, missionaries, diocesan staff and ministry leaders from nineteen nations to worship, inform and inspire. Half were from the Province of SE Asia. The hospitality was outstanding. One note about Singaporean leaders—we have observed that they often have three jobs. Priests often serve a mission deanery, a local Singaporean congregation and a ministry within the diocese. There is great ambition and energy for the Lord!



Cross Above the Altar at the Roundtable Site at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore

With the overall atmosphere of a retreat we heard inspiring sermons, participated in stirring worship and were able to learn about ministry and opportunities for partnership in each deanery. There were many casual times to have personal exchanges and hear how the Lord is at work. There is much to be done! One overwhelming theme of the consultation was that through these years the basis of mission partnerships has been friendships, relationships that have been created by God through the Holy Spirit. The Lord knows the needs, he knows the migrations of people, the opportunities and crises that will be faced. When we are faithful to Him we can be used to bring many to Christ.

A MISSION OPPORTUNITY: The Province of ACNA and the Anglican Global Mission Partners have a specific

partnership with the Diocese of Singapore for mission in these deaneries. If you would like to partner as a congregation with a deanery, go as a short term team, discern a call to a missionary post as an English teacher, kindergarten teacher or hear more about opportunities to join in mission; please call or email us and we will be excited to discuss opportunities and link you to the proper people!

Go to <http://www.anglican.org.sg/> for more information and pictures.

Maturity in Rangsit, Thailand

A Congolese university student, a Pakistani refugee family and Singaporean youth workers worship in a suburb of Bangkok at Rangsit Anglican Church. The Church has grown from an outreach centre planted by two Malaysian missionaries under the leadership of the late Bishop Albert Vun of the Anglican Diocese of Sabah, Malaysia.

Since 2009 we have been visiting, ministering with and praying for this small Anglican outpost near a major Thai university. Missionaries Faustina Foo and Alice Aik studied hard to become fluent in the Thai language and



Kids in the Slum Find Joy in Play

culture. Using Student Alpha they had half of their first group of eight students, who were Buddhist, come to Christ, an amazing event! A variety of ministries were developed for students, young professionals, families and children. A coffee shop was opened with an ambitious schedule. Major flooding was endured. They have been supported by regular visits from clergy, mission teams and prayer.



Pastor Alice Aik with Pakistani Refugees

Now the outreach centre is a church and the coffee shop is a language center. They are led by The Rev Tan Chor Kee from Malaysia aided by Pastor Alice. Rev. Tan and his wife are also part of an international school launch in Maroron several hours away.

We stopped in briefly to visit and pray and to witness the advance of ministry. We were pleased to be part of a visit to a Pakistani refugee group in Bangkok and an outreach to children who live in a strip of slum shacks and have little chance of being able to attend school. Please pray for this small corner of God's Kingdom that is making a big difference in the lives of an international community.



Mission Sites in Myanmar and Thailand



Being Refugees Has Not Stolen Their Joy



Pakistani Pastor Sam with His Son

Escape from the Taliban

Christians who are Pakistani refugees escaped from Pakistan after their church and twelve homes were burned by the Taliban. They have been refugees for seven years in Pakistan and in Thailand. Pastor Pervaiz Laza was captured by the Taliban and then miraculously released. His captor said, "I don't know why I am letting you go instead of killing you!" Pastor Pervaiz said he knew very well why he had been set free.

We were grateful to meet them on a home visit, and receive a lovely meal served in one of two rooms that house eleven people. As they wait for a decision by the UN to be sent to a host country, they are unable to work and earn money. But, even this has not dampened their joy or hope in the Lord.

Pastor Sam Bhatti contacted Rangsit Anglican via Facebook and travels a great distance by public transport to attend services. He feels it is vital to be part of a worshipping community.

Please pray for a resolution and a new home for these dear servants!

What's Next?

January 2015

- SAMS Board Retreat-Tampa, FL

February-March 2015

- World Missions Sunday, Christ Church Anglican, Savannah, GA. Special guest, Bishop Ken Clarke of SAMS Ireland
- Mission to E. Africa
 - Uganda Christian University
 - Bishop Ruhindi Theological College, Hoima, Uganda
 - Masindi, Uganda SAMS Missionary visit
 - Diocese of Northern Uganda, Gulu
 - Mission Planning-Diocese of Soroti, Uganda
 - Global Alpha Training, Bungoma, Kenya
 - Missionary visits, Mukono, Mityana and Kampala, Uganda
 - Evangelist, Clergy and Teacher Training in Zanzibar, Tanzania

2nd Quarter 2015

- SAMS and AAC Board Meetings
- Mission to E. Africa
- New Wineskins Board Meeting

4th Quarter 2015

- Mission to Nepal
- Mission to Myanmar
- Missionary visits, Cambodia
- Diocese of Singapore

Please Pray:

- Preparations for upcoming missions to Uganda, Kenya and Zanzibar
- That the Lord will use us to glorify Him on upcoming missions.
- For discernment as we plan and gather teams for upcoming missions.
- For the work of the AAC, SAMS and New Wineskins
- For safety from physical harm and from spiritual attacks.

Special Thanksgivings...

for all of you who support our "exploits for God" with your prayers and financial giving. We can do nothing without the Lord, Jesus, and we can do very little without your support.

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