



ACBM  
annual  
report

2024

## >> INCLUDING BEQUESTS IN OUR WILLS

Supporting the preaching can be done in many ways including travelling to a country to do preaching or pastoral work, tutoring contacts from your home via email, prayer and financial contributions. Many brothers and sisters are very generous in their annual financial support while others have limited means to be able to provide support from their retirement incomes.

Many of us have assets which we need to support us during our lives and which will then be left via our Will to our family and charitable causes. While we acknowledge that you have a primary responsibility and expectation to provide for your family members in your Will, we ask you to consider making a bequest to the ACBM. Over a number of years we have received some small and large bequests which have made a significant impact on how we can finance the work in the Asia-Pacific region.

If you wish to include the ACBM in your Will you should ask your lawyer to include the following:-

### **Money or Share of Estate Bequest**

If you wish to leave a specific amount or a share of your estate, you could include a provision in you Will in the following terms:

I GIVE to the Asia-Pacific Christadelphian Bible Mission Inc the sum of \$x (or x% of my estate after the payment of all taxes and charges) to be applied for the general purposes (or State/Region specific purpose/area) of the Asia-Pacific Christadelphian Bible Mission Inc in such manner as its committee of management may determine and I DECLARE that the receipt of the National/Regional Secretary or other appropriate officer of the Asia-Pacific Christadelphian Bible Mission Inc at the date of my death shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my executor.

### **Property Bequest**

If you wish to leave a specific property (such as shares, debentures, works of art or freehold property) you could include a provision in your Will in the following terms:

I GIVE to the Asia-Pacific Christadelphian Bible Mission Inc my property at (insert address) (or my shares, debentures etc or describe them e.g. ANZ shares) to be applied for the general purposes (or State/Region specific purpose/area) of the Asia-Pacific Christadelphian Bible Mission Inc in such manner as its committee of management may determine and I DECLARE that the receipt of the National/Regional Secretary or other appropriate officer for the time being of the Asia-Pacific Christadelphian Bible Mission Inc shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my executor.

If you would like to have a confidential discussion on making provision for the ACBM in your Will, please contact the ACBM Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer.



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# EDITORIAL

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Dear Brothers and Sisters

I am pleased to commend to you the ACBM Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2014.

Under the gracious hand of our God and with the generous support of the brotherhood, the work of the Mission in spreading the gospel and in supporting the spiritual growth and welfare of brothers and sisters across the Asia Pacific has been able to go forward.

The past year has witnessed baptisms from the far north in Mongolia, in China, India, Pakistan, Iran, Sri Lanka, Cambodia, Bangladesh, The Philippines and across the Pacific Islands. New preaching efforts have opened new opportunities for others yet to hear the message of saving truth. It has been particularly impressive to observe the increasing involvement of local brothers and sisters in leading the preaching work.

2014 has also seen new circumstances emerge bringing new fears for some living in the Asia-Pacific. Mounting religious intolerance along with persecution in some lands and revolution, war or unsympathetic government in others have given rise to increasing numbers of refugees. Among the many displaced are a number of our brothers and sisters who have fled for their lives. Supporting, assisting and more recently representing these has become a significant part of the role of the ACBM. Yet even in the midst of this work we have been caused to marvel how that amongst some of the refugees in Asia, in wondrous and remarkable ways some of these desperate men and women have come to hear the call of the gospel. Surely in these last days the hand of our God is not shortened and His ways past finding out.

The financial report on other pages endeavours to

explain the realities of the Mission's financial position. It gives account of the manner in which the funds so generously given by the brotherhood have been put to work in the service of our King. The Mission is very thankful to our God who has put into our hearts the spirit of a cheerful giver. Thank you brothers and sisters for the blessing of your ongoing support.

Please take the time to enjoy reading this report. In a brief way it lets us into the lives of so many who have been touched by the influence of the Word of life - sons and daughters of the living God - our brothers and sisters in Christ.

The ACBM takes the work and spirit of the Truth forward on behalf of the Australian and New Zealand Ecclesias. We greatly appreciate the assistance of so many across all age groups in our community. This is a work in which we all share from supporters to fieldworkers to committee members. We believe these are last and perilous days leading up to the Lord's advent. May we all be found working in and supportive of His vineyard when He comes.

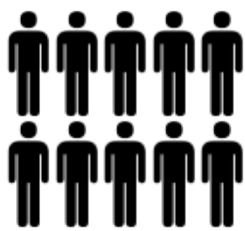
Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift.

*Garnet Alchin*

Chairman ACBM National Committee



# BANGLADESH



54  
Brothers  
Sisters



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Ecclesias  
3  
Sunday  
Schools



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Baptism

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1998

Bangladesh is in a period of stabilisation and maturation; the efforts are focused on coaching the ecclesias towards taking up the cross of Christ in an independent, mature way.

The lessons of the gospel are all too evident in a country like Bangladesh. Don't worry for the morrow will take care of itself ... but brother, what will I eat tomorrow? Day-to-day existence is a struggle and balanced on a knife edge. Fall sick, and your income stops. Who takes care of you and your family?

Encouraging the ecclesia to form as a real family, a family that takes care of their own, a family driven and motivated by the love of Christ that overlooks petty jealousies, differences of opinion, social status, and perceived goodness to sustain, cherish, build up, support, walk the long mile with each other when in need – this is the progress we seek as we wait for the coming of our ultimate example and lord, Jesus the Christ.

During the year many things were made difficult by strikes called by the opposition party in the run-up to the election. These strikes, which are violent, disrupt business and schooling with the flow-on to the ecclesia as things are re-scheduled to Friday, their usually one holiday of the week on which the memorial meeting is held. Yet, we saw some wonderful things happen during the year.

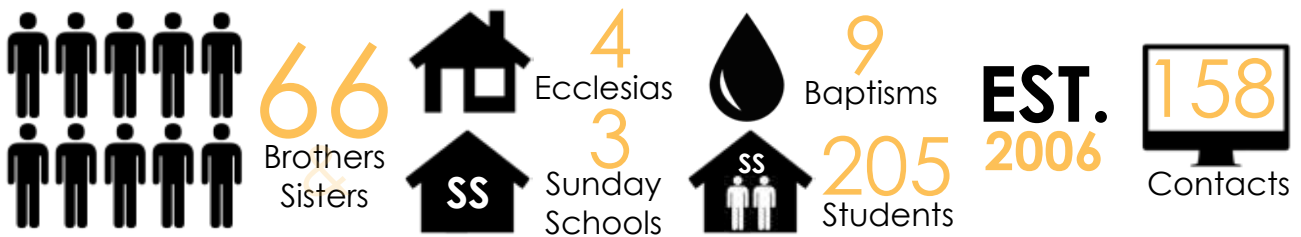
We are thrilled to see the re-establishment of an ecclesia at Mirpur during the year, totally driven by themselves without ACBM initiation.

CYC starts to flourish again, with a dedicated enquiring group of young people who are really enjoying getting together, united by a common sense of seeking our one and only true God.

The focus for the coming year will be the continuation of the steps towards independence, while re-launching a sustained preaching effort, God willing.



# CAMBODIA



Cambodia is a small country in the South East of Asia where BIG things are happening! Brother Him Meng was baptised in 2007, since that time another 65 baptisms have taken place.

The Bethazer dorms have played a big part in the way the truth has spread in Cambodia. The Bethazer dorms are essentially housing for poor village youth who have come to the capital city (Phnom Penh) to study but can't afford to pay the expensive rent. Bethazer houses students, and encourages them all to study the bible with local and foreign Christians. As a result many of these students have believed and become baptised.

But the dorm certainly isn't the only way that preaching is done in Cambodia. Two Bible education centers have been established in Cambodia that accommodates foreign teachers coming to teach the good news. The foreigners who have stayed in the BEC's have come from a wide range of backgrounds and countries, including, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Russia, America, England, India, Korea and the Philippines. The BECs are well equipped and are consistently flooded with people who want to hear the good news of our hope.

Another way that preaching is done in Cambodia is by playing soccer. Our Brothers in Phnom Penh have printed soccer style sport shirts with the words "BEC – free bible and English lessons with foreigners", followed by the BEC phone number, which they wear whenever they have a game. Soccer is also a game that some brothers teach the 200 – 250

Sunday school students. It builds long-term relationships and adds some exercise and competition into the lessons.

The problem with Cambodia is a good problem to have. We have too many people who want to hear about our life saving message, truly the harvest is plentiful and the labourers few. Please give some thought to coming and lending yourself to the exciting work happening in Cambodia, and if you can't, please remember Cambodia in your prayers.



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# CHINA

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Numbers of brothers and sisters in China have fluctuated with about 7 baptisms this year at a number of centres but with some passing away or no longer attending. The total number of brothers and sisters in China is in the mid sixties, still with a considerable number of interested people. We have a new group of five brothers and sisters in Tianjin not all that far from Beijing by fast train. Most interested friends are friends, family and colleagues of local brothers and sisters who actively talk about their faith in circumstances where public preaching or advertising is not permitted, while others are from relationships with families in Australia and New Zealand.

Regular newsletters are now produced and circulated among the various ecclesias and small groups of brothers and sisters throughout China, informing each other of local activi-

ties, and regular communication takes place among the small groups scattered across this huge country. Local brethren are increasingly taking on the role of leading, teaching and expounding the scripture, including being involved in leading studies at the Hong Kong Bible Week.

The Hong Kong Bible Week was held in October 2014 and visitors from throughout China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and overseas attended.

Brothers and sisters from Australia and elsewhere continue to visit China and our brothers and sisters there, as fieldworkers or otherwise, and some brothers and sisters from China have visited ecclesias in Australia this year. These mutual visits foster the spirit of love and fellowship in Christ and aid to mutual understanding and growth of all our communities.

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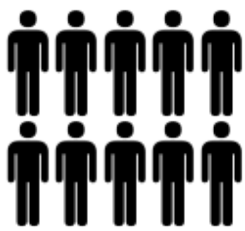
## >> THE BIBLE MISSIONARY MAGAZINE



This magazine provides an insight into the work being undertaken in various countries; from the dry areas of Africa to the evergreen tropics of the Pacific, the frozen north in Russia, down to the Middle East and across to the millions in India, China and the Philippines. You will read messages from our local bros and sisters scattered throughout these areas as well as reports from fieldworkers who have spent weeks, months or years on location, reporting on the response to preaching efforts and the difficulties faced by our brethren overseas. This work continues in almost 100 countries around the world. — **SUBSCRIBE NOW FOR 2015. ONLY \$20 FOR 4 ISSUES. SEE YOUR LIBRARIAN OF RECORDING BROTHER.**



# COOK ISLANDS



Brother

No active preaching work is currently undertaken in the Cook Islands. The New Zealand family who were living and working in Rarotonga for 2 years have now returned home, which leaves our one Cook Island brother resident on the island. We encourage visitors to the Cook Islands to visit our brother if possible, and we can furnish contact details if required.

## >> CAHAYA: INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE 2014



Cahaya, pronounced Cha-High-Ah, is a Malay word which means "light". Inspired by the words of our Lord instructing us to be the light of the world and to give light to all that are in the house. Cahaya is an International Youth Activity consisting of:

- one weeks training to preach and provide pastoral care within mission areas
- one week in a mission area
- a weekend of reunion and sharing

The week is sponsored by the ACBM and is fully funded by the attendees.

**The intention is to send a group of young people into a mission area to focus on greenfield preaching in an area where there are exiting brethren and sisters to followup the work.**

The activity is designed to:

- to encourage Young People to preach
- introduce young people to areas so that they might become repeat visitors
- provide the manpower to small ecclesias to build interest in the truth in their local area

It will be our goal to:

- provide a spiritually uplifting week
- to facilitate the opportunity to develop

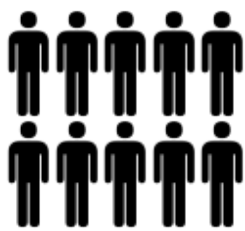
new friendships

- equip attendees with preaching basics
- help small ecclesias in the mission areas

More information can be found at <http://www.acbm.org.au/event/cahaya-2014-conference/>



# EAST TIMOR



5  
Brothers  
Sisters



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Ecclesia



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Baptism

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2004

There have been some encouraging developments in East Timor this year. Establishing the Dili ecclesia on a sound footing, with regular memorial meetings has been a significant achievement. Each week a three-page exhortation is emailed to one brother who prints off enough copies for each brother. This method proved to be more effective than recorded exhortations.

In August a Mini Bible School was organized. This event was well attended by interested friends, many of whom requested support for a weekly Bible reading class. At first the class was held on the foreshore recreation area in Dili but the rainy season dictated the need to hire a room in which to meet. There are now upwards of 13 interested friends regularly reading and discussing the Bible under the guidance of a very caring brother.

This year, the brethren and friends were visited five times. On the last occasion in March, Apolinario Carvalho requested baptism. It was the joy and privilege of Bro David Budiman and Bro Chris Galbraith to hear his confession of faith and conduct the baptism. Now the Dili ecclesia consists of five brothers with the prospect of more to follow.

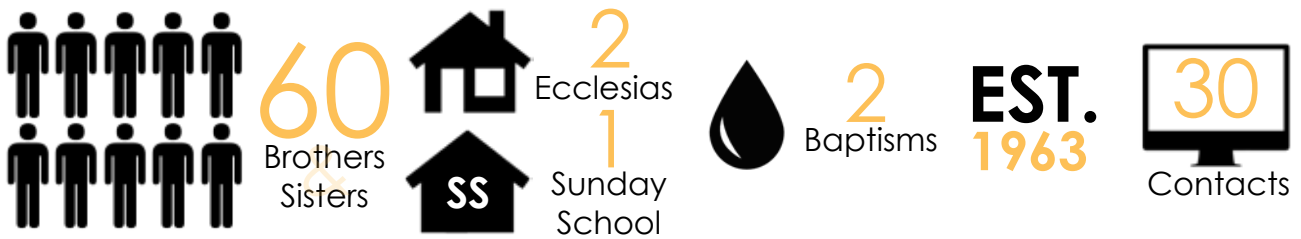
Bro Apolinario lives a long way from Dili requiring a journey of up to 12 hours over rough, dangerous roads. Arrangements have therefore been made for him to visit Dili for the memorial meeting on a monthly basis. God willing, if the interest in the Bible class is any indication, more baptisms can be expected in the near future. There is tremendous scope for preaching the wonderful

hope of the Gospel in this area of God's vineyard. It would be ideal if a fieldworker couple could spend an extended time in Dili helping to consolidate this work in the service of our Lord.





# FIJI



A year indeed of a lot of heart aches and sorrows as we lost our loved ones as their time of probation ran out, some rather untimely felt! Anyway God knows what is best for us.

The highlight would be the Gospel proclamation work that was done - through radio broadcasts and our booth at the Fiji Showcase 2013 followed by series of Bible Seminars.

As a result there has been a great enthusiasm shown by the young people to learn the 1st Principle's in preparation for Baptism. Some 18 young people are now learning the Truth. 3 are now baptized since.

It was also a time of grooming the younger brethren to take on the mantle of the older ones who are falling asleep. It was great to

see the younger brethren who began their first exhortations / presiding at the memorial table and lectures and leading Bible classes in a very professional manner.

Their performance being constantly gauged and improved through the MIC classes every 2 months.

The format of the Bible class/lecture have also been changed to specific topics and subjects so that research and personal Bible studies are required furthering the skills and knowledge of not only those preparing the talks but all of us as we are led to spiritual heights by this new format.

MIC class also has been scheduled once every 2 months to help brethren to learn skills necessary to equip for the LORD's work.



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# FRENCH POLYNESIA

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There is currently no preaching activity in Tahiti and her associated islands. French language skills are essential for effective preaching here. Our one sister from these islands is living in the USA.

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## >> CREDIT CARD DONATIONS

To ensure we are able to continue to fund the work of the Bible Mission we need regular donations.

If you would like to make a regular monthly donation you can use EFT or a direct debit facility and credit our account, or we can debit your credit card each month.

ACBM Account details and a Credit Card deduction form is available to download from our website. [acbm.org.au](http://acbm.org.au). You can use AMEX, Visa or Mastercard.

Regular donations allow us to develop a reliable budgeting process and ensure we can plan projects well ahead and provide strong support to our brethren overseas in preaching efforts, pastoral support, Bible Schools, Youth Conferences and Hall Building projects.

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# HONG KONG

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The past 12 months has seen some further reduction in membership. One of our Philippine sisters has emigrated to Canada and meets with the ecclesia in Edmonton. And with a few of our other Philippine members having returned to ecclesias in that country, we now number 9. Every Sunday the ecclesia meets in homes for the breaking of bread. The work of preaching has continued with a twice-monthly seminar running on Sunday evenings attracting attendance from between 4 to 6 people, principally Chinese nationals. We have been exploring the revelation of the gospel from the beginning in Genesis. We rejoiced at being able to host again the Greater China Bible School in Hong Kong. We continue to try to support the brothers and sisters in Guangdong and the work of preaching there.



# INDIA



The growth of the Gospel in India continued during the year with four additional ecclesias and 120 new brothers and sisters. The local brothers and sisters undertake a substantial amount of the preaching. The role of fieldworkers is to assist the local brothers and sisters in preaching and support them with pastoral visits. The work has been blessed with a small number of longer-term fieldworkers and their families.

The original work commenced in the state of Andhra Pradesh ("AP") and during this year this state was split in two, with a new state of Telangana being divided off AP.

The division of India into eight areas of operation as reported last year has allowed additional resources to be focussed on the west, north and north east of India. These areas are more difficult to preach in as they are less western and have stronger fundamental religions. However progress is taking place and the Internet is a source of some initial contacts. There was the first baptism of a sister in Tripura state.

There was some religious violence between Hindus and Muslims, which resulted in some brothers and sisters being displaced as well as some impact from flooding.

Bible schools held throughout India provide local brothers and sisters with an opportunity for spiritual refreshing, encouragement and fraternal gathering. Co-ordination of a number of Bible weeks allowed one visiting speaker to efficiently present at a number of such gatherings. Other fraternal activities include special Sisters' gatherings, youth gatherings, and va-

cation activities for children and elders' meetings.

Preaching activities included regular truth camps and personal contact often involving local brothers and sister travelling long distances in uncomfortable transport.

The ACBM financially supports preaching activities, the rental of some ecclesial meeting places, ecclesial welfare and the repair of a number of ecclesial meeting places. There are also wide ranges of welfare activities throughout India that, while not being directly ACBM activities, provide many opportunities for preaching. Visitors to India often combine work in these welfare activities with ecclesial pastoral work and preaching. Fieldworkers in India come from across Australia and internationally but there is always a shortage to undertake all the work in this huge land of opportunity. We encourage anyone who can visit for a short or longer period, young or older, brothers, sisters and families, preaching or pastoral focussed to consider a visit.

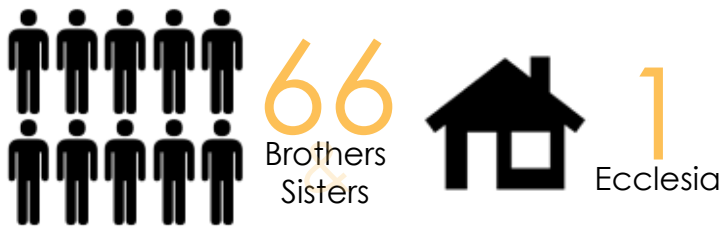




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# INDONESIA

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While fieldworkers continue to work and travel safely in Indonesia, caution needs to be exercised due to the dominance of Islam and occasional terrorist activity mainly in large urban

centres. Main fieldworker visits are in June-July to coincide with the annual Study Week and January for the Study Day.

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# JAPAN

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There are 2 small groups, one meeting in Gifu near Nagoya, and the other meeting in Tokyo. Regular memorial meetings are held weekly in homes.

Japan is a clean modern country. The brethren

and sisters would appreciate visits from their brethren and sisters to encourage them in the soon return of our Lord.

To notify of your visit or for more information, contact: [japan@acbm.org.au](mailto:japan@acbm.org.au)



## >> THIS IS YOUR BIBLE

[www.thisisyourbible.com](http://www.thisisyourbible.com)

The TIYB site is intended to preach the Gospel worldwide by providing immediate preaching resources and also by offering ongoing Bible study tuition. It also offers individual ecclesias their own webpage where contact and event information can be displayed to their local communities. TIYB is managed and supported by all Christadelphian Bible Missions and enables preaching throughout the world at a very low cost. The site is viewed by up to 50,000 new visitors each month.

Key Features offered to the public:

- > Online Correspondence Courses
- > A library of booklets and DVDs to view, download or order.
- > Participation in monthly surveys and quizzes.
- > Links to other Christadelphian sites.

Benefits to individual members - It allows brethren and sisters to work from their own home as a tutor and help seriously interested people find a life in Christ.

Benefits to ecclesias - Webpages can be established without any of the ongoing administrative burden and cost of registering and maintaining an independent site.

Statistics:

- > Currently 5,986 active students worldwide
- > Serviced by 632 tutors worldwide
- > Australia & New Zealand 1,301 registered students
- > Australia & New Zealand 358 active students

How can you help?

Student coordinators are needed and ecclesias are requested to consider their appointment while members can also seek to be appointed by their ecclesias.

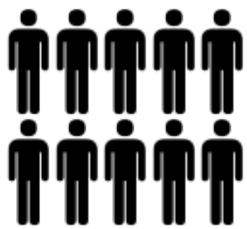
Brothers and sisters are always welcome as tutors. The Internet is a tool for the proclamation of the Gospel to regions that otherwise would not receive the message of salvation and truth.



## LAOS

There is currently no preaching work undertaken in Laos, however, on occasions brethren have travelled and continue to travel to this secluded country to assess future possibilities

# MALAYSIA



5  
Brothers  
Sisters



12  
Contacts

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The preaching work in Malaysia continues to be held in seminar formats in various cities; and this year effort is focussed in Kuala Lumpur.

Although we have seen continuing interests by the number of attendees to our seminars, and our attendees have mostly agreed with what we have presented, we remain to see the formation of a core group that we would term an "ecclesia". We commit this to God that a core fellowship group might grow out of our current seminar attendees.



Unlike people in other neighbouring countries, Malaysians have been increasingly affluent and busy in their career-focussed lifestyles. As competition in society intensifies in the economic front, focus in the spiritual front disperses. Again, we can only pray to the Father that He directs our organisation and effort, and show us the way forward.

We have moved from city to city to present our materials, and God willing, fruits might be produced to His Name.

Prophecy and current events remain the principal topic of attraction, and this year, we have been blessed with many topical events, all in line with prophecy and these windows of opportunities have helped us in attracting people to our seminars.

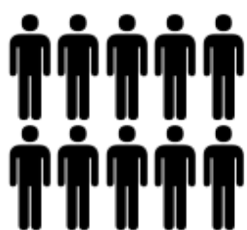
Among our members, we have one brother in Penang and two in East Malaysia, and two in Kuala Lumpur.

We seek your prayers and petition that the work in Malaysia may produce spiritual fruits.





# MONGOLIA



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Brothers  
Sisters



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Ecclesia  
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Sunday  
School



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Baptism

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2000

The small ecclesia in the capital Ulaanbaatar meets regularly on Sundays using an ACBM supported rented office. Rental costs continue to escalate due to a large population movement from the countryside to the city as Mongolia's newly discovered mineral wealth continues to breathe new life into the national economy.

Winter (October - April) in Ulaanbaatar is extremely bitter and with the heavy pollution from coal burning fires it is generally unsuitable for visits.

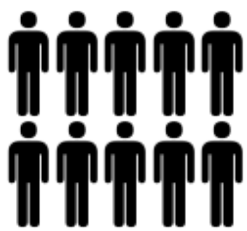
Limited advertising is possible but personal word of mouth has proven to be the most successful in attracting interest during fieldworker visits.

This year's annual fieldworker visit allowed opportunity to share two memorial meetings with a four day mini Bible School in between at a ger camp in the countryside where an interested friend was assisted in preparation for baptism. Morning and afternoon sessions were held each day with a consideration of the New Testament readings in the evenings. Classes were also provided for the children around the life of Daniel.

All of this happily by the grace of our Father in heaven led up to Oyuna's baptism on Friday 18 July. This took place in a hotel bath in Ulaanbaatar. A memorial meeting followed at which our new sister was welcomed into the brotherhood worldwide.



# MYANMAR



3  
Brothers  
Sisters



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Ecclesia  
2  
Baptisms



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Contacts

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There is active interest in the Bible in Myanmar, however the logistical challenges are considerable. The work in Yangon is closely coordi-

nated with the work in Chaing Mai, Thailand where the many of contacts are refugees from Myanmar.

## >> OUR REFUGEE BRETHREN

We have a number of brethren who because of their stand for the Truth have had to flee Pakistan and Iran. Because of the large number of asylum seekers finding their way to Sri Lanka, the Sri Lankan Government has decided in consultation with the Pakistani Government to round up the asylum seekers and place them in detention pending repatriation back to Pakistan & Iran. The situation for our refugee brethren in Sri Lanka is very difficult and they are very nervous and in many cases are in hiding. Some of our brethren have been in Sri Lanka for a number of years having been recognised by the UNHCR as genuine refugees but are unable to find a country that will accept them. Some other brethren were able to escape to other countries and some have found a new life in the west but still many remain in this limbo situation, unable to work to support themselves and requiring our care. Of significance is that some asylum seekers, arriving in Sri Lanka have since learnt the Truth and were baptised.

People continue to flee from Pakistan, Iran, Iraq and Afghanistan where huge pressure is being applied to those who do not adhere to the Islamic traditions. These pressures come in the form of threatened harm to them, their children, their families and their property and some of those governments are enacting laws that do not allow for freedom of religion with the punishment being imprisonment or death. As you will no doubt be aware from news reports, the militants marching through Iraq are requiring that the populous convert to Islam or die.

We certainly live in an age of great troubles for those in these circumstances and yet in many western countries it is a time of affluence and decadence. Of course we should not be surprised at this, as the Scriptures provide abundant warning that this will herald the return of the Master.

We believe the difficult plight of our brethren from these countries is going to continue until Christ's return and the ACBM along with other Christadelphian organizations will provide ongoing support to them wherever possible. There is of course a significant financial cost involved and should you wish to contribute towards the ACBM Refugee Fund, we welcome any donations being sent to the ACBM National Treasurer, Bro David Seaman, 73 Sonia St, Ringwood VIC 3134. [Email: treasurer@acbm.org.au], or via credit card or direct credit in Australia to ACBM - CBA Neutral Bay NSW BSB 062-210 Acc No. 0090 3098 or in New Zealand to ACBM Westpac Bank, Glen Eden, Auckland Account No. 03 0146 0136146 00

# NEPAL



Our brothers and sisters in Kathmandu have continued to travel to local and remote areas of Nepal to witness in the name of Jesus and 12 people have taken on the saving name through baptism. This has seen 3 new ecclesias form and now the trips they make are to support our new brothers and sisters and continue preaching to those with an ear to hear.

In December 2 young brothers and a sister were able to travel to India for the end of year camp in Hyderabad and 2 senior brothers and to 2 sisters travelled to the North India bible week. All said they loved the fellowship they

shared and the things they learned from the word have been shared with the ecclesias in Kathmandu.

Sis Srijanna and Bro Prakash were blessed with a baby girl and Bro Raju and Sis Nanu were married on the 15th of June at the Chabahill ecclesia.

The Chabahill ecclesia is now looking for some land so they can build a hall as the hall they meet in on a brother and sisters land has become too small. They also hope to put a bible book shop on the land.





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# NEW CALEDONIA

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Currently, advertising via Google ad words is laying preparations for a planned follow up trip to New Caledonia at the end of the year. A similar exercise was conducted for the first time last year with forty contacts receiving a French language postal course. Sadly there has been a dwindling response and we are down to the one good contact we met over there during a visit at the start of 2014. By advertising we are injecting new life into the preaching.

It is a long process sifting through the interested minds, to get a nucleus of people as an inroad to expanding.

To help achieve this we would welcome any French speaking brethren to help with the work over in New Caledonia. At the moment we have had a few brethren express their interest in helping in the mission field. At the end of the year, God willing, if interest is high we plan on holding our first Bible seminars in two locations: Noumea, and La Foa.

May God bless the work, as we continue to labour in the field awaiting his return and the great harvest that will shortly commence.

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# PAKISTAN

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Overall the general political situation in Pakistan is deteriorating with radicals gaining for influence and killings performed for the "honor of Allah" are largely not registered. With two key families having to flee Pakistan in recent years due to threats to themselves and their families, the ecclesias and the National committee of All Pakistan Christadelphian Church (Regd) have had to find their feet again and new brethren having to take on leadership roles. The increased security problems meant

the regular Bible Week for 2014 had to be substituted with Study Days at the various ecclesias. Despite these tensions the growth through personal witnessing to family and friends, and use of Bible Correspondence (Open School) Courses has meant continued growth in numbers, especially in the central Punjab region.

Visits by Bre Keith, Colin and Matthew Jamieson, Bro Nathan Badger, and Bro Tim Galbraith (2 visits) were important to sustain the growth

in Biblical knowledge and application, and to assist in overall spiritual growth, as many are still babes in Christ Jesus. All work is in Urdu, so preaching and outreach is done by the local brothers and sisters, with Fieldworkers concentrating on Pastoral care. The preaching work endeavours to focus on those who are perceived as truly seeking in contrast with those who are just curious, or just content to receive something 'religious'. Hence contacts are

classified as "Seekers" or "Contacts" to maximise the focus of limited manpower on those who are truly looking for a change in their life.

The brothers and sisters are grateful for the continuing support of the ACBM in funding their various ecclesial support works and preaching efforts as together we eagerly await the Lord's return.

## PAPUA NEW GUINEA [ BOUGAINVILLE ]



During the last year 3 visits were made to the PNG area. These involved 2 Bible Schools in Arawa, a pastoral visit to the 'mountain ecclesias' in Bougainville, 2 visits to the small ecclesia in Lae and 2 visits to Alotau.

In July over 200 attended seminars given over 5 nights at Alotau. There was a strong plea for regular teaching - 'how can we learn without a teacher?' From the floor visitors expressed how the churches were not teaching from the Bible. A vote of thanks was moved followed by discussion on how we might help them learn.

We advertised by billboard posters and gave out invitations. Alotau Radio supported us with free advertising. Management expressed their desire to have the popular radio program series 'Let the Bible Speak' continue. It is presented twice on Sundays for both local and short-wave listeners. There are many in the Alotau area that live on islands some distance away and benefit from short wave broadcasts. The station frequency is 3.65 Mhz.

Unfortunately the Lae ecclesia is experiencing joy and sorrow. During our visit in July Yvonne

Kabaru was baptised. Yvonne was introduced to the Truth of the Bible through Bro Calvin Luramo (Solomon Islands) while attending the Lae University. Joachim Ambia (Lae) continued her instruction and Hannah Perry (Mt Waverley) took her through the correspondence course via Skype. God willing, Yvonne and Calvin are to be married on 31 August.

Bro Karik Silingi's wife Sambenga fell asleep in Christ last October. We pray that our Heavenly Father will give him strength of faith through this difficult time.

The Bougainville ecclesias have continued to operate harmoniously and actively. During the Bible School in January Gorethy was baptised, the daughter of Paul and Barbara Biupa (Sipukotu).

Memorial meetings are held regularly at Arawa and the 'mountain ecclesias' Sipukotu and Sirau Heights. It was a unique privilege to be able to join with them around the table of our Lord during a pastoral visit last Oct/Nov. Some 60 young people are receiving Sunday School instruction in the 3 locations. The large atten-

dance of young people at the recent Bible School was reflective of this.

God willing we aim to continue conducting Bible Schools every 6 months. The local brethren recognise this as a vital part of the integration of ecclesial life.

Bro Peter Otobere continues to operate the WIN medical system. Locals pay for medica-

tion but where financial help is needed cost free medication is provided for Christadelphians.

Despite some unique problems our Heavenly Father has worked in a very special way with these people showing us that the power of the Truth is not limited, but is the power of salvation for people of every kindred, tongue and nation.

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## SAMOA

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No sustained preaching has occurred in Samoa for over 5 years now since the Bible Education Centre in Apia was closed.

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## SINGAPORE

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The numbers in the Singapore ecclesia have dropped somewhat, with the departure of some expat members.

However the ecclesia rejoiced recently with

the baptism of Samuel Lee – son of Bro Chee Yuen and Sis Grace.

As always the Singapore brethren welcome visitors to share fellowship with them.





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# SOLOMON ISLANDS

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We were able to make three fieldworker visits during the last year, providing pastoral care at Honiara, Auki, Fote and Bio.

We plan to have another Bible Week this year at Fote Village on the island of Malaita. It will be held in December this year to avoid the very rough weather that often occurs in June and makes sea travel difficult. It will provide an opportunity for Bro Johnmark and Bro William and their families from the remote Reef Islands, who have not had contact from other brethren during the year, to meet with brothers and sisters and fieldworkers.

An additional leaf hut is to be constructed so that we can have separate Sunday School classes for boys and girls aged 13 years and over, in addition to the combined Junior Sunday School held during Bible Week.

We continue to present the 'Let the Bible Speak' radio programme over the whole of the Solomon Islands. The Solomon Islands Broadcasting Corporation (SIBC) broadcasts this 20-minute programme after the national news at 7 pm each Sunday. Contacts have told us that they enjoy listening to the programme and the SIBC tells us that it has a very large and wide listening audience. We find it an effective way of preaching the gospel throughout all 350 inhabited islands in the country and beyond. It would be difficult, time consuming and expensive to contact these people by any other means.

The Bible Correspondence Course is being used to follow up contacts from the radio programme and from fieldworker visits. It provides a means of continuing the preaching work and instruction during the absence of fieldworkers.



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# SOUTH KOREA

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2

Ecclesias



1

Sunday  
School



1

Baptism

**EST.**  
**1983**

Korea is a clean, hi-tech country, with supermarkets offering western foods alongside the Asian delights. Living in Korea is easy with good transport systems, easy access to money through ATM's, banks and at the checkout. The Seoul ecclesias has fitted out their hall with a 2 bedroom flat for visiting brothers and sisters. The flat is central to the southern metropolitan area, and very close to the Seoul-Inchon railway line.

The Seoul ecclesias meets weekly on Sundays for the Memorial meeting, Saturday afternoon for seminars and Wednesday evenings for the Bible Class.

The Daegu ecclesias meet weekly for the Memorial meeting, but due to distance of travel, there is no midweek classes.

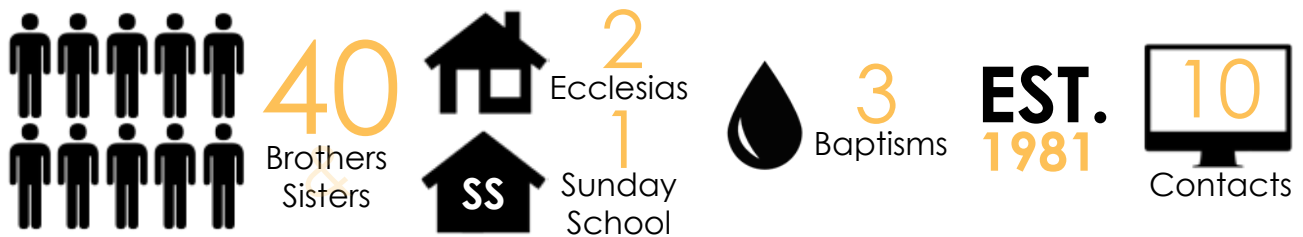
Each year the 2 ecclesias, Seoul and Daegu, combine for their Summer Studies. These are in August. This year the camp was August 13 to 17, and was led by Bro John Bounaparte of Singapore. Brothers, sisters and young people from around the world are invited to join with them, not only at this camp, but next year (God willing) or any time through the year. Please consider visiting Korea for your next holidays.

To notify of your visit or for more information, contact: [korea@acbm.org.au](mailto:korea@acbm.org.au)





# SRI LANKA



At the end of 2013 we had the blessing of having Bro Russell Taylor speaking on Zechariah's prophecy at the annual Bible School. There were 57 participants including children at Sarvodaya Training centre in the outskirts of South Colombo. The other major event of the year is the annual Youth Conference supported by local young people and visitors from Australia and other countries. Bro Rodney Janssen led the studies in 2014.

## Baptisms:

There were three Baptisms this year (2014).

- > Sis Naveena who is from Hindu background got baptized this year and now married to Bro Steve Praveen.
- > Bro Imran and Sis Tahseen (husband and wife) who were refugees in Sri Lanka from Pakistan were baptized in August 2014.



## Other Events:

- > Almost every month on the full moon Poya day, which is a holiday, a special program is organized in which members are encouraged to bring interested friends.
- > Individual Bible studies are being done for members and interested friends by experienced brothers.

> We have bimonthly meetings of the Arranging Brother's meeting to discuss the matters relating to the Negombo ecclesia.

> Baptism instruction classes for interested friends and young people of the ecclesia.

> Outstation visit to once a month meet up with Sis Padma in the hill country (Nuwera Eliya) to break bread and do some studies.

> Every week the youth gathering at the mission house to study about the Truth and for the youth events. This helps to groom the youth to take up leadership in the future.

> Bro Frank Ryan has almost on a monthly basis been running a series of Bible Seminars south of Colombo to spread the Gospel in that area. There is now a regular group of contacts.

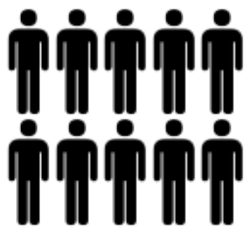
> Bro Rob and Sis Rochelle Oosthuizen and their family from New Zealand were long-term fieldworkers for approximately 7 months. They have guided the Negombo ecclesia to the next phase of their development to having a greater degree of autonomy and self guidance. We thank them for this work.

We are blessed with the many visits to Sri Lanka by ACBM fieldworkers and casual visits by brothers and sisters throughout the year.





# THAILAND



5  
Brothers  
Sisters



2  
Ecclesias



2  
Baptisms

EST.  
1990s

150  
Contacts



Brothers and sisters include:

- > Bro Ebenezer (Lahu ethnic group), and Sis Vicky (Karen ethnic group), both single, in Chiang Mai
- > A small family, Bro Adrian (expatriate) and Sis Jin (Thai) in Pattaya (south of Bangkok)
- > Bro Pasobsuk (Thai), single, in Bangkok

Vicky, 17, and an ethnic Karen, summed up her faith for us when she said, "I can't help myself, imagining how wonderful it will be to be a part of God's kingdom with all his lovely children in a perfect world without sorrow." Vicky's mother translates Christadelphian correspondence courses and literature for the Bible Education Centre (BEC), in Chiang Mai, and Vicky spent the better part of two years studying with a number of the fieldworkers on hand there. She was baptised early in November with her mother's consent – the second baptism at the BEC in 2013.

The first was Ebenezer, 23 years old, a friend of Vicky's and an ethnic Lahu. He was baptised four months earlier, in July, after 18 months of

study with BEC fieldworkers. Of immense interest to him was the uniformity of understanding important Bible principles among all of these fieldworkers. About 30 different fieldworkers had visited the BEC during that time. He recently told us: "I met different people [fieldworkers] from abroad. They shared the same things. I was excited that people from different regions could have the same understanding."

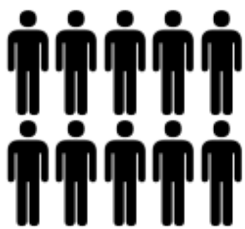


Fieldworkers at the BEC preach the gospel and teach English through the Bible in Chiang Mai and in several other centres where we have

friends throughout north-western Thailand. They have many interesting conversations with our friends and their friends. Please consider helping out by spending 1 to 2 months (or more) with our friends in Chiang Mai.



## PHILIPPINES



**600**  
Brothers  
Sisters



**19** Ecclesias  
**62** Sunday  
Schools



**25**  
Baptisms

**EST.**  
**1958**

In December 2013 the bi-annual Philippine Youth Conference was held. The conference was organised by the Philippines CYC committee. While the conference was mainly funded through ACBM, they made a great effort in raising funds as their own contribution towards costs. About 180 young people from throughout the Philippines attended the conference that was held at Baguio Teachers Camp on top of the mountains. Though the weather was cool by Filipino standards there was much warmth among the young people as they shared 5 to 6 days together around Bible studies and combined activities.

Bro Josh Wallace from Boronia ecclesia was the invited guest speaker. His theme was "Unlocking the Secrets of Bible Prophecy" in accord with the choice of the young people. Bro Josh was impressed with the response to the studies and subsequently wrote: "I was delighted with the evidence of comprehension and sincere interest in the studies on Daniel and Revelation - particularly given the subject matter and hope that the brothers and sisters there will be inspired to build on the material presented."

At the same time and venue of the Youth



Conference, a "Promoting Healthy Ecclesias" workshop was held for more than 30 senior brethren representing 12 ecclesias. This second workshop fulfilled the expressed desire of the brethren following the successful first such workshop that was held in 2011. The morning studies were on Christ's Letters to the Seven Ecclesias followed by group discussion on the meaning and implication of Christ's words to us. Many felt they had lost their first love and saw the need to rekindle their original enthusiasm for the work of the Truth. The afternoon sessions focused on short talks and discussions on ecclesial organisation, preaching and spiritual growth for ecclesias.

In May 2014 a CYC Bible Summer Camp was held at Kili-kili (Mindanao) for the young people from Mindanao and the Visayan islands. About 90 attend the camp with the theme for the studies being "Shining As Lights" take from Paul's letter to the Philippians. Activities included studies led by Bro Zac Forbes (NZ), group discussion, games and sports, socialization, choir presentations and an outing. A highlight of the weekend was the baptism of

one young person. Before the Camp a one-day Sunday School Teachers workshop was conducted with about 30 teachers present. This was to refresh their techniques and provide guidance on how to motivate kids to enjoy Sunday school.

Another weekend study was held at the Buggallon ecclesial hall last May 23 to 25, 2014 for young people from Luzon. The studies were on Abraham to the theme: "Searching for a City" and were led by Bro Philip Rosser from Perth. 120 young people were able to attend representing 10 ecclesias, some having to travel many long hours. The young people enjoyed the fellowship with their brethren in faith as much as they enjoyed the studies throughout the weekend. The Luzon CYC committee wrote in their report of the weekend: "But perhaps the climax of the gathering was when four young people responded to the Father's call for them to be a part of His family through baptism. There is indeed joy not only in heaven, but in the ecclesia, as we witnessed these young people make their first step towards God's kingdom."

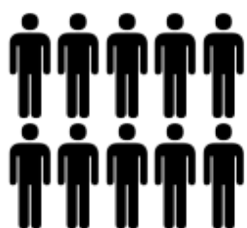




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# TONGA

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7  
Brothers  
Sisters



1  
Ecclesia



1  
Sunday  
School

EST.  
2000



Contacts

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Since Bro Alan and Sis Maureen Struckman's return from their two year stint in Tonga, there has been ongoing work with the ecclesia and contacts.

Every Friday night is spent Skyping with Saim-one and Monica Puli'uvea, a young couple who have shown incredible enthusiasm and maturity in their preparation for taking on the responsibilities of living a life in Christ. By God's grace they will be baptized when we return to Tonga in October.

Another contact, Kalo Kepu, is also very keen and keeping up with her studies. When possible, she joins in with the Skyping sessions. She too is hoping to be baptized in October.

Our other two active contacts, Moe-ei and Lola Finau, are lovely young sisters, who used to be our neighbours while living in Tonga. It has been more difficult to keep up ongoing studies with them, but we had a lesson with them in June when we went back to Tonga for a catch up visit.



The Sunday School is very active, with Sis Sivo-ki Fonua proving to be an excellent teacher, while being ably supported by Kalo. Bro Fusi Maka has been teaching the older children when able to do so. Sis Talita Latu lives on a remote island, Vava'u, so joins in with the Memorial Meetings via cellphone.

The ecclesia meets each Sunday morning and Thursday evening at Mata'aho Pre-School. In return for putting up a fence around the school, we have been given almost unlimited use of the school! It is wonderful to have a neutral meeting place, something that has been lacking in Tonga for our brothers and sisters.

# VANUATU



Work continues at a steady pace in Vanuatu. A highlight from the last year was the baptism of Sis Faena Manses in September 2013. Sis Faena lives on the tiny island of Emau off the northern shores of Efate and her baptism brings the number in the ecclesia there to four. Faena joins her husband Bro Delwyn and their son and daughter-in-law, Bro George and Sis Marina as well as their three children. While Faena's faith is very strong she is physically very weak so please remember our new sister in your prayers.

The annual ecclesial camp was held in De-

cember in Pt Vila and many members enjoyed a week of fellowship with the fieldworkers visiting from Australia and the US. At the same time four young people had the opportunity to go to Fiji for the South Pacific Youth Conference and join other young people who gathered there from throughout the South Pacific. This was a wonderful opportunity for them to meet other young people from similar backgrounds to their own as well as meet new friends from Australia. God willing the next SPYC will be held in Vanuatu in December 2015. The next annual ecclesial camp is planned to run from 21st-26th December 2014, God willing







# VIETNAM



We have had the book "What the Bible Teaches" by Harry Tennant, translated, printed and distributed to all the members. This is a registered publication and accepted by the Ministry of Culture and Religion.

Vietnamese brethren are preaching the gospel message in Vietnamese. Every ecclesia has a preaching team. The process of conversion is by befriending people, understanding their background and begin their teaching by relating the message to their special interests. This generally results in baptism after a couple of years. They do not have to be brought into

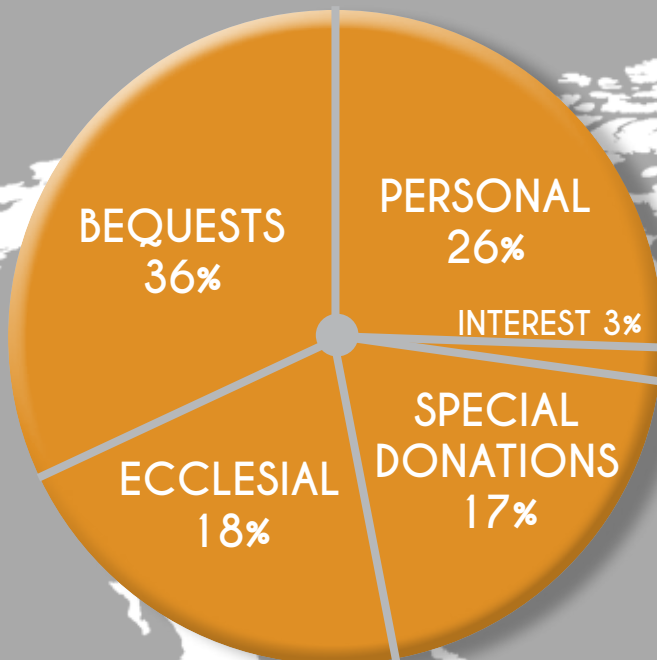
the group later since the group has been their friends for a long time.

God willing we will open the twelfth ecclesia soon and the number will continue to grow steadily. The Sunday Schools are striving, both senior and junior classes. Central Vietnam is fine but the situation in the delta is not improving; yet we had more baptisms from there than from central in this financial year. We would appreciate very much if this message is not shared on Facebook or Twitter. For this reason we include no photographs.



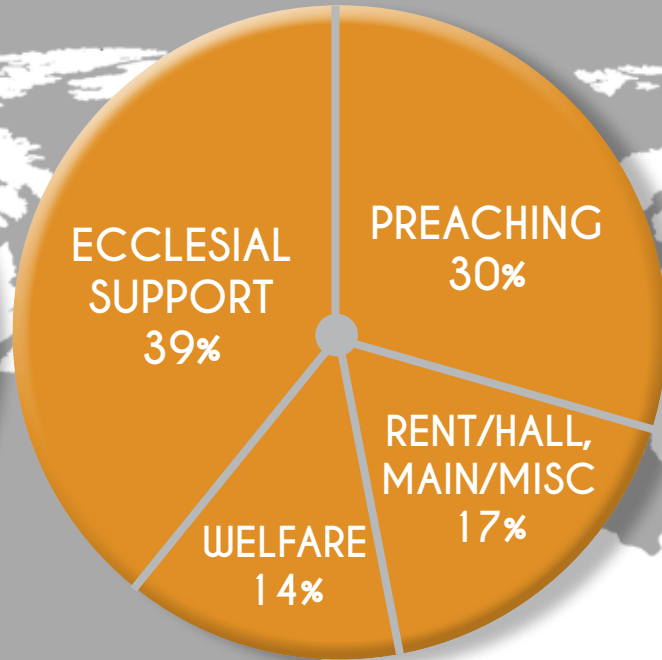
# LOCATIONS + FINANCIALS

## SOURCES OF INCOME



> Ecclesial Donations	\$201K AU / \$215K NZ
> Personal Donations	\$298K AU / \$320K NZ
> Bequests	\$408K AU / \$438K NZ
> Special Donations	\$186K AU / \$199K NZ
> Interest Income	\$37K AU / \$40K NZ
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$1,130 AU / \$1,214 NZ</b>
These figures are in \$'000s	

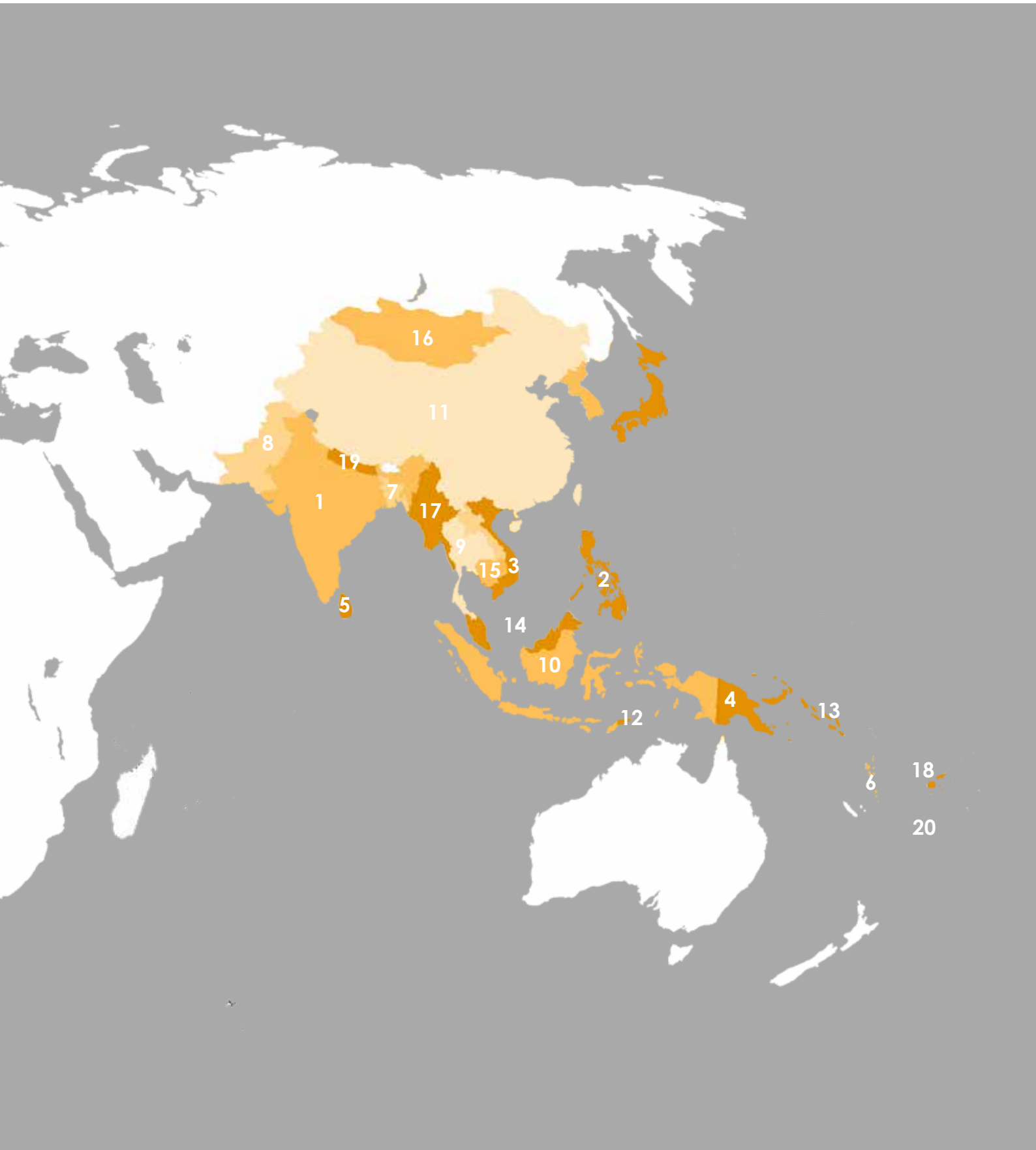
## DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENSES



> Preaching	\$267K AU / \$287K NZ
> Ecclesial Support	\$341K AU / \$366K NZ
> Rent, Prop maintn, office	\$152K AU / \$163K NZ
> Welfare	\$128K AU / \$137K NZ
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$888K AU / \$954K NZ</b>
These figures are in \$'000s	

## WHERE WE SPEND OUR FUNDS

1. India	\$166,406	18.7%	13. Solomon Islands	\$22,418	2.5%
2. Philippines	\$143,097	16.1%	14. Malaysia	\$16,435	1.9%
3. Vietnam	\$78,206	8.8%	15. Cambodia	\$15,535	1.8%
4. Papua New Guinea	\$63,194	7.1%	16. Mongolia	\$11,519	1.3%
5. Sri Lanka	\$52,444	5.9%	17. Myanmar	\$10,000	1.1%
6. Vanuatu	\$44,025	5.0%	18. Fiji	\$9,815	1.1%
7. Bangladesh	\$35,171	4.0%	19. Nepal	\$9,270	1.0%
8. Pakistan	\$34,258	3.9%	20. Tonga	\$4,445	0.5%
9. Thailand	\$31,150	3.5%	21. Other countries	\$846	0.1%
10. Indonesia	\$30,741	3.5%	22. Insurance (inc travel)	\$34,573	3.9%
11. China	\$24,402	2.7%	23. Preaching website	\$3,112	0.4%
12. East Timor	\$23,725	2.7%	24. Other	\$22,918	2.6%





“Therefore,  
we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us.  
We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.”

2 Corinthians 5:20