

# ADVANCING GOD'S KINGDOM

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*And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed  
throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations,  
and then the end will come.*

**Matt. 24:14 (ESV)**

Over the last eighteen months, the whole world was forced to adapt and pivot through moments of great uncertainty. Globally, national lockdowns were enforced for the safety of their citizens. In Malaysia, internal travel was likewise limited with a host of Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) implemented. The pandemic which gripped the world's health and socio-economic systems also had a tremendous effect on the Church.

The pandemic served as a powerful reminder of the urgency of fulfilling the Great Commission. We recognized the need to rethink some of the traditional mission approaches to increase effectiveness while remaining faithful to biblical mandates. We learnt to navigate digital platforms to minister and train our missions partners locally and abroad. Our partners demonstrated great resilience and resourcefulness despite facing challenges - and they did great exploits for the Lord! Souls were saved, new churches planted, new workers sent for theological training and the Kingdom of God advanced! Enclosed in this magazine are some highlights from the nations.

We will continue to train and release resources to equip our Missions Partners to expand their reach for the kingdom. We will endeavor to build up strong and anointed believers to be kingdom influencers. We give God the Glory for the open doors, and we thank you for your partnership in praying, giving and in time to come, going. Let's do our part for Advancing God's Kingdom!

**MISSIONS GIVING  
OCTOBER 2020-SEPTEMBER 2021**

| CHURCH  | BUDGET    | COLLECTED | DISBURSED |
|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Chinese | 330,300   | 204,743   | 247,241   |
| English | 2,111,405 | 1,676,689 | 1,556,377 |
| Total   | 2,441,705 | 1,881,432 | 1,803,618 |

**MISSIONS BUDGET  
OCTOBER 2021-SEPTEMBER 2022**

| CHURCH  | BUDGET    |
|---------|-----------|
| Chinese | 303,400   |
| English | 2,263,000 |
| Total   | 2,566,400 |

# Bangladesh



Our focus in Bangladesh since 2001 has been on church planting in the Northern Division of Bangladesh in partnership with the Bangladesh Assemblies of God. Over the years, we have planted 80 churches and financed 11 church buildings as well as established a School of Missions(SOM) in the Rangpur district to train and disciple new believers. Doyal Reshe is one such student of the school. In spite of objections from his family, who are Hindus, he attended the school in 2017. After completing his training, he was so passionate to win souls that he started a ministry in the Nilfamari area among Muslims and Hindus. Today, he has 20 small groups meeting in different locations! Every year, SOM trains 30 students and to date, it has disciplined almost 400 believers, some of whom become church planters.

*Rev. Russel Andrew*  
Pakistan, Country Coordinator



# Cambodia



The Covid 19 situation in Cambodia has caused much suffering to many Cambodians. People are struggling with job loss, foreclosure of business, starvation, isolation, financial and emotional stress on top of the threat of the coronavirus.

With limited government support and assistance, the church has stepped in with community care projects to provide basic needs like food, masks, sanitizers and others. This move has opened up many new doors to extend the Lord's work. We have been providing aid relief in the slums of Siem Reap and an army camp, and sending masks and sanitizers to a prison.

Through these acts of love and kindness, we have been able to show the love of God in action, sow seeds and lead many to Jesus. Consequently, 3 new works have been planted in this season.

*Theresa Chai*

**Cambodia, Country Coordinator**



# India



The world watched in horror as Covid 19 spread through India causing an alarming number of deaths. But we praise God that the Church of Jesus Christ in India did not allow the pandemic to stop them from reaching out in love and sowing in the hearts of the people.

Our partners, though restricted by the authorities and the Covid 19 situation, continue to build up God's kingdom. Some churches have been distributing food products and sharing the Gospel to affected communities around them. Meanwhile, two churches have embarked on church building projects to meet growing congregations.

What have we done from here in Malaysia to keep our Missions alive in India? We remain in close contact to encourage and spur on our partners. Through the wonders of technology we have been able to run discipleship and equipping courses for the pastors and leaders, and we are working to launch more sessions in other areas.

*Michael Tang*

**Country coordinator, India & Missions Director**



## Indonesia



Glad Tidings' work in Indonesia has centered on equipping church planters through GT School of Missions (GTSOM) in Bitung, Sulawesi. The school, which is established in partnership with the North Sulawesi Assemblies of God, has trained over 180 workers to date. These graduates have planted about 35 churches and many are ministering in other established churches.

Although the Covid 19 pandemic has affected the lives of the people here, it has not dampened the work of the Lord. Because of our investment into building lives and leaders, GTSOM continues to train and equip church planters from the surrounding islands of Maluku, Sangir and Talaud.

As the pandemic eases in Sulawesi, local mission teams have been heading out into new territories where there are still many people who have yet to hear the Gospel. The kingdom of God is advancing into places far and beyond!

*Levi Asher Annamalalai*  
Indonesia, Country Coordinator

## Malaysia



Glad Tidings' focus in Sabah and Sarawak is on sponsoring trainers, pastors, church planters or church workers to teach, train, equip and disciple leaders and believers. Working with local partners in both states, we now sponsor 35 full-time workers labouring among the stateless people and in the interiors and rural areas, and 4 Bible school students. We are also supporting Pastor Simon to work with the Penans and Punans, and Pastor Ricky for our outreach in Kuching among the youths and young adults.

We may have been temporarily paralyzed by travel restrictions and health safety issues caused by Covid 19, but we serve an Omnipresent, Omniscience and Omnipotent. He is still at work, in control and on His throne. His work is still progressing.

*Rev. Sunita Philipos*  
Missions Pastor, Home Missions Director  
& Country Co-ordinator



# Myanmar



Myanmar has been ravaged by Covid 19. Vaccines have not reached the people until recently and this, coupled with the February 2021 coup has greatly worsened the situation. Civil strife and sanctions have resulted in vast increases in Covid 19 cases and deaths.

In these testing times, many churches have become centers of refuge for their communities. Those with land are turning their space into farmland for farming and animal husbandry to help support both believers and non-believers. While some of our beloved partners have gone home to be with the Lord due to the virus, we have also received reports of God's miraculous protection upon His people.

With limitations on the support and relief Glad Tidings can send, we persevere in praying, equipping and encouraging our partners via Zoom and video chat. We believe, like in the times of the Book of Acts, the churches in Myanmar will see revival and signs and wonders in the midst of persecution, poverty and suffering.

*Pr. Ng Koon Seng*  
Myanmar, Country Coordinator



# Nepal



The aftermath of the Indian Covid 19 upsurge earlier in the year resulted in thousands fleeing back to Nepal via the porous borders, vastly increasing the number of cases and further devastating a nation already suffering from lockdowns and movement restrictions.

Our partner churches have responded to the situation with agility. In places with internet connection, churches run Zoom services and ministries. Others have dispersed their congregations into cell-like churches.

During this time, Glad Tidings continues to support the Assemblies of God Nepal, Assemblies of God Fellowship Nepal and the Nepal Theological College including equipping and ministry via Zoom, providing medical and food assistance, and purchasing IT equipment for the ministry work on ground.

Overall, the church continues to grow, evangelize and equip even in this difficult season.

*Pr. Ng Koon Seng*  
Nepal, Country Coordinator



# Pakistan



Like the rest of the world, Pakistan faces its share of Covid 19 troubles with cases still on the rise. However, Pastor Pervez Naz of Eidu Goth Assemblies of God in Karachi - our partner - and his church here have not slowed in its efforts to reach the lost. In the midst of a global pandemic, they have baptised 287 people, provided food aid to more than 200,000 people, set up a sewing and production center employing 50 families, and run a school with 134 children! They were also able to complete several church buildings including an auditorium that will seat 700 people.

*Rev. Russel Andrew*  
Pakistan, Country Coordinator



# Philippines



With travel restrictions in place, Glad Tidings' work in the Philippines continues through financial assistance and prayers for the different works, such as the Bible Institute of the Deaf and Dumb, Valenzuela, Manila, and Pastor Analyn's church in Manaoag, Pangasinan, Luzon. Due to the lack of connectivity, contact with our tribal ministry in Mindanao is limited. However, we have been able to continue sending financial support to the pastors and church workers. In spite of the pandemic, our partner, Pastor Galzote, has faithfully held Sunday services, built new churches, minister to new and older established churches and conduct water baptisms.

*Vincent Chew*  
Philippines, Country Coordinator  
& Missions Treasurer



# Sri Lanka



One of Glad Tidings' partner in Sri Lanka, Pastor Balachandran, ministers in a suburb with the poorest education level in Sri Lanka, high dropout rates, common use of child labour and significant drug addiction among youngsters. The recent pandemic has made it even more difficult to advance God's kingdom in the area and the surrounding villages.

Yet amidst the apparent oppositions, pandemic and other challenges, he has been able to establish six house churches ministering, on average, to 60 new converts, as well as trained new leaders from among the matured believers in the church. A believer has also answered the call to work full-time with Pastor Balachandran in the ministry.

*Rev. Sunita Philipos*

**Missions Pastor, Home Missions Director & Country Co-ordinator**



# Thailand



During this pandemic, Glad Tidings has channeled our support to six Bible students in the Thailand Assemblies of God Seminary in Hatyai. Some like Tingorn gave up their careers for the ministry. A political science graduate, Tingorn left his job as a salesman in Bangkok after discerning the call of God in his life, and returned to his hometown in southern Thailand to serve at his local church. He hopes to impact children and youth through the music ministry. We are also sponsoring six students in the Southern Assemblies of God Bible School. The 'miracle seed' sowed will bear much fruit in southern Thailand!

*Pr. Patricia Chang*

**Thailand, Country Coordinator**





# Vietnam



In 2018, when we started partnering with Glad Tidings, the Lord showed me a bold vision - 100 churches to be planted in 10 years among the Hmong people in Northwest Vietnam. With man this would not have been possible, but with the Lord all things are possible! In the midst of challenges brought on by the Covid 19 pandemic and movement restrictions (local and international), we were still able to plant 4 new churches and raise 5 new church planters in the last one and a half years. 650 souls were added to the kingdom and 299 believers were baptised in water. All glory to God! To date, there are 21 churches and 7 house churches in 3 different provinces. We believe we will see the fruition of the vision of 100 churches across the mountains of the northwest of Vietnam soon!



*Travina Teah*

**Vietnam, Country Coordinator**

