

HARVEST ASIA WEST

Wholistic ministry in Indonesia!



AEF Indonesia does outreach work into the hinterland, and remote villages, of that island nation. A year ago, AEF was one of the first Christian groups to reach out to the island of Nias following the devastating tsunami. The photo above shows what the scene looked like when AEF evangelists Yatiman and Ledianus arrived. The photo below shows the school's present condition.



AEF decided to support 29 teachers and 140 children at a number of the local schools. Below are some of the teachers who are supported by AEF.



As you can imagine, students and teachers alike are extremely grateful for the support that AEF has provided. One teacher, Talizokho Halawa; a teacher at Sifaoroasi Primary school writes: *"I am very grateful to AEF for their concern for education in Indonesia, particularly in Nias, which has recently been overcome by a terrible earthquake. We can give no other reward but prayers to our Lord that He pours His abundant blessings to AEF."*

Underpinning this whole strategy is AEF's vital concern for the spiritual needs of the people. The church in Nias still needs a lot of spiritual support. AEF workers are sharing the Gospel of hope in the midst of despair.



Each year, AEF partners with about ten churches to present special Christmas and Easter Celebrations. Both local Christians, as well as many Moslems, attend them.





**The
INTERNATIONAL
DIRECTOR
writes:**

“LORD...teach us to pray”

“And when he [Christ] had sent the multitudes away he went up into a mountain to pray and when the evening was come, he was there alone” (Mt 14:23).

It has been said that outside of the actual suffering of the cross, the experience of prayer was perhaps Christ’s most costly work. How can prayer be so costly to Christ and yet be so cheap to us, his followers?

Newton Conant has given us five compelling reasons why Jesus Christ spent so much time and energy in prayer. As we reflect on these reasons, my prayer is that we may be moved and challenged to make prayer the number one priority and consuming passion in our lives, recognizing that definite times must be set and that we must keep these times.

Why did Jesus pray?

1. Jesus prayed because of His great need for fellowship with the Father. He knew that only prolonged periods of time could satisfy that deep hunger for fellowship and intimacy with the Father.
2. Jesus prayed because He was in complete dependence upon the Father.
3. Jesus prayed because He needed to replenish strength on a daily basis for His ministry.
4. Jesus prayed because He needed the very words of God to communicate to people (Lu 4:22; Jn 14:10).
5. Jesus Prayed because He needed light and instruction on God’s will on a day-by-day basis (Heb. 10:7).

May we cry out to God for cleansing from the sin of prayerlessness and may we be stirred within our spirits to commune with the Father as Jesus did.

Jonathan James
International Director

Easter Blessings at Aboriginal Conference

Some 350 people attended the West Australian State Conference of the Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship from April 6-8 2007 at Queens Park recreational centre in Perth.

Jonathan James, our International Director, was the guest Preacher. His messages based on the theme “*Fear the Lord and serve Him*” were blessed as more than 25 people committed their lives to the Lord’s service and two young people came to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Pastor Harley of the Aboriginal Fellowship said “*Pastors were blessed and our people were given a feast of the Word of God in a challenging way.*”



Dr. G.D. James Awards presented in Singapore

The faculty of the School of Theology (English) at Singapore Bible College has confirmed that Mr. Akshay Rajkumar and Mr. Manik Corea will be given the preaching and missions awards respectively. Both Akshay and Manik are young men with vision and passion and we have little doubt that they will be significant leaders in the future. Both men graduated on 19th May. Each year AEF and the G.D. James Foundation, provide these awards as tokens of encouragement for the students, and as a memorial to the founder of AEF, Dr. G.D. James.

Mr. Akshay (*right*), aged 27, is from India, and graduated with a Master of Divinity (Biblical Studies) degree. Mr. Manik (*left*), aged 38, is a Malaysian, and graduated with a Graduate Diploma in Intercultural Studies.



From Malaysia to China!

AEF Associate worker, Pastor Benjamin Tham Kwok Wah, writes, "I have been in and out of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia for 2 1/2 years since I started church planting work there January 2005. It has proven to be very encouraging to see what the Lord is doing among them. Now we have a new name for our church, *Lydia Renewal Christian Center*, in downtown K.L. By the end of this year I plan to hand over the work to the local elder, Mr. O. K. Thian, who is a semi-retired architect."

"Since God is opening doors for us, I recently I started to get involved in mission in China. The Lord said, 'Go, and make disciples of all nations' (Mt 28:19-20), so we are going. We mainly work among the unofficial house churches because the official TSPM church is controlled by the Government and many feel that they are putting man's words above God's words."

(Below is Ben, back centre, with some of the workers in China)



In early May I spent a week in Beijing, where we were teaching the Word of God for four full days to about forty church workers. Many of them were moved to tears on the last evening revival meeting when about seventy attended. When Ben returned home he was full of joy at what God is doing there. Please pray for the salvation of the Chinese in China, it's a very vast and populous country.

(Below are some of the workers attending the seminar)



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Every morning (Monday to Saturday) at 6.30 a.m. the Kim Keat Church in Singapore, maintain a prayer meeting. It has been very fruitful since we in started March 2006. We believe that God is willing to hear and answer our prayers in special ways. In K.L. we also maintain a 7 a.m. prayer meeting twice each week. God is hearing and answering our prayers.

(Below, some Chinese Christians at their early morning prayer meeting)



Continued blessings in North East India

By the Grace of God, between January and April this year, our North-East India staff were able to share the Word of God with about 350 families in the Assam and Arunachal fields. So far this year one new church has been planted and 78 new converts baptised. One method off evangelism is the offer of free medical check-ups.

(Below, a medical check-up in Arunachal in progress)



In the first quarter this year, three training courses were conducted. Altogether 230 Pastors, Evangelists, Missionaries, and lay Church leaders were trained in a new church planting method. Of these 230 Church leaders, 25 are new converts who are willing to serve God in their native churches.

In the first week of May, 87 Church leaders came together for training. Three of these leaders committed their lives to serve God and plant churches in their own villages. .

(Some of the leaders at the Church Planting Seminar).



God opens doors!

At the May Seminar, Mr Nedyanda Nath shared his testimony with the other students, who were all touched and challenged by the testimony.

Mr Nath is from Assam and accepted Christ in 2001 when AEF workers organized a house-to-house gospel penetration in his village. He attended training courses in 2001 and 2003. Since then he has been faithfully serving as a native missionary with both commitment and conviction. It was not easy for him to start evangelistic work in his own village as he was the first convert in his village. Initially he faced a lot of hardship and persecution from his Hindu neighbours. Once he was locked in his house, without food, for three days, but when men lock doors, God opens doors! When he was freed, on the fourth day, he began preaching the Word of God with power and God started to work in the hearts of people. That very month, twelve Hindus accepted Christ and were baptised. Last year fifteen Hindus, including an 87 year old lady, trusted Christ and were baptised. Now he has planted a church of 47 members in his village. Last year, he married a young lady, who had accepted Christ in 2003. She attended a 15 day training course and is now the first woman Pastor among the Assamese tribes.

Unreached Tribe finds Christ!

Another lady to attend the same training course was Mrs Sumitra Pegu, from the Mishing tribe in Assam. She came to Christ at a Gospel Rally run by AEF workers in Assam in 2006. With the challenge to plant a church in her village she attended the Church Planting course and is now the first woman Evangelist to the Mishing people.

There are about 5 million Mishing tribal people in Assam who are not yet reached with the Gospel of Christ. AEF started to penetrate the Mishing with the Gospel in 2003 and now there are two churches with about 100 members. Women evangelists, like Sumitra, are needed to reach the unreached Mishing women in Assam because, culturally, Mishing men cannot talk directly with the women.

