

Asia-Pacific Christadelphian Bible Mission

ANNUAL REPORT

2024



Chairman's REPORT

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Under the good hand of Almighty God, the Asia-Pacific Christadelphian Bible Mission (ACBM) has continued another year in support of His work among the nations in these closing days of the Gentiles. The Mission acknowledges the wonderful privilege of sowing and watering the good seed of the Kingdom in lands afar, on behalf of the ecclesias of God in Australia and New Zealand.

The objects of the Mission remain...

1. To preach in the Asia-Pacific region the gospel taught by the Apostles, being "the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ" as detailed in the Bible and conveniently summarised in the Birmingham Amended Statement of Faith and Addendum.
2. To foster the formation of ecclesias across the Asia-Pacific region, and to assist them to develop spiritually toward maturity, responsibility and autonomy.
3. To provide support for ecclesial infrastructure and the material welfare of brothers and sisters as necessary.
4. To encourage ecclesias across the Asia-Pacific region to see themselves as part of the wider brotherhood, and to contribute as valued and respected parts of the body of Christ.

I am pleased to commend to you this Annual Report of the ACBM for 2023-24. The return of international travel, post COVID, has now permitted the full resumption of fieldworker visits in support of our brothers and sisters in most countries of the Asia-Pacific.

The Mission is very grateful for the continuing generous support of individuals and ecclesias by way of donations, collections and bequests. This has enabled a level of assistance to be provided to brothers and sisters and their families to endure in the challenging circumstances of our times. ACBM funding has been well used in support of those undergoing challenges in life's experiences of one form or another due to severe weather events, civil unrest or government oppression. Funding support has also assisted the spiritual development of brothers and sisters through the provision of Bible Schools, Youth Conferences, Study Camps, Sunday Schools, Study Days, fieldworker visits, travel costs to meetings and more, to nurture the faith of God's family across the Asia-Pacific. It has also allowed for the ongoing care and assistance in the day-to-day necessities of a significant number of refugee brothers and sisters in our area of activity.

Thank you one and all for your prayers, your financial contributions and for the amazing commitment of so many willing hands and hearts. The Mission greatly values your ongoing support.

May Almighty God continue to move His grand purpose forward in the earth and His Kingdom come!

*Garnet Alchin,
ACBM Chairman*



Strategy & PLANNING

Report by Steve Dodson, ACBM Strategy and Planning

The ACBM has a simply stated mission that essentially includes three broad goals, those being: preach the Gospel, encourage ecclesial development, and provide welfare support where needed. Exactly how these goals are supported varies from region to region, and the ACBM continues to look for new opportunities to meet these goals in the Asia-Pacific region.

To support these goals the priorities over the last few years have been looking for greenfield areas to share the Gospel, working towards more mature ecclesias using "the ecclesial development model" as a guide, and supporting efforts through technology and other tools.

The Ecclesial Development model has been in use for some time and continues to be a useful tool to help Mission Area Teams consider the maturity level and

specific needs of each ecclesia/group in the countries where we work. It helps identify focus areas for the future, but what are the opportunities and challenges we are facing as we look to the future?

We are currently in the process of collecting feedback that will inform us as to future direction. The ACBM National Committee used a large portion of our most recent meeting to consider strategy and how best we might continue to serve the Lord in this area of His work. During the balance of 2024 everyone will have the opportunity to respond to a survey or contact the ACBM directly to share their feedback. We will be looking at: "What is going well and is working, and we should do more of"; "What is not going so well and needs improvement"; "What is getting in the way"; and "Are there new ideas that could make a big difference?".

We seek your support.

Publicity contributions:

We welcome more information from fieldworkers and brothers and sisters living in the Asia Pacific region for our Facebook page and website. We are particularly interested in hearing from brothers and sisters about the areas in which they live, and also from younger fieldworkers about what they have learned and experienced on their visits. If you have any information you would like to share, please complete the form on the website: acbm.org.au/user-submitted-articles-for-acbm. The password is **acbm**. The articles don't need to be long—a few sentences and a good photo is all we need.

Keeping in TOUCH

Report by Ken Pooley, ACBM National Secretary

Keeping in touch

ACBM eNews, Facebook, the ACBM website, and the Bible Missionary Magazine continue to be the main ways of communicating with the Christadelphian community.

ACBM eNews

This is sent to all Australian and New Zealand ecclesias each month. Each eNews features one or two of our mission areas. Please talk to your Recorder/Secretary if you are not receiving it. Alternatively, you can subscribe individually via the ACBM website.

ACBM Facebook page

Our Facebook page is ACBM - Asia Pacific Christadelphian Bible Mission. Please like and follow us.

Our ACBM Website:

acbm.org.au

The publicity posts and information on mission areas are publicly available on the website.

ACBM news

You can subscribe to the ACBM eNews and regular mission area updates at acbm.org.au/news.

Fieldwork and documentation:

To sign up as an ACBM fieldworker, and / or access ACBM documentation, you need to register for a login to the secure area of the website. Please select the "register" button on the top bar of the website: acbm.org.au/member-registration. Your login should be approved within 24 hours.

Once registered, please login using the "login" button (right-hand side of the top bar of the website). You will see the fieldworker application section on the right-hand side of the screen, and can complete an online application.

ACBM documentation is accessible under 5 main tabs: Policy - documents governing the ACBM, Fieldworker Guide and Fieldworker Info – documents for fieldworkers and their support, Mission Area – information to support our mission areas, and Committee - operational support information for ACBM committees.

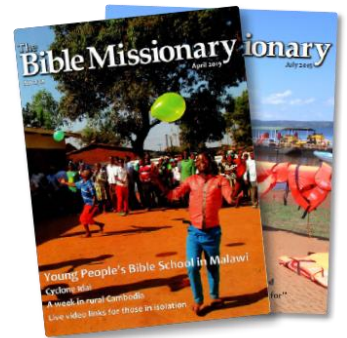
The Bible Missionary Magazine

The Bible Missionary is an engaging magazine that spans the Christadelphian Bible Mission world.

You will read about the Gospel message finding its way into small villages as well as large towns, and to people thirsting for Bible truth and finding it in many different ways.

Your subscription covers the cost of copies to our brothers and sisters in mission areas.

Subscribe now! Only \$25 for 4 issues. Please email bmm.distribution@acbm.org.au.



South ASIA

CHRISTADELPHIANS
200
BAPTISMS
44
FIELDWORKER VISITS
1

Afghanistan

VIC

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Due to persecution the brothers and sisters are scattered in several locations across a number of countries. They often move as they feel threatened, and seek a safer place. A majority are living as undocumented refugees, while some families are registered with the UNHCR as asylum seekers, but have not had their cases processed to gain official refugee status. The ACBM has rented accommodation in several places to provide accommodation. About 40% are totally dependent on ACBM welfare, while another 40% are partially so. During the year two brothers were shot and killed in separate incidents, while several sisters were seriously molested before reaching safety. Members are strong in faith, meeting daily for readings, and weekly for worship when possible. We rejoice in the 44 baptisms of this past year.



Soon after crossing a remote border with his family in May 2024 our dear Bro Didar Ali was shot. His family fled but are in touch with us.



This Sister crossed the border safely in July with her four children after her husband was shot in front of her in June 2024.



Gathering for worship together, safe for today. Tomorrow is in the Father's hand.

ESTABLISHED
1998

CHRISTADELPHIANS
76

ECCLESIAS
3

SUNDAY SCHOOLS
3

BAPTISMS
12

ACTIVE CONTACTS
< 10

FIELDWORKER VISITS
4

RESIDENT FIELDWORKERS
NO

FIELDWORKERS WANTED
YES

Bangladesh

VIC

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The ecclesias continue to face the challenge of poor attendance at the memorial meetings. This is particularly due to a lack of active brothers. The central Dhaka Ecclesia continues to meet in the apartment rented by Bro Ron Hicks which also provides comfortable living quarters for field workers.

The Savar Ecclesia can meet in an apartment at the Christadelphian school, and field workers can be accommodated there. The operation of the school continues to benefit the ecclesia.

The Mymensingh Ecclesia has been provided with funds to build a substantial apartment and they are able to meet there. There is an active Sunday School in Radhagonj some 3 hours from the central ecclesia at Dhaka.

Savar ecclesia continues using the Christadelphian Children's Service School facilities. Some Bangladesh brothers and sisters join in West Bengal's weekly zoom Bible study which is translated into Bengali. Currently only a few Bangladeshi attend but it does hold out some promise for the future.

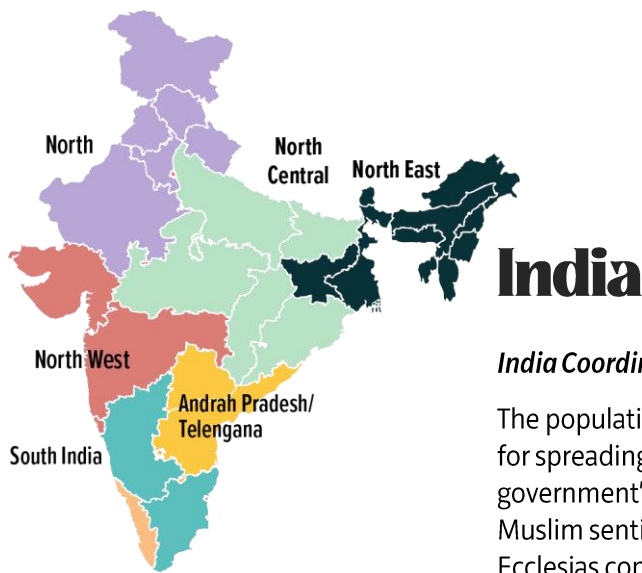
The first Bible School since COVID is being organized in October and it is hoped it will be a stimulus to ecclesial activity.

A sister's house in Savar was flooded in recent floods and she had to be temporarily relocated to the ecclesial apartment. Recent riots completely disrupted internet connections and local banking and normal communications were disrupted.



Refreshments after CYC (Dhaka)





VIC

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The population of India is over 1.4 billion and this provides a wonderful base for spreading the Gospel. However, challenges include the national government's Hindu agenda which can lead to anti-Christian and anti-Muslim sentiment. Restrictions on sending foreign money to India continue. Ecclesias continue to recover from the pandemic with an increased number of Bible camps and events.

South India (Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala)

Coordinator: Bro Graham Reeve (+61 419 345 993, indiasouth@acbm.org.au)

As in other areas in India with a Christadelphian presence, the post COVID period has seen local brothers and sisters continue to take increasing responsibility for the preaching and pastoral work. In Kerala the brethren of the Trivandrum Ecclesia take on much of the responsibility for pastoral care of the smaller ecclesias in that area. A very successful All Kerala Bible Camp was held at Angamally from May 15 to 19. Studies were led by brethren from Australia and India. **Four baptisms** of young people from Kulamavu Ecclesia took place at the Camp to the great joy of all.

Fieldworker visits from February to May covered much of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, giving pastoral support and studies across the ecclesial areas. The visits, guidance and encouragement were very much appreciated. An increase in regular pastoral visits from the major ecclesias in the southern states to smaller outlying groups is being planned.

The usual much anticipated South India Bible Week was held early in May and was hosted by the Bangalore Ecclesia at the Claret Nivas venue. Studies were led by brothers from the USA, Australia and the local area. Attendees returned home encouraged and excited.

Bro T V George, who for over thirty years has faithfully translated and distributed the Isolation League papers to our Malayalam speaking brethren, has finally passed the baton to younger brethren. A prominent Catholic priest in his younger days, he was introduced to the things of the Kingdom and of the Lord Jesus by a nun. They both subsequently wrote to Rome, absolved their vows, were baptised, and later married. Sis Annie passed away in January 2023 after a faithful pilgrimage of 35 years. Bro George continues as a strong supporter of all ecclesial activities he can attend. We thank him for his thousands of hours in translating, printing and mailing out the exhortations and other material every week for so many years.

ESTABLISHED

1976

CHRISTADELPHIANS

2,432

10 YEAR CHANGE

+582

ECCLESIAS

100+

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

CHRISTADELPHIANS

312

ESTABLISHED

1976

ECCLESIAS

21

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

12

BAPTISMS

11

CONTACTS

About 1300

FIELDWORKER VISITS

4

RESIDENT FIELDWORKERS

No

CHRISTADELPHIANS

2,062

ESTABLISHED

1976

ECCLESIAS

72

BAPTISMS

78

CONTACTS

Approx 2400

FIELDWORKER VISITS

8

Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, West India

Coordinator: Bro Milton Richardson (+61 418 174 325, indianortheast@acbm.org.au)

The past year has seen continued active preaching work by the local brothers and sisters, with Ecclesias taking on responsibility for inter-ecclesial planning, pastoral visits by local brethren, and new local preaching initiatives. Particularly encouraging has been younger brethren taking on these responsibilities with the passing on of older brethren. One of the initiatives has been holding classes that focus on teaching independent church pastors the Bible truth. These have been carried out by brethren of Tangatur Ecclesia in Prakasam Dt, and brethren of Kadium Ecclesia in EG District tribal regions. Like Apollos of old, there are many sincere preachers who need to be instructed in "the way of God more perfectly". These regular classes led to ten baptisms at Kadium in June this year.

This year saw the passing of Bro Daniel P James at 90 yrs of age. He was a key figure in the preaching work in Andhra Pradesh over the past 32 years. Convinced sixty years ago from his own Bible study, of the oneness of God, and of the Bible teaching concerning Christ, he established several unitarian congregations, before finally finding the Christadelphians in 1992. His excellent Bible knowledge, his clear expositions and translation in an expressive tone, his strong vibrant singing voice, all made him a significant figure at Bible Camps, Bible Weeks and Ecclesial gatherings until age slowed him down two or three years ago.

This year the Adoni Ecclesia held a special weekend, with visiting speakers from Hyderabad Ecclesia, to celebrate 30 years of their Ecclesia. Well over 30 years ago, a recent convert in Hyderabad Ecclesia (now settled in Perth) witnessed to his cousin, an independent village preacher, V. Anand. Soon he was Bro Anand, a tireless preacher to one and all, with an excellent Bible knowledge and vigorous style. He passed away a few years ago, but the Adoni Ecclesia lives on as a testament to his hard work, with the majority of the current members being the fruit of his labours.



Bro Daniel P James, slept in the Lord in June 2024.



A class for independent preachers in the Kadium Ecclesial Hall - May 2024.



A group outside the Adoni Ecclesial Hall during the celebration marking thirty years of the Ecclesia's formation.

CHRISTADELPHIANS

121

ESTABLISHED

1988

ECCLESIAS

7

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

55

BAPTISMS

2

CONTACTS

15

FIELDWORKER VISITS

3

North East India

Coordinator: Bro Mark Morgan (+61422111065; IndiaNorthEast@acbm.org.au)

There are several northeastern states in India, but Christadelphians are only found in West Bengal and Tripura. There are 5 ecclesias in West Bengal and two small groups in Tripura. Our brothers and sisters preach as they can.

Bible Camps took place in October 2023 in the town of Sarenga in West Bengal, and in March 2024 in Agartala, the capital of Tripura. Over recent years, the West Bengal Bible School has been held in the October holidays with brothers, sisters and contacts attending from all over the southern and western parts of the state. Brothers and sisters normally meet in small ecclesias or live in isolation, so the annual camp is a very welcome event. At the camp in October 2023, two baptisms added to our brethren's joy of fellowship. A camp was held in Tripura in March 2024 and gratefully attended by a small group of believers in and around Agartala with talks given over Zoom and translated into Bengali by bro Sourav Mondal.

Personal Mission Story

Manju Barik who lives near Contai in West Bengal, was baptised in 2001. We don't know what her husband thought when she was baptised, or even whether he attended her baptism. That was several years before we began visiting West Bengal as a family. What we do know is that Sukumar came along with her to the West Bengal Bible School at Sarenga in October 2023, and was determined to be baptised. He is an outgoing, dynamic man, with a big smile to match his wife's. As we talked to him, he was quick to laugh about how foolish he had been in not listening to Manju earlier. When given an opportunity to confess his faith, he told us enthusiastically and at length what he believed – explaining why in the process. And so, on a hot, sunny day, in a large pond in an idyllic country setting, sis Manju's patient, 22-year wait was over as her husband Sukumar became her brother in Christ as well. Now they can wait together patiently for Jesus' return and walk together in faith.

On the same afternoon, another new sister was also baptised who had been waiting patiently herself. Sister Nilima Ghosh (daughter of bro Badal Ghosh) first expressed a desire to be baptised ten years ago and her desire and understanding have been growing since then. Her father has been attending such camps for many years and is now an old man who was not well enough to join us this time. However, he made sure that his daughter could attend and her first words to us at the camp were (in Bengali), "I want to be baptised." Two new believers were welcomed into our fellowship with joy and singing that sunny afternoon.



CHRISTADELPHIANS
140
ESTABLISHED
1986
ECCLESIAS
5
SUNDAY SCHOOLS
2
BAPTISMS
10
FIELDWORKER VISITS
10

Nepal

VIC

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The gospel has a new light stand in Kathmandu following the completion and opening of the Chabahil Ecclesia's new hall. The brothers and sisters held an official opening and thanksgiving in March 2024. They were joined by members of Dhumbarai Ecclesia, together with brothers and sisters from Australia and the UK.

The hall has been built to provide a meeting place and Sunday school rooms for the brothers and sisters and their families, as well as some accommodation for elderly members, if required.

The youth group in Nepal is very active, so there was much joy recently with 10 baptisms; 9 at Chabahil Ecclesia and 1 at Dhumbari Ecclesia.



New hall in Kathmandu



New brother and sisters at the Chabahil Ecclesia

How you can help: Bequests

acbm.org.au/donate/bequests

Many of us have assets to support us while living which will be left via our Will to our family and charitable causes. While acknowledging we have a responsibility and expectation to provide for our family members in our Will, please consider a bequest to the Bible Mission.

Receiving both small and larger bequests has made a significant impact on the work in the Asia-Pacific region. To leave a bequest, please ask your legal advisor to include suitable wording in your will:

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.

CHRISTADELPHIANS
3,064
10 YEAR CHANGE
+2,244
ECCLESIAS
143
BAPTISMS
317
PUNJAB
CHRISTADELPHIANS
1,316
ESTABLISHED
2012
ECCLESIAS
73
SUNDAY SCHOOLS
72
BAPTISMS
441
CONTACTS
1,243
FIELDWORKER VISITS
2

Pakistan

VIC

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Punjab

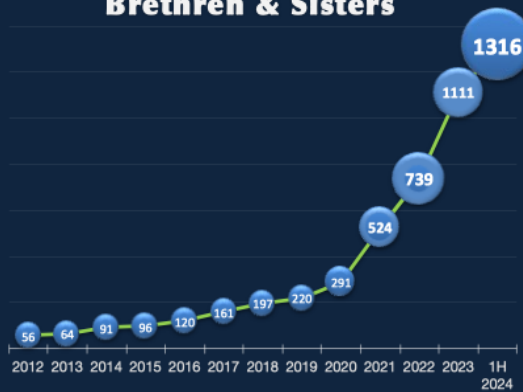
Through the blessing of our Father and the tireless zeal of our local brothers and sisters, the gospel continues to prosper in the Punjab region of Pakistan. 381 baptisms during the year brought Punjab's total to 1316 members in 73 ecclesias at the end of June 2024.

Family Bible Camps & Youth Conferences

Due to limited accommodation at the Bible camp venue, located in the cooler mountainous region of North Punjab, it was decided to have 2 back-to-back camps, allowing 500 brothers and sisters and around 100 children the wonderful opportunity to experience the joy of fellowshiping together. Brothers David Mansfield and Matthew Jamieson gave the same studies at both camps, on the apostle John and Joseph, with afternoon activities including a hands-on craft project to create a butterfly from a caterpillar, impressively illustrating the spiritual transformation which must take place in all of us. (Romans 12:2)

In December 2023, 270 young people from all over the Punjab attended the 3-day youth conference. "The Angels of God" was the theme, and take-home workbook notes were prepared in Urdu based on Bro Ron Cowie's Bible marking notes. Studies were held in the mornings, discussion groups each afternoon, and the young people really enjoyed the evening Q&A sessions using the "Kahoot" App.

Pakistan - Punjab Region Brethren & Sisters

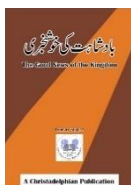


First Principles, Sunday School Notes & Hymn Books

Translation and printing of first principles courses continues, including an expanded version of the CBM 19 lesson course, the CBM 22 course, a 15 Lesson bible prophecy course, and a Baptism Q&A with 88 questions. Currently a "Life of Jesus" in 30 studies is being compiled and translated. To keep up with the growing number of ecclesias, 1500 more Urdu hymnbooks were printed, and 200 more CSSA Primary Notes (5-8) in Urdu were printed – all 5 stages – 100 copies for Punjab and 100 copies for Sindh.

Sunday School News.

72 Sunday Schools had great end-of-year celebrations. The annual party is a rare and exciting treat for them. We can't show all Sunday Schools – but here are just two.





"You need to find another place".

In October 2023 our ecclesia at Dadfatihana faced a difficult situation. Preaching began there 3 ½ years ago and there are now 40 baptised brothers and

sisters. The building where they were meeting, was being sold.

KARACHI

CHRISTADELPHIANS

1,748

ECCLESIAS

70

BAPTISMS

60

Karachi

(Includes the provinces of Sindh, Balochistan and Kyber Pakhtunkhwa)

With public buildings not available for rent as places for Christian worship, and most members having very small homes, the provision of an ecclesial hall once numbers grow, is imperative.

In Karachi the Kath Goth Ecclesia built their small meeting place this year on donated land for A\$2200.

Three local ecclesias held special collections and met 30% of the cost, leaving 70% to come from ACBM funds. All labour was provided free by the local brothers. The Bhutto Colony Ecclesia also rejoiced in a new hall with a special Bible Study Day, using local speakers, and an overseas speaker online.

Building up the spiritual house is of course more important, so in addition to the weekly meetings and classes, the two annual Bible Weeks for the Karachi Region ecclesias are a highlight. The five-day Bible Weeks are intensive study times, with 5 studies of an hour each, plus the daily readings and 2 activity sessions each day, except for an outing day mid-week. The brethren like to be well organized so for the Bible Week there is a Program Co-ordinator, then

separate committees for Finance, Medical, Printing, Transport Booking, Travelling Sector Rosters, Media, and Catering. The 24-hour train journey, away from Karachi's scorching summer to the Himalayan foothills, is divided into 8 sectors of 3 hours each, with two brothers and two sisters rostered for each sector to ensure everyone has access to drinking water, chai, milk for babies, etc.

With up to 200 brothers and sisters and family members on the train, it is a major operation to ensure all have a comfortable journey and then a 4-hour bus journey. Six days later the whole operation is repeated to ensure all reach home safely. At the end of the journey, they thank the Father that they have been able to bring home a small, lingering taste of the Kingdom.



Finishing the wall on the Kath Goth Ecclesial Hall – March 2024



Opening of Bhutto Colony Hall - April 2024



Attentive Sisters at a gathering to welcome the newly baptised – Karachi - May 2024

ESTABLISHED
1985; 2000s
CHRISTADELPHIANS
40
10 YEAR CHANGE
+16
ECCLESIAS
2
BAPTISMS
6
ACTIVE CONTACTS
12

Sri Lanka

WA

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The year started well with a week of sisters' activities around fieldworker sisters visiting from Australia and India. The main beneficiaries were refugee sisters as they were free during the week, but Sri Lankan sisters were able to attend over the weekends.

A fieldworker visit late in 2023, witnessed several baptisms. Life is still difficult for many Sri Lankans following COVID, and the devastating economic collapse which followed. It remains hard for many to get work which pays for the basic bills. The economy seems to be slowly recovering, but there is not much money around, and the effects of inflation still ravage commerce and persecute the poor particularly.

As a consequence, there is still a need for some welfare to help brothers and sisters put food on the table. The response to these needs has been heartwarming. Brothers and sisters in Australia have extended their support to provide basic needs. At the end of year Bible School, many brothers and sisters expressed their heartfelt appreciation for the support that had been given to them. Some had their lives saved by timely intervention and the provision of medical support. Brothers and sisters, often with tears in their eyes, quietly wanted to pass on their humble thanks, to brothers and sisters in Australia, for what had been done for them.

Annual Bible School

The annual Bible School was held in January 2024, rather than the usual December. It proved to be a stimulating event that was enjoyed by the 90 attendees, including children, visiting Australians and

interested friends. The speaker, Bro Russell Taylor, brought a large cohort of family and other young people with him, and they not only enjoyed the activity but were an encouragement to the local brothers and sisters and young people. The studies, on True Discipleship of Jesus, taken from Mark, were much appreciated. There were some follow up activities with the young people after the school.



A memorial meeting with Negombo Central ecclesia



Sri Lanka Bible Camp December 2023

Refugee area team

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The ACBM continues to provide both physical and spiritual support for refugee brothers and sisters living in a number of our mission areas. The Christadelphian Refugee Assistance Council (CRAC) is also continuing their work to find ways to resettle refugee brethren into Australia wherever possible.

Please remember all our refugee brothers and sisters in your prayers.

Sri Lanka

The plight of our refugee brethren living in SL has been very tumultuous and stressful over the past year. UNHCR made the decision to close its office in Sri Lanka and accept no further applications by those seeking asylum. As part of their closure activities, it appears the UNHCR took the approach of issuing 'rejection letters' to most refugees leaving them with no option but to return to their home countries. Their lives were thrown into disarray with only a few weeks to voluntarily depart or else remain in Sri Lanka as illegal overstayers with the high risk of being detained and then formally deported.

One family, a brother, his wife and young son, were arrested and had the harrowing experience of being in separate areas of Immigration's detention centre for over a month. The trauma of their experience was heart rending. Eventually, by God's grace, negotiations led to their release and immediate, but safe, exit from the country.

Of those refugee families in our care in Sri Lanka, we have funded the airfares of 33 individuals to return to

either Pakistan or Iran. Mercifully, all were able to pass safely through immigration with minimal harassment. Now, only a very small number of our refugees remain in Sri Lanka.

We are deeply grateful and indebted to the support of our wider family in Christ to be able to aid our brothers and sisters during this time. The Refugee Area Team has been actively facilitating the support and resettlement of returnees, both practically and spiritually by connecting them to local members and ecclesias where possible

Afghanistan

Our prayers continue for our brothers and sisters facing such extreme persecution for their faith. More information is included in the Afghanistan report.

Indonesia

Three Christadelphian refugees have lived in Jakarta for some years, a married couple, and a single brother. In December 2023, the single brother, Afshin (Alex) came to Australia with the assistance of CRAC. He is settling into life in Australia and enjoying the freedom of worship, yet facing the significant challenges that follow a move to a new country and a totally different environment. Alex appreciates the efforts of all who played a part in giving him the opportunity to worship God openly and without fear. Alex shared his faith journey at the Conference in Newcastle. He is a confident and capable presenter, and his story was very encouraging and moving.

SouthEast ASIA

ESTABLISHED
2004
CHRISTADELPHIANS
34
ECCLESIAS
1
SUNDAY SCHOOLS
3
BAPTISMS
4
ACTIVE CONTACTS
10
FIELDWORKER VISITS
5

East Timor/Timor Leste TAS

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It is now 20 years since the word of God was first taught in Timor Leste and it continues to spread in this South East Asian country. It is very encouraging to see the work being done in Liquica, about 25 km west of Dili, particularly by sister Agostina (Tina). She is a teacher and well-known for her faith in the community. She left the Catholic Church some years ago because she found its teaching inconsistent with the Bible. Timor Leste is 99% Catholic and there is some opposition. However, Sis Tina has established a Sunday School for many local children and she runs a Bible class for interested neighbours and friends. Memorial meetings are held in her house. The possibility of purchasing land and erecting a hall in Liquica are being investigated.

There are also Sunday Schools in Dili and in Hera, the work of Sis Matilda.

Twenty years ago, preaching in Timor Leste was done by fieldworkers but now it is carried out by locals in their own language.



Sis Tina's (second left) Sunday School group at Liquica



Local children learning their lessons



Sister Linda with a group of interested friends

COMMENCEMENT

1996

ESTABLISHED

2006

CHRISTADELPHIANS

109

10-YEAR CHANGE

+109

ECCLESIAS

4

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

2

BAPTISMS

2

ACTIVE CONTACTS

40

Cambodia

QLD

Secretary: Bro Daniel Pryde (+61 407 048 542; cambodia@acbm.org.au)

The last 12 months of activity in Cambodia have been very positive. We have had two long term Fieldworkers living and teaching in the Phnom Penh Bible Education Centre (BEC). Brother Jonathan David from India came in Feb 2023 and Bro Zac Forbes from NZ came in September 2023. They are both doing a wonderful work spreading the gospel message.

The highlight of the year was the Bible School in December 2023. We received great support from international visitors, with 43 brothers and sisters and young people, mostly from Australia, attending. They joined by 32 local brothers and sisters and around 90 local young people and Bible students. All up there were over 160 people at the Bible School. It was held at a beautiful Christian camp site called Shalom Valley, which is near the coastal town of Kep. It's surrounded by tree covered hills and natural water features. Everyone had a wonderful time and they strengthened or built friendships and were very much spiritually recharged.



Phnom Penh Ecclesia & Visitors (Bible Education Centre) Jul 2024



Trepang Prasat Truth Camp, June 2024

During the Bible School we had the baptisms of two of our Sunday School Students, Bro Reachea and Sis Saron. There have been 5 baptisms in the last 12 months in the mercy of our Father in heaven.

In June 2024, Brother Ethan Tunstall also joined the BEC fieldworking team. He came for the Bible School at the start of the year, saw the work that was being done, and decided he wanted to come back to help out with teaching. So currently we have 3 long term fieldworkers living in our Bible Education Centre in Phnom Penh, teaching both Bible and English.

Our Christadelphian Dormitory Project is going well. We have a boys' dormitory and a girls' dormitory with

up to 40 university aged students, often from poorer areas of Cambodia, who come to Phnom Penh to study. We provide them a safe and comfortable place to live. They are encouraged to do at least 4 hours of Bible lessons a week. There are 4 dormitory students currently going through for baptism which is really encouraging.

Mission story

In our ongoing preaching projects in Cambodia, there's an inspiring development in Trepang Prasat, a small village a few hours north of Siem Reap. Brother Sophorn, a former dormitory student, and his wife have been actively sharing the gospel message with his colleagues. Their efforts have led to the formation

of a regular Bible study group, and now ten individuals are preparing for baptism.

Some of these students are now receiving tuition support via Zoom from brothers and sisters in Australia. These students attended the Bible School at the start of the year and periodically visit Siem Reap to connect with our community.

It's incredibly encouraging to witness such a successful, locally-driven preaching effort. This initiative started without the direct support of fieldworkers and it's wonderful to see our local brother's and sister's dedication. It's faith in action.

ESTABLISHED
1969
CHRISTADELPHIANS
75
10 YEAR CHANGE
+9
ECCLESIAS
2
SUNDAY SCHOOLS
1
BAPTISMS
3
FIELDWORKER VISITS
15

Indonesia

NSW

Secretary: Bro Ken Pooley (+61 421 357 392; indonesia@acbm.org.au)

A small group of brothers and sisters live in or around the capital, Jakarta. It is a vast city, and some are only there part-time, so breaking of bread meetings are spasmodic.

Most activity in Indonesia centres on Solo, also called Surakarta, in Central Java. A very active ecclesia of about 60 members meets there. Solo has a full range of activities: weekly memorial meetings, Sunday School, youth meetings; a monthly Bible Class and Sisters' Class. They also seize every opportunity to solidify the ecclesia with activities on national holidays, so they remain a tight knit group in such a large and mainly Muslim country.

A Study Week is held yearly in June or early July, with 3 or 4 evening studies at the Solo hall, and an overnight away visit at Tawangmangu, about 1.5 hours from Solo.

This is an enjoyable time of fellowship, Bible learning, and fun for all. The subject in June 2024 was "Knowing Jesus – the Son of God". This gave a broad overview of Jesus, including his birth, his ministry (teachings, parables, and healing), his death, resurrection and ascension, and his role now. It was well received and prompted many questions and good discussion among the group.

2 Solo young people were baptized on the Sunday prior to Study Week, and their interest and involvement in Study Week activities was particularly noted. Solo has a very moving way of welcoming new members. A group of brothers and sisters representing different ages, backgrounds and nationalities (if overseas visitors are present) are called to the front to join the new member. Each

brother and sister places their hands on the hands of the newly baptized brother and sister as a symbol of the unity we have as members of Jesus' international family. Something for your ecclesia to consider!

In February, a Study Day, which began very early with breakfast together, included 3 studies on "The Angels – God's Messengers". An important and critical subject, which focused attention on God's involvement in our lives, and also the nations we live in.

There has been significant focus this past year on developing and encouraging younger members to take a more active role. It is great to see the impact of this on Solo Ecclesia, and we thank God for his blessings.

ESTABLISHED
1970s; 1966; 2013
CHRISTADELPHIANS
30
10 YEAR CHANGE
+25
ECCLESIAS
1
BAPTISMS
2
CONTACTS
5

Malaysia

NZ

Secretary: Bro Kah F Tham (+6016 2939 157, malaysia@acbm.org.au)

Praise be to God that the KL Ecclesia and the Malaysian Ecclesia continue to prosper with a full suite of Bible and preaching related activities throughout the year. We have been blessed with many interested friends, some of whom were baptised during the past year.

Starting in 1995, continuing through 2013 and 2016, the KL ecclesia has been repeatedly founded on a strong emphasis of actual preaching campaigns in proclaiming the Gospel Message to the Malaysian public, in obedience to the Lord's command in Mark 16:15-16.



Penang Bible School

Except on public holidays, our public seminars have been offered every week at 2pm on Saturdays, at our BEC (Bible Education Centre), at the Capitol Hotel (for new campaigns) and simultaneously via GOTO Meeting. As a result, the Lord has blessed us with the baptisms of Sister Samantha Chong (December 23) and Bro David Kim Yap (August 24).

Sister Samantha's journey is an incredible story of the providence of GOD. Samatha had lost contact with us since 2000-2002. Miraculously, she managed to find us in 2023, asking for Bible tuition. Samantha was baptised in December 2023. The baptismal exhortation was given by Bro Clem and Sis Kay Wigzell who met with Samantha some 20 years earlier. Bro Peter Knowles also provided a talk to encourage Samantha on the same day. Sister Samantha's baptism is a lesson on the need for continuity in the work of the Truth in Malaysia.

Bro David Kim Yap had been a regular attendee at our weekly seminars, since he first joined us when Bro Ken and Sis Diane Styles conducted a preaching campaign on Prophecy in 2023. To the Glory of GOD, Bro David, although baptised in his previous church, agreed to the need for rebaptism, after accepting the original Gospel and rejecting the triple errors of the trinity, rapture and the devil. We have five other active interested friends who attend our weekly seminars regularly. God Willing their interests may be brought to final fruition.

Malaysia has 34 million people, 8 million of whom are in Greater Kuala Lumpur, with boundless opportunities for proclamation of the Gospel, and positive work, for the willing and able.

Our existing and new brothers and sisters learn from the Bible with daily readings each day at 12:30pm and 8:00pm, with two different groups of brothers and

sisters according to their availability. We had three bible schools conducted by Bro Ron Houben in July, Bro Ken Styles in September and Bro Christian Russell in December. These schools also double up as public preaching campaigns for the Malaysian public. For our members who are immobile, we provide pastoral care to each one individually through personal visits and meals. These include visits to Bro Sam Kenniah, one of the few remaining "pioneers" of the Faith in Malaysia.

Our brothers and sisters of "the Way" (Acts 18:25) enjoy fellowship based around a solid understanding of the true Gospel, personal salvation; outworked through diligence and selfless- sacrifice. It is a wonderfully positive environment to be in. Praise GOD for his blessings and positive endorsements of our work, devoted, not to personal interests, but for the Glory of the Almighty. May the Lord Jesus come soon to eliminate human evils.

ESTABLISHED
2007
CHRISTADELPHIANS
35
10 YEAR CHANGE
+34
ECCLESIAS
2
BAPTISMS
1
CONTACTS
3

Myanmar

Q L D

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

Our members in Myanmar face a constant struggle to obtain the very necessities of life. A state of civil war exists.

Food and basic commodities are limited and highly priced. Employment opportunities are scarce and electricity supplies are erratic.

Despite all these difficulties, the hope of the Kingdom of God burns brightly in our brothers and sisters in Myanmar.



Myanmar Baptism 2024 -- 19-year-old Sunday School scholar was baptised in April 2024



Song and Praise in 150mm of water

ESTABLISHED
1958
CHRISTADELPHIANS
720
10 YEAR CHANGE
-30
ECCLESIAS
21
SUNDAY SCHOOLS
30
BAPTISMS
27
WEBSITE
angbiblia.com.ph

Philippines

NSW

Secretary: Bro Peter Wassell (+61 415 277 664; philippines@acbm.org.au)

19th Biennial Philippine Youth Conference

The highlight of the 2023/24 year was the 19th Biennial Philippine Christadelphian Youth Conference (PCYC), which was held on 25-29 December 2023. While this is a once in every two-year event, this was the first face to face youth conference in four years because of the pandemic.

The conference was held at Tarlac Agricultural University in central Luzon, the main northern island of the Philippines. About 220 young people coming from 20 Philippine ecclesias attended. This included about 90 young people from Mindanao (the main southern island of the Philippines), the island of Cebu and the island of Negros. Some young people travelled for more than 12 hours by bus to get to the conference venue. There were several overseas visitors that also attended as well as the Filipino hosts.

Bro Kent Wilson (Hyde Park Ecclesia) led the studies on "Fruit of the Spirit ... our journey toward Christlikeness". The studies were clearly presented in a way the young people could understand and were well received. Each study was followed by discussion groups to enhance what was learned in the talks. There were 10 discussion groups in all. Each young person was assigned their group number at the beginning of the conference. This was to ensure that the discussion groups consisted of young people coming from a mix of ecclesias. An assigned young Filipino brother led the discussion groups.

There were also afternoon talks, "From the ashes - the miraculous birth of the nation of Israel" led by Bro Judah Martin, "The sons of Korah - Standing with the Father" led by Bro Peter Jolly and "Shechem - the place of decision and commitment". The evenings included socialization (1st evening), talks by young Filipino brothers and a song and praise evening.

The afternoons also included games (Filipino style) and sports (basketball and volleyball). The 10 discussion groups became teams for the games and sports competition. The games and sports were enjoyed by all and enthusiastically engaged in.

It was a full program, but it was an enjoyable, memorable and spiritually profitable time for all. For the Filipino young people, especially those who come

from small and isolated ecclesias, the studies, the discussions and the fellowship with other young people are a great source of encouragement to their faith as they go forward to meet the challenges of this present world, waiting for the return of Christ.

The following note from a young Filipino sister ably reflects the sentiments of many young people who attended the Youth Conference:

The 2023 Philippine Christadelphian Youth Conference was truly memorable, with a standout moment being the impactful study led by our speaker. The phrase "Integrity is doing the right thing when no one is watching" resonated deeply, serving as a lasting reminder to uphold honesty and righteousness, knowing that God is always our unseen witness. I look forward to PCYCs, anticipating the opportunity to connect with fellow youth from diverse ecclesias, forge meaningful friendships, and immerse myself in the enlightening teachings of God's word. With hope, the next PCYC will be held in the Kingdom.

2024 Luzon CYC Study Weekend

Another young people's event was held in July (15-17/7/24). The Luzon CYC Study Weekend was held at the Bugallon Ecclesial Hall. About 125 young people attended from 12 ecclesias in Luzon, some travelling for more than 12 hours via public transport.

The studies were led by Bro Julius Bumadilla and based on the gospel of Luke under the theme of "Jesus Christ – one man for all men". The studies outlined some of the themes that are peculiar to Luke's record and the relevant lessons that can be learned from them. Young Filipino brothers also gave meditation talks.

The young people were divided into four groups and each practised and sang with feeling an item for the Praise Night on Day 2 of the program. The same groups did one of the daily readings together on the mornings of Day 2 and 3. Question prompts were provided to aid the discussion on the readings.

On the afternoon of Day 2 the young people were transported in five jeepneys to the beach at Lingayen. The four assigned groups were given the task of

making something in the sand to represent the future glory of the Kingdom. Another competition to encourage active participation was a prize for the tidiest dormitory room!

It is traditional at the end of a combined event in the Philippines for some of the brothers to give a short parting message. All expressed their appreciation of the event and for what they had learned from the studies.

Improvements to the Bugallon Ecclesial Hall, the usual venue for Luzon CYC events, have been recently completed to improve the facilities for accommodation for CYC events including the fabrication of about 20 double deck double beds



Philippines – Luzon CYC Study Weekend Group

ESTABLISHED
1980
CHRISTADELPHIANS
11

10 YEAR CHANGE
-2

ECCLESIA
1

WEBSITE
singaporechristadelphians.com

Singapore

VIC

Secretary: Bro Michael Newman (+61 418 132 184; singapore@acbm.org.au)

Membership numbers have been steady with 11 baptized (since Matthew Ng moved to Melbourne and left the truth sadly). The most recent focus has been on personal preaching and Facebook activity. We undertook a 6-month prayer challenge to pray for the health and expansion of the ecclesia and for preaching success. We have definitely seen a marked uplift in visiting brothers and sisters for which we are grateful.

We have continued collaboration with KL and HK Ecclesias. On the first Sunday of each month, we hold a combined 3-way Zoom memorial meeting with a rotating chair among the 3 ecclesias and the speakers provided by Victoria.

One concern is that our young people have no contact with other young people in the truth. Cooper Ross, a young brother from NSW, visited Singapore a few months back and suggested setting up a pen-pal type connection for our young people. However, getting them to physically attend events would be better in the long run. We are open to ideas here.

Penang and Fellowship Study Weekend 2025

In 2023 a joint KL/Sg initiative saw around 15 of our Singapore and KL brothers and sisters meet for study & fellowship in KL with Bro Peter Knowles speaking. This year we opted to move the location to Penang Island (Malaysia) and engaged bro David Edwards (Vic) to speak on "Principles of Preaching".

Around 40 of us gathered in Penang on 9-11 August for a truly uplifting and inspiring weekend with practical and challenging studies and opportunities to meet and bond with brothers and sisters from all around the region.

I think the event opened the eyes of many of us that there is a great benefit from pursuing more active fellowship and cooperation between countries and Ecclesias. Contact between many of the attendees is being continued through a chatgroup and important contacts and relationships built.

We plan (God willing) to repeat the Penang Fellowship and Study Weekend in 2025 with more advanced planning, advertising and hopefully funding.

We will consider (and ACBM inputs are welcome here) how we can extend this into more of a youth event in view of the concerns shared above.

ESTABLISHED
1990s
CHRISTADELPHIANS
6
10 YEAR CHANGE
+6
ECCLESIAS
1
BAPTISMS
2
CONTACTS
70
FIELDWORKER VISITS
20
FIELDWORKERS WANTED
Yes

Thailand

Q L D

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

The Thailand Learning Centre is a facility and teaching method that brings a number of students together with teachers for instruction in the Bible and a range of other subjects.

Teaching programs are designed to run for a few days or up to a few months. Programs involving up to 15 students for as long as 2 months have been run over the second half of 2023 and the first half of 2024.

For Somchai, hearing the Bible taught in a great deal of detail was something entirely new. Day after day, for several weeks, he heard passage after passage of the Bible clearly explained. This was a novel experience for this young Lahu man. From a small farming village in north-eastern Chiang Mai Province, Somchai spent about 3 months at the ACBM's Thailand Learning Centre, near Chiang Mai.

With up to 15 other students, most of them young, village people like himself, Somchai learned about the Bible, and among other subjects, received English-language instruction, learned about Christian

values and how to live and think like someone who believes in the God of the Bible.

Bible subjects have included the person and purpose of the Lord Jesus Christ, God's plan of redemption, the kingdom of God and a range of Bible themes. Other

subjects are designed to teach godly values or to skill up students in employable competencies. The former include such subjects as morals and conscience, and self-image and relationships. The latter include English-as-a-second-language, basic computing and barista training.

This "hybrid" method of meeting, befriending and teaching the gospel and other practical subjects to new friends has proven to be successful over a 12-month period. In fact, during that time, two of the attendees of the program requested baptism. One of them was Somchai. After a serious discussion with him involving his "big" brother, Bro Ebenezer, who is of the same ethnicity as Somchai, a period of intense

preparation followed, with the joyous occasion of his baptism coming shortly afterward.

The Thailand Learning Centre is a labour-intensive operation. Program attendees and teachers live at the facility for the duration of classes and activities. A typical day for 6 days of the week is about 10 to 12 hours long though well-timed breaks allow attendees and teachers some time to relax.

To continue the Centre into 2025, we are looking for more volunteers and teachers. If you are able to help, please contact Bro Terry Nutter at bibledctr@gmail.com. May our Heavenly Father continue to grant His blessings upon this initiative.



Thailand - Our new brother, Somchai (centre) with Bro Ebenezer and Sis Ang



Thailand - TLC Icebreaker Session 2023

ESTABLISHED
1997
CHRISTADELPHIANS
295
10 YEAR CHANGE
-23
ECCLESIAS
8
SS STUDENTS
156
BAPTISMS
7
CONTACTS
31

Vietnam

QLD

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

Our area is slowly recovering from COVID and the problems caused by restrictions on travel associated with meeting together in each of the ecclesias. Some members who disappeared in that time have returned but many are uncontactable by phone or any other method.

Our main method of preaching has continued. We have Bibles in Vietnamese and quite a number of Christadelphian books which have been translated and printed with official approval. The most useful publication has been a full translation of the Union Sunday School notes – a total of over 3,500 pages – and this has official approval.

Our members are able to meet around a communal meal. (All church services in Vietnam must be conducted in recognized churches by law.) In some areas our members are restricted to no more than 12 attending a gathering. An ecclesia might therefore need to have up to 4 separate meetings in different sites each week, especially in country areas.

Each ecclesia is provided with funds to cover a meal together when they meet. Brothers and sisters often

bring interested friends who are provided for and the Sunday School children also bring their friends. For us this is an effective way to introduce people to the truth, especially when we cannot use leaflets or other public methods.

May the God of heaven bless our labours in His service and free us from the constraints of this world.

For security reasons we are unable to publish photos of members or to give more detail



This is Your Bible

thisisyourbible.com continues as an online preaching tool in English. It is jointly sponsored by all the Christadelphian Bible Mission organisations.

It offers a variety of online study courses, an extensive library of literature, an archive of answers to questions submitted by users, video teaching material, a searchable map with ecclesial locations and details, and monthly front-page articles.



Eastern ASIA

ESTABLISHED
1960s / 1995
CHRISTADELPHIANS
80+
BAPTISMS
1
CONTACTS
6
FIELDWORKER VISITS
4
WEBSITE
Shengjiang.org

China (inc. Hong Kong)

SA

Secretary: Bro Russell Li (+61 452 419 123; china@acbm.org.au)

With the blessing of our Heavenly Father, a few visits by brothers and sisters from Australia have been made as part of holiday trips. These visits were extremely encouraging and provided a good opportunity for local brothers and sisters to get together around the readings and enjoying fellowship in the faith. God has not stopped calling people for his name and this year we have witnessed the baptism of a new brother into Christ. Most of the brothers and sisters in China are trying to find effective ways to maintain their faith.



While we know those in the cities where there are a number of members are still managing their regular meetings, others take the advantage of the Internet to join in virtual gatherings, doing readings, joining Bible classes and memorial meetings. A big thankyou goes to the Taipei Ecclesia and those who support their classes and exhortations as many from mainland China benefit from the service provided.

While we are encouraged by seeing those who hold a strong faith attending events and activities, we are concerned that we have not seen some for quite some time and feel not so sure about their spiritual wellbeing. Apart from supporting the local ecclesias, we should also consider more missionary visits and events such as a Bible School to hopefully stir up enthusiasm.

Australian visits

This year, we have had a few visits from Australian brothers and sisters on business trips or family holidays. These visits are extremely helpful and encouraging to the local brothers and sisters. We appreciate their efforts to plan their itinerary to include those cities where there are brothers and sisters.

ESTABLISHED
1992
CHRISTADELPHIANS
8
10 YEAR CHANGE
-2
CONTACTS
3

Japan

SA

Area Secretary: Bro Craig Hill (+61 448 449 910; japan@acbm.org.au)

The number of brothers and sisters in Japan has reduced, following the return home of some who were living and working in the country for extended periods. Along with Sister Cynthia in Tokyo, and Brother Fujio in Nagaya, who are both residents, we have Brother Calvin Qwana from the Solomon Islands, studying in the city of Kyoto, and Sister Shathi Baroi from Bangladesh living with her husband Richard in Tokyo.

Contact is being made with each in different ways as they have many individual connections across the ecclesial world. Whereas there is no opportunity in the current circumstances to run a Bible School in Japan, there are now similar activities in neighbouring

countries that provide support for spiritual development and fellowship. There are some friends for whom contact, and support, is being continued and we pray that this will result in a conviction that leads to commitment to the Truth.



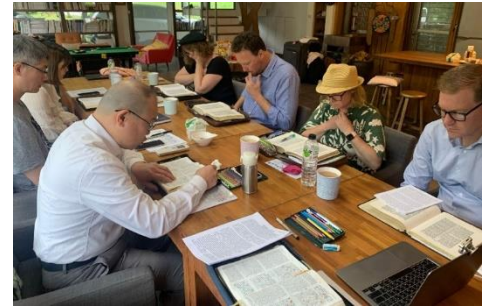
Japan - Fujio in Nagoya



Japan - Shathi and Cynthia in Tokyo



Taiwan - Bible School outing



Taiwan - Bible school

ESTABLISHED
2003
CHRISTADELPHIANS
8
10 YEAR CHANGE
-7
ECCLESIAS
1
SUNDAY SCHOOLS
1
CONTACTS
2
FIELDWORKER VISITS
1

Taiwan

SA

Area Secretary: Bro Craig Hill (+61 448 449 910; taiwan@acbm.org.au)

The small ecclesia in Taiwan continues to provide a gateway for spiritual encouragement for many brothers and sisters across the Chinese speaking world on a weekly basis. The Bible School in April this year was an uplifting experience once again and included many who logged into the studies from outside the country. Sessions included first principles for friends who joined on line.

While many friends have been invited to become involved over the years, we now need to do more open forms of preaching. Taiwan is a free society and while Christianity makes up only 4 percent of the population, it is very active. It is hoped that through internet preaching, there will be some who respond. While this has been done with some success in English in the past, because most Christian groups have a majority of English speakers, it is now time to try advertising in Chinese.

ESTABLISHED
1984
CHRISTADELPHIANS
20
ECCLESIAS
1
CONTACTS
2

South Korea

SA

Secretary: Bro Ben Cheek (+61 418 357 982; korea@acbm.org.au)

The brothers and sisters of Korea enjoy the visits of their brothers and sisters from other regions. Many of them are now retired and a visit can be arranged virtually any time throughout the year with opportunity to catch up with those who speak a little English. Accommodation for Fieldworkers is available as part of the ecclesial hall and it is near a railway station which gives access to the greater city of Seoul and environs. We encourage anyone to take this opportunity.

At the Bible Camp in August, 2023, there was a session on how to encourage:

1. More interested friends to the ecclesia.
2. How to encourage some who are no longer attending to return.

This is something that every ecclesia is challenged with and sadly it's the same in South Korea.

Each Saturday evening there is a readings group where brothers and sisters do the readings with others from Australia online.

Some of the memorial meetings are arranged on Zoom with brethren from Australia and Canada providing exhortation which is translated live. Sunday gatherings are conducted in the ecclesial meeting place in Seoul and most of those living in isolation throughout South Korea are able to link with this meeting online.



South Korea – Bible readings group



South Korea – Bible school

The number of Korean young people is very small and one has recently spent a lengthy period of time in South Australia staying with a family with girls of the same age. She was encouraged by the many activities among the young people here and at Heritage College. This impressed her greatly and having now returned home she is following through with Bible instruction towards being baptized.

The South Korean Bible Schools, which are usually held each August, continue to get good support from brothers and sisters from Australia and Canada. These schools have become a yearly event and should you be interested in joining with your Korean brothers and sisters in a Bible School environment where language translation is available, please make contact through the korea@acbm.org.au email account.

ESTABLISHED
1995
CHRISTADELPHIANS
1

Mongolia

SA

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

There has been only one elderly Mongolian brother residing in or near the capital, Ulaanbaatar for many years—and there has been limited to no contact with him since 2019.

Fieldworkers needed:

Travelling to other countries in our region to support our brothers and sisters is one of the most rewarding activities you can be involved in. However, it is important you obtain as much information as possible about the area you plan to travel to. We recommend you contact other brothers and sisters who have travelled to that area and allow them to share their experiences with you.

You should also contact the Area Team that looks after the area, let them know of your intentions, and find out the areas of need to maximise the benefit of the time you spend there.

The ACBM website contains information you need to consider before committing to become a fieldworker. You can also submit your application from the website.

Online meetings and tutors:

An increasing number of brothers and sisters are supporting the work from home via email, Zoom or Skype. You can connect to online meetings with those in mission areas, or offer to be a tutor to contacts or newly baptised brothers and sisters.

Finance Report

The ACBM Finance Report for the year ending 30 June 2024 was circulated to all Australian and New Zealand ecclesias, and is available on the ACBM website: acbm.org.au



Bible School in Kerala, India

Pacific ISLANDS

ESTABLISHED
1969
CHRISTADELPHIANS
70
10 YEAR CHANGE
+5
ECCLESIAS
1
SUNDAY SCHOOLS
1
BAPTISMS
4
CONTACTS
12
FIELDWORKER VISITS
6

Fiji

SA

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

Fiji has been blessed with growth over recent years. Earlier this year 11 young people attended the South Pacific Youth Conference (SPYC) in Vanuatu, where they joined with young people from the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Australia. It was the first since COVID. This encouraging conference resulted in many young people attending first principle classes in preparation for baptism, God willing, later this year.

The ecclesia will celebrate the marriage of Nemani and Cloe later this year which will be an occasion of much joy. The ecclesia faces many challenges. As Fiji becomes increasingly westernised, family units break down, access to excellent internet coverage becomes available and the culture becomes increasingly secular and materialistic. The migration of young people from Fiji due to a limit of job opportunities, is becoming an issue for the ecclesia. Also it is difficult to find partners in the truth.

This places more responsibility and commitment to ecclesial duties and welfare load on those who stay in Fiji. The brothers and sisters would love visits to build each other up as we wait for the return of our Lord.

Death of sis Litimai Rauvula

I first met sister Liti at a youth camp in Fiji in 1989, just after she was baptised. She was an amazing young

person, full of the enthusiasm for life and her Lord. She became one of a band of sisters who became the backbone of the Suva Ecclesia. She struggled with cancer and passed away at only 52. Sister Liti was a talented school teacher and much loved both in the community and ecclesia.

Order of Service

Time: 9:00am

President – Bro Dharmend

Opening Remarks

Hymn – 347

Prayer

Bible Reading – Br Joeli Colavoli

Reading – 1 Cor 15:20 – 26; 42 – 46; 50 – 58

Eulogies

- FTA (MOE/Teachers)
- Vuvale/Family
- Ecclesia – Br Shiv Nath

Hymn – 147

Funeral Service – Br Nacani Cawanibuka

Closing Hymn – 289

Closing Prayer – Br Mark Baylie

Dismissal Hymn 263

Proceed to the Nasinu Cemetery at 9 miles

Graveside Service – Br Nacani Cawanibuka

After the Funeral

You are warmly invited to return to the Christadelphian Hall 118 Mead Road for lunch and refreshments.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We thank our Heavenly Father for the wonderful gift of our dear Sr Litimai. Vinaka vakalevu ki na vuvale, vanua, dra veiwekani, soqosoqo ni lotu eda mai talaca na wekada ka sa vakacegu vakalekaleka ena nuinui ni Isireli – na tucake tale mai na mate – Cakacaka 26:6 – 8



Family History

NAME: Sr Litimai Rauvula

Date Of Birth: 29th March, 1972

BAPTISED: 6th August, 1989

MARRIED TO: Samuela Gudruvolili

Children

- Ratu Tevita Daivalu

Siblings

- Viliame Toanitoga, Tokibo Buaravi (deceased), Raijeli Lagi, Inoke Cagayawa

Parents

Br Salatieli Ratumailutu

Sr Karalaini Vataleka

TIME OF DEATH – Thursday 18th July, 2024

Vanua: Mataqali Vataleka, Goneturaga na Tui Koroai



Job 19:25-26 "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:

ESTABLISHED
1985
CHRISTADELPHIANS
47
10 YEAR CHANGE
+2
ECCLESIAS
3
SUNDAY SCHOOLS
3
CONTACTS
177
FIELDWORKER VISITS
3

Papua New Guinea + Bougainville

SA

Secretary: Bro Greg Hagen (+61 427 641 315; png@acbm.org.au)

After a difficult six-year period, visits have recommenced to many brothers and sisters across Papua New Guinea. Bro Rex Tomlinson made the arduous visit across the rough seas from Alotau to Goodenough Island for six weeks (30 May to 17 July 2023) to visit Bro Steven Ilewana. Here Bro Steven has traversed the steep mountain slopes carrying Bibles, literature and correspondence course material. There are 175 active contacts on GI (17 have completed the 40 lesson course). Bro Rex also met with our sisters in POM. In June 2024 Bro Paul Duke visited POM, Lae and Alotau.

Significant tribal violence has resulted in tough times for our Lae families. A Sunday School scholar from Bougainville is studying in Lae for 2 years. Bro Joachim is now assisting him and his own daughter with the

'LTBS correspondence course' through Sis Judy Bailye in Adelaide. Bro Paul met Bro Steven in Alotau. He was impressed with Bro Steven's knowledge and support given at three seminars to an appreciative

audience of around 50 people each night, all mostly from Goodenough Island.

During the recent quiet years ACBM took the opportunity to fund the building of an ecclesial hall in the mountain village of Paika, which is the most remote ecclesia in the Asia-Pacific. At the end of 2024, Christadelphian Youth from Paika conducted a Youth Camp to the theme "Nehemiah – Let Us Arise and Build". This was held in their newly constructed hall in the middle of the Bougainville jungle. Bro Kevin Nason wrote: *"Yes, the hall has made a great thrilling impact in many of the brothers' and sisters' lives. Those living in the Paika area are using every opportunity to use the building with lights, to do their studies and Bible readings."*



Paika Hall and memorial meeting

Bro Greg Hagen and Craig Hill who recently spent 2 weeks in Bougainville wrote: *"Getting into Paika means traversing the Panguna mine tailings and the course of the Jabok river. After this it is quite a climb across a number of steep spurs with several river crossings but once having arrived, there is the most warm hospitality you will ever meet. This is a small ecclesia with many friends attending. Their singing is with beautiful harmony. So, while the journey in is difficult the rewards in fellowship are a delight."* Plans are in process to arrange memorial meetings via WhatsApp with the brothers and sisters living in Arawa, Buka and POM.

May our God continue to bless His work in these remote islands.



Port Moresby, memorial meeting

ESTABLISHED
2000
CHRISTADELPHIANS
7
10 YEAR CHANGE
-2
ECCLESIAS
1
BAPTISMS
3
CONTACTS
2

Tonga

SA

Secretary: Bro Zac Read (+64 0204 1773962; tonga@acbm.org.nz)

In 2017, bro Zak and sis Abi Read and their four children, went on mission work to Tonga, not knowing a huge amount about the culture, the people, and the history.

They loved the experience and met so many amazing people, that they ended up staying 16 months, with multiple visits from other brothers and sisters from NZ and Australia. Since that time, there have been 4 baptisms in Tonga. They have also submitted and had approved a budget for more mission work in Tonga including a "regular heartbeat of visitors" to help and support the small ecclesia and interested friends there. Feeding them not only spiritually from God's word but in practical ways helping to make their daily chores and home life less of a burden.

We would love some more able/willing helpers. Tonga Ecclesia is very small but welcoming. They also are good at having extras come along (interested friends). The Sunday School is small but well attended. Now lots of them are teenagers. Sis Talita and Bro Manase are back on the main island, with their three children. It has given the ecclesia a boost in number and in spirit.

Bro Ralph has kept this ecclesia running consistently for years, with excellent support from Bro Dicki, who also acts as a taxi driver for all the drop-offs and pick-ups, each time they meet together. They are a faithful and diligent duo with great Bible knowledge, consistent attendance and effort, actively teaching the truth. They are resilient, going through a severe cyclone in 2018, and last year, an earthquake and tsunami, which set off a volcano deep under the sea, and covered their land in black ash, ruining food and water supplies.



Bible class under the mango tree at Annanah, we often get extras to our night classes, which is always a boost.

God willing the plan is to get them a hall to meet in. Currently, they meet in a house, but the room is small for the growing numbers. So often they sit outside under the mango tree. Ultimately we would like to have accommodation with a hall, so fieldworkers have an easy base. Please pray for God's hand to be upon His work in taking it forward.

Tragedy

One of the highlights in Tonga was baptizing 3 new sisters into God's family, but sadly, one of those, Vei, took her own life. She had many inner struggles with postnatal depression and a tragic marriage. She was an amazing faithful, and lovely sister, who loved the truth. She now rests awaiting the resurrection. She has left two small children, a 1 year old boy, Levi, and a 4 year old girl, Ane. She has been part of the motivation for bro Zak taking on the role of secretary and forming a new committee, for Tonga.



The late sis Vei, with her two Children, Ane and Levi.

ESTABLISHED
1998

CHRISTADELPHIANS
87

10 YEAR CHANGE
+54

ECCLESIAS
5

SUNDAY SCHOOLS
4

CONTACTS
4

FIELDWORKER VISITS
4

Vanuatu

SA

Secretary: Bro Jordan Mitsos (+61 416 497 677; vanuatu@acbm.org.au)

2023 was a big year for Vanuatu young people and the ecclesia as they hosted the 2023 South Pacific Youth Conference in August.

This was the first SPYC since 2017 due to the COVID interruption.

The conference was a huge success and was a great opportunity for the brothers, sisters and youth to welcome other youth from Fiji and Solomon Islands to Vanuatu along with young people from Australia. Around 70 attended the conference which lasted for a week with studies on 'Lessons from the Master' which were led by Bro Joshua Kempster.

Conferences like this are a really important time for our Pacific young people to build friendships and relationships with each other as we look to help each other walk to God's Kingdom.

The Port Vila Ecclesia welcomed Bro Dicky Avock from the Tonga Ecclesia in January 2024. Bro Dicky is a Ni-Van (Local Vanuatu) but lives in Tonga, running and assisting the ecclesia there. It was a great time to welcome him back to Vanuatu for our special weekend in which he led some studies for the brothers and sisters. These were enjoyed by all and it was a great opportunity to learn about life and the ecclesia in Tonga.

We are currently preparing for the combined Vanuatu Camp which will be held in Port Vila this December. This camp is held every 2 years due to the high cost of transport in bringing people from distant islands. Having all the brothers and sisters from all over Vanuatu in one place for a week is an amazing experience and we are looking to welcome more fieldworkers to experience this with us.

We are always so very thankful of the love and care our Heavenly Father provides for the brothers and sisters in Vanuatu as they continue to grow and develop in the truth.



Vanuatu - Port Vila Youth singing at the South Pacific Youth Conference



Vanuatu - Sister Rael teaching Sunday School in Santo



Vanuatu - Port Vila Memorial Meeting

ESTABLISHED
2018

CHRISTADELPHIANS
2 (Palau)

Northern Pacific

SA

**Guam, Palau, Northern Marianas, Nauru, Marshall Islands,
Kiribati, Micronesia, Tuvalu**

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Tuvalu

Two fieldworkers from the ACBM have visited Tuvalu and found it is worth following up preaching the gospel there. Accommodation and venues for preaching the Gospel of salvation are available.

We continue to use Google Ads in conjunction with the website "thisisyourbible.com" across the Northern Pacific area. Results will be followed up.

Palau

The work continues in Palau with Bro Michael and Sis Liza Manganti, originally from the Philippines, but working fulltime in Palau. It is not easy inviting the local population to seminars on the Bible so Bro Michael and Sis Liza have started a Sunday School in their home, teaching young ones about the Bible. Bro Michael and Sis Liza pick the children up and then take them to their home for lessons and lunch and then return them to their own homes. They are hoping to be able to discuss the Bible with the children's parents and so develop further interest.

ESTABLISHED
1997
CHRISTADELPHIANS
70
10 YEAR CHANGE
+17
ECCLESIAS
4
BAPTISMS
10
SUNDAY SCHOOL
35 students
CONTACTS
6
FIELDWORKER VISITS
3

Solomon Islands

SA

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August 2023 saw the Bible School held at Fote Village on Malaita Island. Studies were led by bro Rod Dawson & bro Isaac Newton. Brothers, sisters and young people from 4 islands attended plus some young people from Brisbane and Adelaide, Australia. This was a most encouraging time for the local members as they are only able to get together once a year. 3 baptisms were conducted at the Bible School.

In May 2024, 8 Solomon Island young people were thrilled to travel to Vanuatu for the South Pacific Youth Conference. They found it very encouraging and made many new friends.

In January 2024 the annual youth conference led by Bro Bob DeVries on the teachings of the Master was held. Some 30 young people attended plus others from Australia. 2 baptisms took place at this time.

Bro Carl Kempster and bro Alan Thompson travelled in early June 2024 to prepare for the June Bible School.

Bro Rod Dawson and Greg Pogson led the studies on the Fruit of the Spirit and themes from Isaiah. We were pleased that 12 other Australians were able to attend and help with running the week. A most enjoyable and encouraging time was had by all who attended, with 3 baptisms taking place. Bro Joe Vaea in Honiara has commenced doing weekly seminars, with an average attendance of 6 interested friends.

Solomon Islands is a less developed country so many of our brothers and sisters face great difficulties that are foreign to us. There is 80% unemployment and just a few Christadelphians have work and that is poorly paid. Corruption is rife and medical facilities are poor. These brothers and sisters require a great deal of support both spiritually and physically.

Personal Mission Story

Bro John Mark Kiere lives on a tiny group of islands, some 600 km southwest of Honiara, the capital. It's extremely isolated and difficult to get to. He was baptized while working in Honiara in 1999 but was wounded and his life threatened during the civil war in 2000. He fled back to his island and has lived there ever since apart from occasional visits to Bible schools. He has been extremely faithful in his preaching and in running a Sunday School for his own and other children. 2 of his students, who have since married, were baptized some years ago. Life is extremely difficult as he is a subsistence farmer. Rats and disease often destroy his crops. Cyclones destroy his fruit trees and on one occasion, his house. To his great joy, recently, 2 of his sons were baptized, making 4 brethren and 1 sister on the island. Bro John Mark runs seminars and believes there will be more baptisms shortly. He has been provided with an electronic tablet, loaded with many studies, lectures, exhortations and hymns to assist in his walk and work in the Truth. He is a great example of patient endurance under difficult circumstances.

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“Go into
the world and
proclaim the
gospel to the
whole creation”

Mark 16:15

Philippines Youth Conference



Sunday School on Palau, Pacific Islands



Timor Leste - Lipica Kids Club (preaching activity)

