

ASIA-PACIFIC CHRISTADELPHIAN BIBLE MISSION

ANNUAL REPORT

2019



EDITORIAL

Dear Brothers and Sisters

With deep gratitude to our merciful and gracious Father in heaven I am pleased to commend this Annual Report of the Asia-Pacific Christadelphian Bible Mission (ACBM) for 2019 to you. It provides a snapshot of the Mission's service in the name of Christ in the midst of the teeming millions of our geographic region. It shares the excitement, the joys and the tears of the Asia Pacific brothers and sisters under the good hand of our God in these closing days of Gentile times.

Thank you greatly for the heartfelt prayers and the ongoing financial assistance which have been so forthcoming from the Australian and New Zealand brotherhood. This wonderful spirit of co-operation has combined to allow the Mission to continue both to support and promote the saving work of our Father in heaven among so many in lands offshore – fellow children of God in Christ Jesus .



Baptism interview of sis Soma Debbarma (India)

As a brotherhood it is good also to recognise our indebtedness to the almost 200 fieldworkers and numerous committee members who so tirelessly each year volunteer to make the work of the Mission all happen in the grace of Almighty God. We are truly thankful that this spirit of loving service has been put into so many hearts.

As the world moves inevitably towards the great day of God Almighty and risks and dangers continue to mount in Mission lands, amazingly there are yet men and women seeking to understand the gospel message. Can we muster the energy and support needed to continue the work begun? Surely the greatest gift we can take to the world is the way of salvation in Christ.

Dear reader, the Mission appeals for your earnest ongoing support until "the fullness of the Gentiles is brought in" and the Master is in the earth. The Mission needs more fieldworkers, more brothers and sisters venturing to attend Bible Schools in distant lands, regular financial contributions, bequests and above all your prayers that when the times of the Gentiles conclude, fruit might be borne to the glory of the great Creator of heaven and earth.

May the Father's blessing continue to advance His saving purpose in the earth to His glory.

Garnet Alchin

Chairman ACBM

NEW COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

At its May 2019 meeting the ACBM adopted a new wide ranging Communications Strategy. A compelling feature is the recognition that going forward the Mission's communications need to be more focused and accessible on smartphones. All areas of our communications, our monthly eNews, our Facebook and our Website will require significant development to achieve this. These changes will be progressively introduced over the next twelve to twenty four months. Instagram will also be embraced in a move to maximise the circulation of information.

The new Communications Strategy aims to extensively promote an understanding and an appreciation of the Mission's work on behalf of ecclesias in:

- Preaching the Truth in mission areas
- Nurturing developing ecclesias in mission areas
- Providing welfare support for brothers and sisters in needy circumstances in mission areas
- Involving fieldworkers of all age groups.

Other proposed developments include updating our current website with a new homepage to include a marketing focus and a "call to action", seeking donations, recruiting fieldworkers and encouraging attendance at offshore Bible Schools. The upgraded site will enable several donation options to be used including productised donation categories.

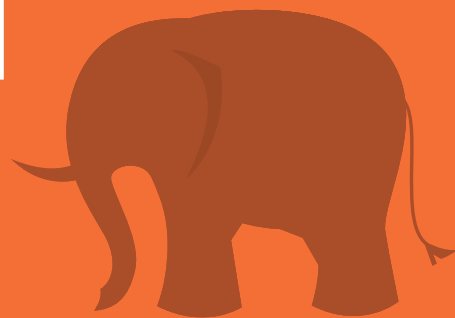
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SOUTH ASIA



CHRISTADELPHIANS

62

ECCLESIAS

3

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

4

RECENT BAPTISMS

5

ACTIVE CONTACTS

11+

ESTABLISHED

1998



BANGLADESH

VIC

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Recent government registration of the Bangladesh Christadelphians has meant much work for local brothers in setting up a Trust for handling foreign money. Slowly they (and the ACBM) are coming to grips with the new requirements and the need for everyone to work together.

During the year a combined CYC camp near Dhaka brought together 40 young people from all over the country and they benefited from the studies given by visiting speakers.

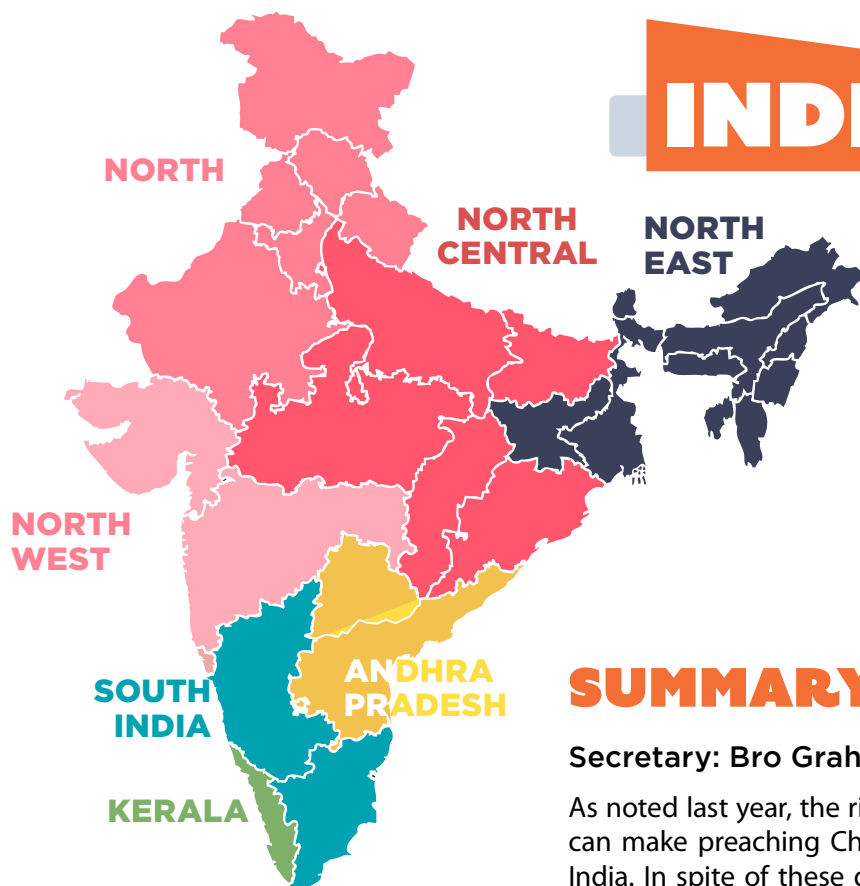
The ecclesias now look forward to the annual Bible School in August 2019. It is encouraging to have up to ten friends, both young and old attending baptism classes.

Brother Stephen Murie spent 6 months in Bangladesh guiding and assisting the brothers and sisters through a difficult period. The assistance of more field workers would be greatly appreciated.

An excited Mymensingh Ecclesia recently baptised 4 contacts in one day using a coffin as a baptismal bath. This ecclesia now numbers 12, all young men. However it serves to exacerbate the increasing difficulty of the young brothers finding suitable help meets.

Personal Mission Story

One very enthusiastic young brother, currently working in Savar near Dhaka, is keen to have an ecclesia in his hometown, about a 7 hour bus trip away in the NNW of Bangladesh. He is much encouraged by nine of his interested friends attending the CYC camp and later when about 30 friends, attended a preaching effort in his hometown. One 14 year old Dhaka girl, a sister's unbaptized daughter has it seems, unassisted, started her own weekly "Christadelphian" Sunday School Class with around 7 children!



VIC

CHRISTADELPHIANS

1,790

ECCLESIAS

74

ESTABLISHED

1979

WEBSITE

christadelphians.in

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY

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As noted last year, the rise in Hindu nationalism has increased, which can make preaching Christianity difficult particularly in the north of India. In spite of these difficulties, the ACBM area teams continue to work with the local ecclesias to effectively preach the gospel.

In south India there are teams for Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, plus Kerala.

In north east India another team supports the ecclesias in West Bengal and the states to the east of Bangladesh. Another team works in the North, North Central and North West of the country. Where possible these teams work together across areas. The brothers and sisters and young people appreciate the regular Bible weeks, sisters gatherings, elders' meetings and youth camps and all are encouraged to attend at least one such activity each year for fellowship and Bible study. Speakers at activities include visitors from western countries and many local speakers.

Why not consider attending one of the Bible weeks, Youth camps or preaching truth camps. Visits can be as short as a week or two. Or if you have the time available, a longer visit of a few months based in one of the many Mission flats which can act as a base for visiting and supporting local ecclesias.



Jacob & Sabita Makal with Becky Morgan

Indian Literature

Many translated works in the languages of India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Pakistan have been scanned and are now available to download on:

christadelphians.in

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Baptism of 4 sisters at Agartala



Baptism interview at Agartala



Kerala floods



22,000 people dislocated by Kerala floods

Welfare needs are growing and sometimes can require an immediate and large scale response (see Kerala Flood report) as well as help for individual cases of illness. There are also many charitable activities run by Christadelphian entities where the ACBM works in conjunction with them.

There is a role for anyone who wants to be involved in the preaching and pastoral work. If you want more information on how to be involved contact india@acbm.org.au and bro Graham Reeve will direct you to the appropriate area team leader.

Kerala Floods

Kerala State is located in the lower south west corner of India and is wedged between the ocean and the Western Ghats Mountains. In normal times Kerala is a wonderland of rivers and backwaters. However, in July 2018 the heaviest monsoon rains in a century caused extensive damaging floods and landslides. 483 people died, over one million people were displaced, huge areas were flooded including agricultural land, houses flooded and extensively damaged, airports closed and roads and rail lines submerged. Some of our Kerala brothers and sisters fled their home with only the clothes they were wearing as their houses were flooded

The ACBM via a special financial appeal together with ecclesias in India provided immediate welfare assistance to brothers and sisters and others in various villages. School materials for 500 children were collected. 50 kitchen kits with a blanket in each kit were also prepared. Brothers and sisters and young people from Hyderabad ecclesia plus the Christadelphian Shunem and Moinabad Homes drove the long distance to Kerala.

They visited two isolated villages near Tiruvella and distributed family packs of cooking and serving vessels. One village was reached on rowing boats because the houses were on small islands in the middle of paddy fields filled with water. The men were engaged in repairing damaged houses and the women cooked the food on the shore and sent the food on the boats. Five Government schools which were flooded were visited. The teachers and students were so happy to meet the team and the study materials were distributed to needy students selected by the teachers. The team also had provided detergents and disinfectant liquids which were given to the families and schools. Another school was selected where our bro. Joseph of Thrissur works. 170 students were given study materials and sanitary items for their personal use.

Personal Mission Story

This year we witnessed the Baptism of two contacts bringing the number in the Delhi area to 4. Many overseas brothers travel to Delhi on business, and while travel time to combined monthly memorial meetings is long, they are happy to travel to Delhi from around U.P. if ever you have the opportunity to go!

NORTH INDIA

Growth in North India is severely impacted by Hindu fundamentalism. Uttar Pradesh has the largest population in India and one of the key states for the BJP central government and its paramilitary wing, the RSS whose key political platform is the assertion of Hindu superiority over other religious minorities, particularly Christians and Muslims.

Despite few brothers, regular Bible Truth Camps are held in 4 states. An annual Bible week is held in June in the picturesque heights in the Himalayas at Mussoorie, Uttarakhand attended by around 75, including interstate brothers and sisters. Members are scattered in 4 locations, but a regular combined Memorial meeting and Bible class is held monthly.

There are two places in homes of families in U.P. that can provide accommodation for fieldworkers.



Northern India



Bangalore Bible Week, India

NORTH EAST INDIA

Members of 7 ecclesias meet at least weekly for Memorial meetings, Bible study and first principles teaching. There are also a number of members in isolated villages. Sunday School work continues in some areas. Active preaching by local brothers has resulted in us being blessed with 20 baptisms mainly at Agartala and Sarenga ecclesias and there are good prospects for further baptisms in the near future.

Some highlights of the year have been:

- The annual West Bengal Bible School with studies on Philipians and Proverbs by brothers
- Jack and Andrew Lawson and a variety of topics by local brothers.
- A 2-day workshop for brothers by Bro. Tim Galbraith "Servants not Masters" in March 2019 for 12 brothers to develop their skills in leadership and service of the ecclesias.
- Visits to ecclesias by fieldworkers for Bible studies and fellowship.



Karnataka Youth Circle

More fieldworkers are needed to help with pastoral care, preaching and the encouragement of godly growth in our brothers and sisters. Visits can be made at the Bible School, Youth Camp or at any other time. Why not visit them this year? – you will be very warmly welcomed by our Bengali brothers and sisters.



Bangalore Bible School, Karnataka

ACBM WEBSITE

acbm.org.au

Acbm.org.au provides access to all ACBM resources including the fieldworker guidebook and application forms plus more detailed and accurate information regarding the mission regions, the ecclesias and the activities of the local brethren and sisters.

Some information is accessible only to confirmed Christadelphians so you will need to register a user account.

In particular, the website is intended to provide a better historical overview of ecclesial growth within the specific regions, but remains a work in progress.

We depend upon area secretaries and fieldworkers to provide updates so please contact the webadmin@acbm.org.au or submit updates via the forms available on the site.

CRISIS MANAGEMENT

The ACBM has in place a Crisis Management Team (made up of the Secretary as Crisis Co-ordinator, the Chairman, the Insurance Officer and the Fieldworker Safety Officer) which can respond to a major crisis beyond the capacity of an ACBM Area Team and its ACBM Regional Committee.

A significant crisis did occur this year in Sri Lanka for our refugee brethren. It was handled by the Refugee Area Team which responds directly to the National Committee.

The crisis arose following the 21 April catastrophic bombings in Colombo and Negombo. Our refugee brethren were more directly affected as some locals turned on any and all Pakistani asylum seekers and refugees, assuming they were all involved. Our refugee brethren had to go into hiding as it was not safe for them to simply retreat to their homes which in some cases were looted or damaged. Food and fresh water were in short supply and it was unsafe for any Pakistani to be seen on the street.

Most of our refugee brethren were evacuated to a safe location until law and order were restored. The ACBM launched an appeal to assist in covering the cost of this temporary accommodation, food and relocation costs. The situation remains uneasy and the future safety of Pakistanis in Sri Lanka is not clear. Please remember our refugee brethren in your prayers.

YOUTH INVOLVEMENT

Brothers and sisters of all ages can be involved in the work of the ACBM. This includes our young baptised members. Many of the countries in the Asia Pacific Region have fast growing populations with young people making up a large percentage and as a result many of the brothers and sisters and contacts are young people who appreciate the opportunity to mix with others in their age group who share their love for the things of God.

The Asia-Pacific Region is amongst the fastest growing areas of the world for internet access and the uptake of smart phones. Modern technology provides many opportunities for preaching, forming friendships and maintaining contact with Christadelphian Young People.

As a young person one of the best ways to get a taste of what is involved in becoming a fieldworker is to attend one of the many youth conferences or Bible Schools that are held in our region. Often visits to these Bible Schools can be combined with visits to nearby ecclesias.

Regular events for young people in the South Pacific are held in The Philippines, Vanuatu, Fiji and the Solomon Islands. These are ideal opportunities for young people to experience what it is like to travel as a fieldworker.

A large Youth Conference attended by almost 300 young people is held each odd year in the Philippines and the next is scheduled for December 2019. Those who visit for the conference are able to travel around in small groups before or after the conference and spend time in nearby ecclesias.

In this last year Youth Conferences and Bible Schools have been held in many locations including India, Sri Lanka, East Timor, Singapore and Cambodia, with more activities planned for the coming twelve months.

Fieldworker visits take place throughout the year attending Bible Schools, engaging in preaching work and visiting brothers and sisters in ecclesias or in isolation. Young people often form a valuable part of many of these teams and a large number of brothers and sisters in the ACBM are younger people. Being part of a fieldworker team and experiencing the faith of other young people and brothers and sisters in other parts of the world is an incredible experience for any young person who takes up the opportunity. To begin just take a look at the ACBM website or have a chat to someone who has been on Mission work to get started!



CHRISTADELPHIANS

133

ECCLESIAS

5

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

2

BAPTISMS

1

CONTACTS

12

ESTABLISHED

1986

NEPAL

VIC

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Our brothers and sisters in Nepal continue to preach the word of God to those who are listening. This year there was one baptism that was very significant. Just over 18 years ago a newborn baby girl was abandoned on the streets of Kathmandu. Brother Gopal and Sister Shanti found her and took her home and with their teenage sons made her a part of their family. Their home is also the home of the Dhumburai ecclesia that has supported her as she has grown up and it is wonderful to see Leah has chosen to devote her life to following Christ through the waters of baptism this year.

Two of our younger brothers have left Nepal to work in Dubai. For many families this is the only way they can survive with the high cost of living in Nepal.

This year the ACBM has assisted many with welfare needs and as this report is being written Sister Chandra is in ICU after getting an infection after an operation. Plans are underway for this year's bible week. Looking back at last year's bible week one of the highlights was being able to extend fellowship to brethren from northern India. In the past brothers and sisters from Nepal have been able to visit India and attend bible weeks so it was nice to have some Indian brothers visit Nepal.

As many would know a worldwide appeal has gone out to assist the Chabahil ecclesia to try and raise funds as they search for suitable land to build a much needed new ecclesial home.

We also pray for the safe arrival of two more children from our sisters Srijanna and Bijya in the very near future.

CHRISTADELPHIANS

1,100

ECCLESIAS

34QUETTA
1PUNJAB
15SINDH
18

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

28 (700 Students)

BAPTISMS

100

ACTIVE CONTACTS

650

ESTABLISHED

2002

PAKISTAN

VIC

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Brother Tim on his recent trip to Pakistan to attend the Southern Bible Weeks reported that the political situation seemed less tense than on previous visits, but the religious tension remains on a high level. And still the gospel message is being heard.

The Pakistani ecclesias hold regular preaching activities such as Truth Camps. To prepare for these activities the ecclesias hold leadership and Prepare to Preach workshops. The result of this preparation is reflected in the number of people coming to the saving name of Christ. It seems that in the darkest parts of the world the light shines brightest.

In December CYC camps were held with great enthusiasm. However, they had to be held in three venues due to difficulties in finding a suitably large venue and one that would allow us to rent it. The main reason for this difficulty is that we don't accept the doctrine of the

trinity. The camps were attended by brother Mathew and two brethren from Korea who along with local brothers presented the studies.

Bible Weeks have been held in both the Karachi (Sindh) and Punjab areas. The Karachi area is divided into north and south. Due to venue capacity and costs we sadly have needed to limit the number of attendees. In the South Karachi Bible Week only a 100 could attend and in the north only 50. Those who attend share with the other members of their ecclesias the things they experience and learn while at Bible Week.

Sunday School work is growing and is aided by Sunday School notes now translated into the Urdu language. We can now get MP3 players, pre-loaded with the Bible in the local language which is helpful as there are many in Pakistan who cannot read.



SRI LANKA

WA

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Sri Lanka has experienced another active year. There are three ecclesial homes. The members from each of these ecclesias meet at the annual Bible School held during the Christmas period.

There is also active fellowship with Iranian and Pakistani refugee brothers and sisters. The Sunday School programs at each of the ecclesias is very active and well structured. It was delightful to be able to send two Sri lankan sisters to the Bangalore Bible Week in India in May.

The Sri Lankan brothers and sisters have been blessed over the last year with regular contact from visiting brothers and sisters and young people mainly from Australia.

This ongoing support through either personal visits or financial assistance is very much appreciated.

CHRISTADELPHIANS

30+

ECCLESIAS

3

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

3

BAPTISMS

4

CONTACTS

5

ESTABLISHED

1985 / 1996



Personal Mission Story

Easter Weekend 2019 witnessed the horror of Islamic terrorist bombings in Colombo and Negombo. The local Negombo populace suspected it was the work of Islamist refugees. Consequently they wanted all refugees and asylum seekers removed from the area. This meant some of our refugee brothers and sisters found themselves forcibly evicted from rental accommodation and without a home for several weeks. Together with financial support from Australia during this crisis, the Sri Lankan brothers and sisters assisted in finding temporary accommodation for their refugee brothers and sisters. They also were able to negotiate with local authorities to confirm that our refugee brothers and sisters had nothing to do with the bombings and only met together for worship purposes.

THIS IS YOUR BIBLE

thisisyourbible.com

This is Your Bible is the preaching website supported by the Bible Missions in the United Kingdom (CBM), North America (CBMA), and the ACBM. Its main feature is the online Bible course facility with provision for online tutoring, but it also offers:

- A wide range of literature covering most subject
- A question and answer reference page
- A location map for finding ecclesias and Mission contacts around the world
- Monthly articles and user surveys
- Selected videos

The Bible study option offered online allows visitors to register as students and select a course to work through at their leisure. Once registered, students are assigned to a tutor who will work with the student as they progress through their course. There are currently 560 brothers and sisters who are registered as online tutors.

One of the underutilised features of thisisyourbible.com is the ability for ecclesias or Mission teams to take control of the students in a specified area and manage their progress with designated tutors. Using this feature means that the result of any specific advertising will come back to those who have advertised in the first place. By this means an ecclesia or Mission group can build up a base of online contacts each with a direct link to a tutor. They also have the ability to bulk mail the students in their area and monitor the progress of students.

You can find out more about these features from Brother Robert Alderson – ACBM Administrator at rma@ix.net.nz

The website now has an agile design which adapts to the needs of the increasing visitors using mobile devices which is especially the case in countries without a well developed telecommunications infrastructure, but is an increasing trend worldwide.



ESTABLISHED
Before 2000
TUTORS
590
ACTIVE CONTACTS
8194

“This is your Bible” in the Northern Pacific Area

Because preaching of the Gospel had not been undertaken in the Northern Pacific area by the ACBM, it was decided by the SA Regional Committee to commence advertising through the website www.thisisyourbible.com. This area includes the countries of Guam, Kiribati, Micronesia, Northern Mariana Islands, Nauru, Palau and the Marshall Islands.



FIELDWORKER SAFETY

During the year, many brothers and sisters have undertaken fieldwork in ACBM mission areas. We continue to pray for God's blessing and guidance in this important work.

Increasing unrest in many countries and the speed with which situations can change, reinforces concern for fieldworker safety. The Smart Traveller website run by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade provides important advice and warnings which are relevant for our fieldworkers. We ask fieldworkers to register for these notifications and to exercise due caution. Taking the advice of local brothers and sisters is also critical.



Applying in a timely way to be an ACBM fieldworker is important. This provides cover by the ACBM Insurance Policy which can assist fieldworkers practically if required. The fieldworker approval advice and emergency card includes information on action should an emergency occur.

The ACBM has special requirements for travel into areas classified as high risk (see the ACBM website). These measures are important parts of the Mission's duty of care for the safety and support of our fieldworkers.

On line advertising was commenced on 28th May 2018 using Google Ads placing them online using Bible based adverts.

One advert that has had a good consistent response is "Compare what your Church teaches with the Bible" which then leads them on to the "This is your Bible" website. Topical titles that are of interest in certain countries were used e.g., when promoting in the country of Guam, the following title on Google Ads "North Korea-USA the Bible has the answer" resulted in 532 visits to the "This is your Bible" website.

An Ad that produced many responses was "Who are the Christadelphians". Local print and digital newspapers have been used to advertise the website www.thisisyourbible.com Advertisements placed in these papers direct people interested in the Bible to our website.

In Kiribati, Google Ads as well as the local print and digital newspapers are being used on the theme of Noah's Ark as this country is only 3 metres above sea level and the people are concerned that with global warming their country will be completely inundated. Unfortunately, the Bible courses offered are often not completed and maybe 40 lessons are a bit daunting to start with.

The "Learn to read the Bible" video online Bible course that has 6 lessons, is now being offered hoping to encourage contacts to complete the full series of lessons. This form of promoting the Gospel will be continued before any fieldworker visits are undertaken.

FIELDWORKER TRAINING

acbm.org.au/resources/training-materials

It is important that all fieldworkers are well prepared before they visit a country and to assist with this several training presentations are available on the ACBM website. The ACBM would like to encourage ecclesias, CYCs or regions to make use of this material.

- **The Everlasting Gospel** - a comprehensive 7-part Powerpoint presentation deals with issues such as why and how to preach, common questions, cultural issues and some of the challenges fieldworkers may face.
- **ACBM Fieldworker Induction Presentation** - a presentation which can be worked through by individuals or small groups prior to leaving on a visit.

These presentations are in Powerpoint format and can be modified to suit different countries or planned activities.

Resources such as the workshop "Building Healthy Ecclesias", notes on the First Century Ecclesia and information on common beliefs that fieldworkers might encounter are also available to assist fieldworkers or ecclesias.

CHILD SAFETY

acbm.org.au/fieldworkers/fieldworkers-guide-book/acbm-child-safety-policy/

The safety of all children at ACBM activities in Australia, New Zealand and our Mission areas is very important to the ACBM.

The Mission's recently updated Child Safety Policy is available on the ACBM website and includes a number of important requirements. We are encouraging all Mission area ecclesias to adopt a similar policy to increase the awareness of child safety for the wellbeing of our young.

Child protection screening checks (different names in different jurisdictions) are required for all ACBM Committee members and fieldworkers. Each fieldworker's home ecclesia is also asked to confirm that they are not aware of any issue relating to the safety or welfare of children that would prevent the fieldworker doing ACBM work.

We are also asking any brother or sister who visits ACBM sponsored Bible weeks or activities in mission areas to obtain a screening check to ensure we as a brotherhood maintain a strong commitment to child safety.

The ACBM is also encouraging other Christadelphian organisations operating in ACBM areas to adopt similar processes and practices to ensure a consistent approach in this critical area.

SOUTH-EAST ASIA



CAMBODIA

QLD

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By God's blessing we have continued to have an active and exciting presence in Cambodia for the last year. We are blessed to still have 4 main centers of activity, Siem Reap in the far North, Phnom Penh in the center along with Kampong Speu and Sihanoukville in the South. Each of these areas have an ecclesia and Sunday school and all have a Bible Education Center (BEC) apart from Kampong Speu.

The largest ecclesia is in Phnom Penh where we have, in the last few months, had to move our BEC to a new premises. The BECs continue to partner with other groups for the betterment of Cambodia, both through preaching the gospel and doing acts of charity. One of these projects is the Bethazer dorms in the capital which houses students from rural areas while they study. BEC fieldworkers visit and give bible lessons.

In Siem Reap, plans are underway for the construction of an ecclesial hall and bible education center by the Siem Reap hall project team. Land has already been purchased for this purpose. God willing once the funds have completely been raised a hall will be built at the start of next year on the ecclesial land. Having an owned building will allow the local brothers and sisters to be less reliant on funding from overseas.

In Kampong Speu there were 5 baptisms at the Christadelphian Cambodia Sustainability Project (CSP) this year. The project is also used as a base for Gospel extension and charity works in a very poor rural community. Fieldworkers go to the CSP to preach and meet with the small ecclesia there.

We always are in need for more field workers in Cambodia. We have many students waiting for lessons. Please consider a stay, if you can, to further God's great and exciting work happening in Cambodia.

CHRISTADELPHIANS
99

ECCLESIAS
4

SUNDAY SCHOOLS
5

BAPTISMS
3

ESTABLISHED
1996



CHRISTADELPHIANS
75
ECCLESIAS
2
SUNDAY SCHOOLS
1
BAPTISMS
5
ESTABLISHED
1969

INDONESIA

NSW

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Most Indonesian Christadelphians live in the city of Solo (also called Surakarta) in Central Java. Over 60 brothers and sisters make up the ecclesia and enjoy a range of activities including Memorial Meetings, Bible Classes, Sunday School, Sisters' Class, a youth group, and prayer meetings.

The annual Study Week in late June 2019 provided a great opportunity for learning and fellowship. The theme was "The Fruit of the Spirit" and Paul's important message was appreciated by all.

Study Week enabled Australian visitors to share in the excitement of the ecclesia with 4 baptisms, visits to the elderly, reconnecting with some not attending, and also visiting a brother living a distance from Solo. Unfortunately the Recorder, Bro Bobby, was unable to attend most activities due to hospitalisation for his ongoing health condition. Year on year, we are finding the need to increase financial support for health issues in Solo.

There is also a small ecclesia in the capital, Jakarta, which meets as regularly as possible. The recent baptisms of three Iranian refugees living in Jakarta is a great source of joy.



Kids during Solo Study Week



Solo Study Week Kid's activities



Kids presentation during Solo Study Week

Personal Mission Story

A highlight for Indonesia this year was the baptism of 3 Iranian refugees currently in Jakarta waiting resettlement. Two left Iran 6 years ago, while the third has been in Jakarta for 2 years. Christian persecution in Iran made them fearful for their lives so they fled to Indonesia. Their strong desire to find a community which did not believe in the Trinity and that saw the need to understand the Old Testament so as to appreciate the New, led them to Bro David Budiman. A long period of discussion with David culminated in their recent baptisms. They have fled from home and country. They cannot communicate with their families for fear of endangering them and they have left lives of comfort, wealth and security for the sake of the Gospel. A humbling and inspiring story.

MALAYSIA

NZ

Secretary: Bro Kahfook Tham (+64 4 479 0491,
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The Malaysian Ecclesia is currently made up mainly of 28 newly baptised brothers and sisters (since March 2016), complimented by a small number of "existing" members (baptised prior to 2016), an expat and two ACBM field workers. The majority of our brethren live in Kuala Lumpur, with a small number living in isolated places including Langkawi Island, Penang, and Miri (East Malaysia).

Our preaching campaign focuses on the "End Times" with the recent escalation of events in the Middle East proving to be very helpful. The Malaysia public is very aware of Bible "End Times" although unable to get details from existing religious organisations. They are often pleasantly surprised with the amount of Bible information on End Time prophecies and their close correlation with current world events.

Our current preaching campaign is at the midpoint of a 14-part series with ten interested friends remaining after six weeks. God willing, we pray their interest will be sustained as we enter the stage of "Detoxing false doctrines".

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1960s / 2013



Interested friends' seminar, with some brothers and sisters, in Kuala Lumpur.



Visiting Sister Patricia Leong in isolation on Langkawi Island, Sister Nortina Tham (Wellington), Sister Catherine Houben (Auckland), and interested friend Susan Leong (sister of Patricia)

MYANMAR

QLD

Secretary: Bro Terry Nutter (+61 408 549 616,
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The meeting in Yangon (Myanmar) has renewed the lease on the flat used for the Memorial Meetings. We expected a rise in the rental, but it was only a modest change. The ecclesia benefits from the continuity of remaining in the same place. The sisters like to cook a meal to share after (sometimes before) the Memorial meeting. It makes for good relations between the members. Around five students have started coming for Sunday School and they stay for the meal as well.

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2007

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1958

PHILIPPINES

NSW

**Secretary: Bro Peter Wassell (+61 2 9605 5919,
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The very first thing to acknowledge is the wonderful support from many ecclesias in NSW and the Sydney CYC for their very generous financial donations for the work in the Philippines.

The highlights during this past year were two Family Fraternals (just like Bible Schools), one held in Mindanao (Northern Philippines) and the other in Luzon (Southern Philippines) and the Philippines CYC weekend.

Family Fraternals

These provide very important spiritual and social opportunities for the Filipinos and are thoroughly enjoyed. Often this is the only opportunity some have of meeting brothers and sisters from other Philippines Ecclesias.

In December 2018, around 500, including children, attended these gatherings. There were study sessions by visiting and local speakers and Sunday School activities for the children. At the Mindanao gathering the subject of the "Beatitudes" was led by Bro. David McClure and studies were also given by Bro Julius Bumadilla highlighting Bible characters where the Beatitudes are shown in practice. At the Luzon gathering the subject of "Ezra - Stirring up a people" was covered by Bro. James McCann as well as local brothers giving talks about various Bible characters. During the Luzon fraternal workshops covering Sunday School work, preaching methods, Bible classes and family daily Bible readings were held. A special evening session was held on "Developing a Spiritual Mind in a Technological World."

CYC Weekend

A CYC study weekend was held in April 2019 at the Bugallon ecclesial hall where 106 young people heard studies on "Philippians - Focusing on the Goal" by Bro. Kent Wilson. The amenities at Bugallon have been upgraded to cater for young people to hold CYC weekends there.



Personal Mission Story

A heart operation has changed the life of a young sister in the Philippines Sis Irene Tibay was suffering from a narrowing of the heart's mitral valve. As a result, the valve didn't open properly, blocking blood flow into the main pumping chamber of her heart (left ventricle). Mitral valve stenosis can make you tired and short of breath, among other problems. She required a non-invasive operation (as opposed to open heart surgery) known as percutaneous transvenous mitral commissurotomy (PTMC). Following an appeal to the brotherhood in NSW funds were obtained for surgery. Sis Irene underwent a successful operation in March 2019. In July 2019 her Manila doctors advised that her heartbeat was now normal and her heart rhythm was good. She is no longer tired when walking just a short distance as before. Sis Irene sends her thanks: "To all our brothers and sisters in Christ especially to the ACBM for all the support financially and for all the love, thoughts and prayers. On behalf of my family we are very thankful and really appreciate it more than words can say".

SINGAPORE

QLD

**Secretary: Bro John Collins (+61 466 103 491,
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The 2019 Singapore Annual Study Weekend was held over the Easter holiday (19-21 April). We were blessed to have Bro David Budiman from Indonesia (Jakarta) lead 5 studies to the theme "Does It Matter What We Believe". In addition to Bro David & Sis Taneke, we also welcomed a number of visiting Bre & Sis - Keir Risley (Australia), Sandra Edelman (Cambodia), Jordan & Arlinda Harries and Augusta da Silva (East Timor). Bro Keir kindly led a special Sunday School on the Sunday morning.

On Sunday October 7th 2018 we rejoiced in the baptism of our new Sister in Christ, Sylvia Natan. Sylvia attended an ecclesia in The Philippines before coming to Singapore for employment and was instructed for baptism by Sis Joanne Wilson.

We continue to be fortunate to receive a steady stream of brothers and sisters passing through Singapore on their travels and we thank God for the fellowship and edification we get from these visits. We certainly encourage any brother or sister passing through to contact the Singapore Recording Bro (Graham Edwards) and we guarantee a warm welcome!

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1980



Bro John Bounaparte continues to actively support the preaching and welfare efforts across SE Asia.

- attended the Yangon Bible Study Weekend in Myanmar (23 Dec 2018 – 3 January 2019)
- visited Yangon & Madalay Ecclesias (March 2019)
- visited bre & Sis of the Seoul Ecclesia and joined their fraternal picnic (May 2019)
- visited the bre & sis at Siem Reap, Cambodia in (July 2019)

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1985 / 1990s / 2009



THAILAND

QLD

Secretary: Bro Terry Nutter (+61 408 549 616, thailand@acbm.org.au)

The Bible Education Centre (BEC) in Chiang Mai is a central feature of our activities in Thailand. The BEC is the home, teaching and resource centre and is the base for fieldworkers who operate the centre year-round. The BEC is conveniently located near the centre of Chiang Mai and has most of life's accessories, including a car and motorbike. Classes at the BEC have become more intensive due to the use of a new advertising method – boosted facebook ads.

Currently, classes for Bible study and English-through-the-Bible instruction are limited only by the number of fieldworkers on-hand. Classes of much longer duration are being trialled, with fieldworkers travelling to other locations to give them.

Fieldworkers are always in demand at the BEC. Please consider assisting with this vital work. Contact us at thailand@acbm.org.au Have a look at our blog site: acbmthailand.blogspot.com.au



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1997

VIETNAM

QLD

Secretary: Bro Allan Bundesen (+61 7 3343 3461, vietnam@acbm.org.au)

Bro Hung has recently visited the Christadelphian office in Birmingham. The office has shown interest in helping with the publishing of our Sunday School notes, which is good news.

In Vietnam there are a number in the delta area who are currently waiting for baptism.

The Mission has provided welfare assistance for a sister from one of the central ecclesias with the cost of a hip and knee replacement. She has had a long association with Bible teaching having been baptised 4 years ago after studying with members for some 10 years.

Vietnam presents many challenges. Please remember these brothers and sisters before Almighty God in our prayers.



EASTERN ASIA

CHINA (incl. Hong Kong)

SA

Secretary: Bro Russell Li (china@acbm.org.au)

In Hong Kong the ecclesia has freedom under the law to meet and to preach. In China, meetings for the breaking of bread or for bible study and preaching are illegal.

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ESTABLISHED

1960s / 1995

WEBSITE

shengjing.org

JAPAN

SA

Secretary: Bro Bruce Gurd (+61 8 8277 5196;
japan@acbm.org.au)

A highlight of this last year was the first study weekend in the Japanese language, held in Nagoya in November 2018. Studies were led by Brethren Peter Evans (Tokyo), Jonathan Prins (Fukuoka) and Andrew Culver (Simi Hills). The studies were well supported by international brothers and sisters and those locally from Sapporo in the east to Fukuoka in the west. Some translation was provided into English, but the primary purpose was for the local brothers and sisters to hear the Scriptures explained in their own language.

Brothers and sisters who wish to visit the Tokyo ecclesia are best advised to email Brother Peter Evans (tokyochristadelphians@gmail.com).

The 4th Tokyo Bible Week was held from June 18th to the 23rd near Omori in Tokyo with Bro Andrew Ackerman (Thousand Oaks) as secretary and sister Jess as treasurer. Brother David Collister (Verdugo Hills) spoke on Seek ye First the Kingdom of God and Brother Jamie Scott (Cumberland) lead studies on Lot. The local brothers and sisters were encouraged by visitors from Australia, England and the USA. Bible Week attendees from overseas were privileged to move around Japan and meet with almost all brothers and sisters now residing there.

Recently contact was made with a Tongan family living in the west of the country who were not aware of Christadelphian activities in Japan. So anyone who knows someone shifting to or living in or near Tokyo should please contact Brother Peter Evans, otherwise please seek advice from the area secretary.

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Meal in Nagoya

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1983

SOUTH KOREA

SA

Secretary: Bro Ern Wigzell (+61 8 8298 3167;
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South Korea is a modern, easy country for Westerners to visit in the work of the Truth. There is a good, easy to use transport system and getting around is secure with a very low crime rate.

There are two ecclesias, one in Seoul and one in the south near Daegue. Each meeting place has accommodation available for visitors..

Annually in August, the brothers & Sisters of South Korea hold a combined live in Bible Study Camp which runs over a long weekend to which all are invited. It's an ideal time to get to know the brothers and sisters of South Korea.



Looking at North Korea from the boundary fence



Last train from North Korea, museum piece



Og cooks at the table

Personal Mission Story

I was taken to "Freedom Bridge" which spans a small valley between North Korea & South Korea. On display as a memorial of other times is the rusty remains of an old steam locomotive once used to pull the carriages of those travelling north or south through this countryside before the division into 2 nations. The people of South Korea want to be united in peace with their northern neighbours. On our part we look for the coming time of peace and unity not just for Korea but for the whole world.

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1995

MONGOLIA

SA

Secretary: Bro Garnet Alchin (+61 424 061 063;
mongolia@acbm.org.au)

Since last year's report Sis Oyuna has found employment in Israel leaving her natural brother, Bro Puuje, as the sole member currently in Mongolia. There were no ACBM fieldworker visits during the 2018-19 year. However Bro Andy and Sis Mona Turner from Harrogate Ecclesia UK and former members in Mongolia, were able to spend time with Bro Puuje during their two week visit to the capital, Ulaanbaatar, in July 2018. A fieldworker visit is planned in early September 2019.



Personal Mission Story

Sis Oyuna's 16 year old daughter, Nmona, who lives in Ulaanbaatar, has shown great interest in the Bible over recent years since the ACBM fulfilled her dream in giving her a Bible in English. She is learning English and has begun marking up basic first principle chain references.

TAIWAN

SA

Secretary: Bro Craig Hill (+61 448 449 910,
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The ACBM, per medium of Skype, continues to provide exhortations for Memorial Meetings each Sunday, a Bible Class on Thursday evenings and a First Principles class on Sunday evenings. The Bible class is run by a group of Chinese brethren in Australia and links up with many throughout China. It provides a wonderful opportunity for our Chinese speaking brothers and sisters to not only study the word together but also fraternise if only on line.

We have been blessed with 2 baptisms this year, both outcomes of the First Principles class. Our new brother and sister are now very involved. It is something that has brought a lot of encouragement to this small ecclesia. There has also been a wedding, which was a very happy occasion and enjoyed by everyone. Earlier this year we commenced using Google Adwords in the Taipei area to advertise the Exploring the Bible course to those who speak English. This is managed from Australia and there are 4 students now enrolled.

Five brothers and sisters have been involved in field trips throughout the year. Once again, a Bible School was held in April with 40 participants, 12 of whom were interested friends. Seven children were kept very busy with Bible activities during the adult study sessions. In the closing session all of our friends expressed their amazement at what they had learned and the power of Bible teaching.



Bible workshop

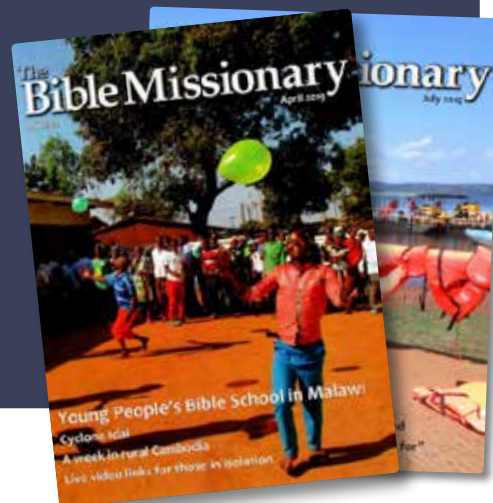
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FINANCIAL SUPPORT



Taiwan

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There are many ways in which you can support the ACBM's preaching and pastoral work. You can:

- Travel as part of a team to a mission area;
- Tutor contacts from home via email or Skype;
- Seek the Father's blessing on the work and those involved;
- Provide regular financial contributions.

Regular donations are very helpful because they allow the Mission to budget more effectively. Because we need to be able to support the welfare and disaster relief needs of our brothers and sisters, we can more confidently plan funding needs when we can rely on regular donations. These allow us to more readily fund preaching efforts, pastoral support, Bible Schools,

Youth Conferences and hall building and maintenance projects.

Some of our brothers and sisters in Mission areas are in desperate need. They are extremely grateful that, when it is impossible for them to support themselves, they have those who recognise "our abundance may be a supply for their want". It is surprising how much a few dollars can help with such things as vital medication, health and dental checks, clothes, transport to and from meetings, water supplies, and establishing self-sufficiency in food and water.

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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 we have a primary responsibility and expectation to provide for our family members in our Will, we ask you to consider making a bequest to the ACBM. Over a number of years the Mission has received both small and larger bequests which have made a significant impact on how the work in the Asia-Pacific region is able to be funded.

If you wish to include a specific sum of money for the ACBM in your Will we suggest you ask your lawyer to include the following:

I GIVE to the Asia-Pacific Christadelphian Bible Mission Inc the sum of \$_____ 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 shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my executor.

PACIFIC ISLANDS



EAST TIMOR/TIMOR LESTE

TAS

Secretary: Bro Stephen Taylor (+61 3 6393 1766;
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The Dili ecclesia continues to grow and prosper despite a number of brothers being required to move away from the capital either for work within Timor Leste or seasonal fruit picking in Australia.

The core of the ecclesia consists of a vibrant and dedicated group of brothers and sisters, along with interested friends and young people who meet regularly in the home of Brother Jordan and Sister Arlinda Harries. We are particularly delighted to report that we now have three sisters in the ecclesia after many years of having only brothers. This adds an additional dynamic to the ecclesia and also provides the opportunity for female interested friends to see that the great step of leaving behind cultural and religious traditions for the one true hope is not beyond their reach.

Regular visitors from Australia and beyond always return with glowing reports of the love and vitality manifest in the Dili ecclesia through the heartfelt and moving singing of hymns and dedicated preaching of God's word.

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2004



Personal Mission Story

Our newest member is Sister Agustina who was baptised 25 May by brethren Jordan Harries and Chris Galbraith. Sister Agustina, a keen bible student of many years, found herself ostracised and eventually expelled from the Catholic Church due to her developing beliefs. Letters were also written to the government requesting that she be removed from her primary school teaching position because of her commitment to reading the Bible. A widowed mother of two adult children, our new sister heard about our ecclesia through a mutual friend who regularly attends. After many weeks of instruction during which she was delighted to find that her beliefs accorded with our own, she was baptised before many witnesses and has joyfully embarked on her new life in Christ. We thank our gracious Father who mercifully continues to call out a people for His name in these troubling last days.

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1965



FIJI

SA

Secretary: Bro Nathan Shaw (+61 8 8555 4078; fiji@acbm.org.au)

During this last year the Fijian brothers, sisters and young people have been celebrating the jubilee of the opening of their hall in Suva with many special events, memories, youth camps, Bible camps and special preaching efforts being brought to mind.

On reflection the growth of the truth in Fiji, and the impact of the gospel in the lives of the families in Fiji has been a work deeply blessed by our Heavenly Father. Today we witness Fijian brothers and sisters actively involved in ecclesias in Fiji, Australia, Canada and the USA. Some are now involved in mission areas in India, Solomon Islands, and other Pacific nations.

Fiji itself is becoming an increasingly important hub for many regional governments and is by far the most developed pacific island nation. These changes are bringing increasing lifestyle and spiritual challenges on the ecclesia and the young people.

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1985



PAPUA NEW GUINEA + BOUGAINVILLE

Secretary: Bro Kevin Gore (+61 8 8295 7529, png@acbm.org.au)

PNG is called 'the land of the unexpected'. Irregular transport, an ineffective communication system, local political pressures and issues of personal safety, have made visits to Bougainville impossible over the last 12 months. The brethren have asked that the ACBM keep out of Bougainville until after the forthcoming referendum for national independence in October 2019.

However, on a positive note a small group of local Bougainville brethren organised a successful youth gathering last January. Another is planned for the end of the year God willing.

Meanwhile in the corrupt city of Lae, Br Joachim continues to shepherd the small ecclesia and preach the Truth to friends and relatives.

The Father's hand is not shortened that it cannot save. Many on Goodenough Island (Milne Bay province) have been introduced to the Truth, primarily through the preaching of Br Steven Illewana – the only brother on this remote Island. This isolated island has shown a thirst for Bible knowledge and 118+ are receiving instruction via the 'Let the Bible Speak' series of 40 lessons.

Personal Mission Story

In November 2018 a team from Brighton and Kersbrook ecclesias held a youth week for interested friends on Goodenough Island, PNG. On arrival in Alotau, they were asked to hold daily classes for the children. When purchasing supplies for the camp a miscommunication occurred and twice as many toilet rolls as needed were purchased, an error which proved to be a blessing. One of the classes involved the raising of Lazarus. Team member John Pitt bravely volunteered (he had little choice actually) to be consigned to the pit prior to being raised to life. Swathed in toilet paper, he made a very convincing Lazarus wrapped in grave clothes. The 130 children were delighted and not only learned about life in the Kingdom but also had a lesson in hygiene.

SOLOMON ISLANDS

SA

Secretary: Bro Michael Healey (+61 8 8595 1472, solomons@acbm.org.au)

There has been continuing growth in the Solomon Islands with a further 8 baptisms this year. The recent baptisms have been family members of brothers and sisters.

Further improvements have been made to the BEC site at Fote to make it more suitable to hold the annual Bible Weeks and youth gatherings. Ablution and toilet blocks and an additional dormitory with solar lighting has been built and a Sunday School room has been provided.

The local brothers, sisters and young people are delighted to have these opportunities to get together and enjoy fellowship around the word of God. Because the islanders are generally poor, the Mission pays the travel and food costs for those attending.

We attempt to have two other fieldworker visits each year so as to keep in touch every three months. Preaching work is concentrated in Honiara and in Malaita, where the larger ecclesias are established. The "Let the Bible Speak" radio programme is broadcast across the entire Solomon Islands through the Solomon Islands Broadcasting Corporation. This presents the gospel message to those we are unable to visit on the many scattered islands.

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Solomon Islands Personal Mission Story: Two Faithful brethren

The two oldest brethren in the Solomon Islands have been wonderful examples of faithfulness. Bro Reuben Lima in Honiara is now 73 and Bro Chillion Suiti from Fote Ecclesia is now 69. They were baptised within a few days of each other in November 1999.

Reuben first listened to a debate in the Honiara Market. He took every opportunity to gain further Bible instruction avidly reading pamphlets and many Christadelphian books in preparation for baptism. Bro Reuben has faithfully worked with the Ecclesia in Honiara. He ensures that the Memorial Meeting is held every Sunday even phoning the local brethren to remind them to attend.

Chillon was a pastor of the S.S.E.C for 20 years but came to realise that the church did not follow true Bible teaching. He would keenly contact fieldworkers during visits. Following the completion of the Bible Correspondence Course he was baptised.

Brother Chillion has made sure that his family received instruction from fieldworkers. His younger children and grandchildren have attended Sunday School. As a result of many years of faithful service, two of the sons and five of the daughters of Bro Chillion and Sis Grace Suiti have been baptised, together with a son-in-law and two daughters-in-law. Five of his grandchildren are already baptised and others are showing keen interest.

TONGA

SA

Secretary: Bro Phil Shaw (+61 8 8555 4116, vanuatu@acbm.org.au)

There was such excitement amongst the brothers and sisters when Dickie Avock, a Vanuatan who has lived in Tonga for many years and has had a close association with the Christadelphians in Tonga for around 14 years, was baptised in the latter half of 2018. Such a joy it was to receive him finally as our brother!

We give thanks for the labours of our brother Zac and sister Abi and family, for a year of field work in Tonga. The Tongan ecclesia is however still very small in real terms, as one of the couples work in Australia fruit picking for a large portion of the year and another couple now live in Japan where employment has been found. If anyone is visiting the south of Japan, please do get in contact with us as our brother and sister and family family, would love to share fellowship.

Bro Vic and Sis Maureen Pickford of the Glenlock Ecclesia, Australia, completed a month in June as field workers in the main island. They have done sterling work and have been a huge support to the brethren and the Sunday School as well as handing out many, many leaflets advertising the correspondence course and the "hope that is within us".



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Tonga Personal Mission Story

Down a muddy, rutted track, often almost inaccessible during heavy downpours, is a family house surrounded by plantations of pandanus. Bundles of long curly strips of pandanus leaves hang drying in the sun, bleached pale from hours of long soaking in the sea. Under a covered area attached to the house, sit some very industrious workers busily weaving the dried long strips into mats or ta'ovala. This is a profitable family business. Often walking past this hive of activity, we have chatted. As a result, one of the daughters came along to the seminars and then for personal home instruction. Unfortunately Tonga has a strong church culture and under pressure she has reverted to their old church. However, none can give up, for we know not how the hand of our God might work, thus on each visit back, contact is made. She is now married with 3 little boys of her own. By God's grace, some seed has been sown, and our prayer is that this family, might one day take on the true Hope of Israel.

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1998



VANUATU

SA

Secretary: Bro Phil Shaw (+61 8 8555 4116, vanuatu@acbm.org.au)

The brothers and sisters in Vanuatu continue to meet regularly for ecclesial meetings scattered across five of the islands, Tanna, Malekula, Santo, Emau and Efate (Port Vila).

We have 7 active Sunday Schools:

- **Santo:** 3 Sunday Schools in Luganville, Fanafo and Shark Bay where the brothers and sisters live
- **Malekula:** 1 Sunday School
- **Emau Island:** 1 Sunday School
- **Port Vila:** 1 Sunday School
- **Tanna:** 1 Sunday School.

We are very grateful that the Vanuatu Christadelphian Youth Camp was again staged in May this year, organized by Bro Phil & Sis Natalie Shaw along with the help of our local brethren and sisters. We had young people from Santo, Malekula, Emau, Port Vila and Tanna. Many were students and every one of these young people including the Aussie visitors really enjoyed each other's company and fellowship around God's word. This CYC activity makes a huge positive spiritual impact on our young people who are subject to worldly peer pressure which can easily draw them away from the truth.

All of us continue to need spiritual encouragement and assistance in terms of pastoral care and gospel outreach.

Special Event: God willing at the end of the year two separate Vanuatu Bible Weeks will be held for the first time. One will be in the north on Malekula (Malampa Province) and one in the south on Tanna (Tafea Province). It will be for sure an encouraging week for all who attend and we will be looking forward to a few baptisms..

Despite the challenges facing each and everyone we are thankful for Yahweh's guidance and help in terms of spiritual and material assistance from the ACBM and the Australian brothers and sisters. We are kindly requesting that more fieldworkers are needed to visit this part of the Lord's vineyard, especially those that are in isolation.

FACEBOOK PAGE

facebook.com/pg/ACBMAsiaPacificChristadelphianBibleMission

The main aims of the Facebook page are to:

- Share information with brothers and sisters about the work of the Mission across the Asia Pacific Region
- Promote involvement and interest in ACBM activities
- Inform brothers and sisters of baptisms and other important developments
- To communicate information about Mission impacting events in the Asia Pacific Region, such as natural disasters and special appeals.

The page has quite a large following amongst countries where the ACBM works. It has helped brothers and sisters in different lands become connected.

Anyone is welcome to contribute to the page and we are particularly interested in posts that show what it is like to be fieldworker and where fieldworkers can help.

There are a number of countries that we cannot post about and there are some we need to be careful what we post. For these reasons all posts received require approval by an administrator to ensure they do not put our brothers and sisters at risk.

In order to help this information reach a larger audience in the brotherhood we encourage you to like and share the posts or to provide information for the page.

BEQUESTS

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Remember the ACBM in your Will—Support for mission work can be done in many ways including travelling to a country for preaching or pastoral work, tutoring contacts from your home via email, supported in our prayers and through financial contributions. Many brothers and sisters are very generous in their annual financial support giving as they are able as circumstances allow. 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 we have a responsibility and expectation to provide for our family members in our Will, we ask you to consider making a bequest to the Bible Mission. Over a number of years the Mission has received both small and larger bequests which have made a significant impact on the work in the Asia-Pacific region.

If you wish to include the ACBM in your Will please ask your lawyer to include the wording as detailed on our website.

FINANCIAL REPORT

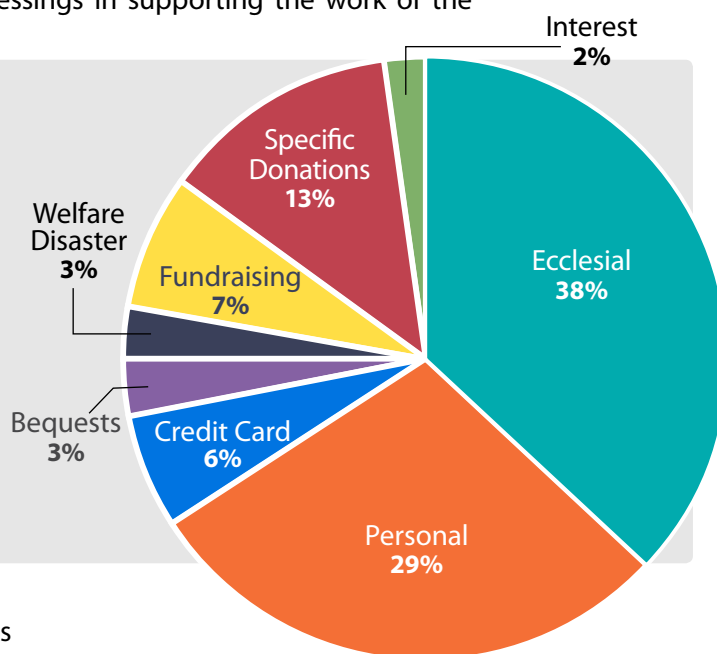
Your Bible Mission seeks to fulfil three basic goals:

1. To preach the Gospel across the Asia-Pacific region from Afghanistan in the west to Japan & Tonga in the east seeking the formation of Ecclesias and fostering their Godly development to the glory of our Father in heaven.
2. To provide effective & timely assistance for disaster relief and to provide support for individual medical and similar emergency needs.
3. To seek to relieve the burden for many of the household of faith who struggle for basic needs in the Asia-Pacific region by providing material welfare support as needed.

Please commit to sharing our God provided blessings in supporting the work of the Mission.

Sources of income

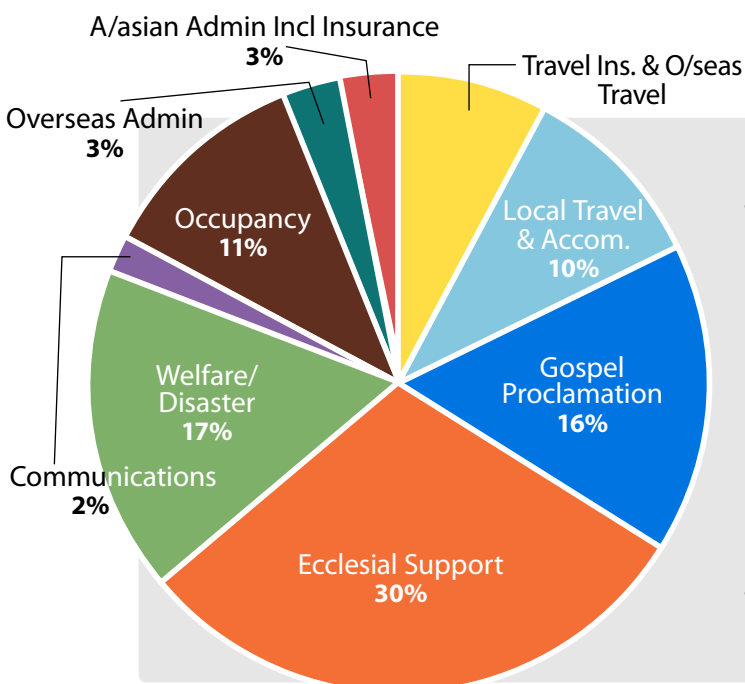
Ecclesial	\$ 396,038	38%
Personal	\$ 309,389	29%
Credit Card	\$ 68,736	6%
Bequests	\$ 30,597	3%
Welfare/Disaster	\$ 35,355	3%
Fundraising	\$ 75,887	7%
Specific Donations	\$ 137,708	13%
Interest Income	\$ 19,023	2%
Total Income	\$ 1,072,773	100%
NZD	\$ 1,122,293	



Expenses

Trav. Ins. & O/seas Trav.	\$ 82,796	8%
Local Travel & Accom.	\$ 106,361	10%
Gospel Proclamation	\$ 171,923	16%
Ecclesial Support	\$ 324,564	30%
Welfare/Disaster	\$ 176,872	17%
Communications	\$ 24,077	2%
A/asian Admin Incl Insurance	\$ 28,518	3%
Occupancy	\$ 116,882	11%
Overseas Admin	\$ 32,139	3%

Total Expenses	\$ 1,064,132	100%
NZD	\$ 1,113,295	



The above figures do not include generous donations of travel and accommodation costs made by fieldworkers which we estimate to be around \$700,000. Copies of the Income & Expenditure Statement and Balance Sheet are published on our website at

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“Go therefore
and make disciples
of all nations,
baptizing them in the
name of the Father and
of the Son and of the
Holy Spirit”

Matt 28:19



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