



Burmese baptized in Myanmar

The country seems to be forgotten by the rest of the world. Yet it is the largest in mainland Southeast Asia and with a population of 55 million, it deserves attention. Under the leadership of dr. Karl Vuta, the C&MA Church of Myanmar joined the AWF in 1985. During the last decade there was not much communication with the churches in the isolated country, but this is changing. Last month I met with leaders and preached in the capital Yangon. The Lord has protected the 3000 member movement which strongly adheres to its identity, emphasizing holy living and missions. 15 Workers are set apart to take the gospel to the unreached. Recently eight persons from the majority group, the Burmese, were baptized as followers of Christ. The National church runs a theological school and an orphanage. Another group of churches, mainly representing another tribal group, is also interested in closer ties with the AWF.



- dr. Vuta 2nd from right -

Table Ministry in Jerusalem

The Church in Jerusalem has been experiencing special blessings. Pastor Jack Sara traces it back a prayer conference in 2007. "People love to pray, prayer is priority". He reports about a new form of outreach called 'Table Ministry'. It is as simple as it sounds: place a table on strategic locations in the city and put evangelistic material on it. Bibles were distributed, as well as videos and books. Many people indicated that they want to know more, most of them from non-Christian background. "Pray for protection, sometimes workers are threatened".

Radio: a mighty tool for evangelism in India

In more than 18 Indian states India people listen to *Jivansandesh*, the Alliance Gujarat Radio Ministry. Last year more than 1000 people wrote in response to the programs, 335 people were trained in seminars and 165 couples followed Marriage seminars. This month the Gujarat Alliance holds a seminar with Jun Vencer, former WEA director and Alliance pastor from the Philippines.

Philippines: 126 new churches



New churches were planted in 2007, but bishop Reniel Nebab (picture) comments that the goal of 132 per year was not met. In 2006 the number was 196. At present there are 2592 Alliance churches in the country. The total number of members is 300,000, but the goal is to have at least 500,000 by the end of 2010. Pray that the Lord of the Harvest will help to harvest people for His Kingdom.

South America: threat of war and answer to prayer

The South American continent has gone through a mayor crisis between countries with strong Alliance Churches: Colombia, Venezuela and Ecuador. Military troops were on high alert and fears for war were real. Churches in the region called for prayer and shortly after tensions dwindled. May a lasting solution be found.

WAVAC: Reaching Vietnamese for Christ

The World Association of Alliance Churches in 'the Diaspora' focuses on "reaching Vietnamese for Christ and expanding His Kingdom". In March the 3rd WAVAC Conference took place in Thailand. Pray for Thu and Hanh Nguyen who will minister to Vietnamese workers in Taiwan. The speaker on the picture is Rev. Truong Phuoc Thai, president of the Alliance churches in the South; on the far right is Rev. Phung Quang Huyen, president in North Vietnam.





Pray for Vietnam

According to the country's constitution Vietnam has religious freedom, but many churches are facing all kind of restrictions. Much depends on the local authorities. Certain congregations are not allowed to meet in their buildings. In some cases the believers gather in front of the church for prayer meetings. They ask us to pray with them for real freedom and the liberty to spread the gospel without restrictions.

... and praise God for cooperating authorities in Vietnam (Construction Theological School)

Encouraging news: Permission was given to build new facilities for the Institute of Bible and Theology (IBT). The history of this institute goes back till 1921, when first classes were held in Danang. In 1976 the school was closed, but in 2003, allowed to reopen. The temporary facilities are much too small, therefore the National Church started a construction program in HCM City, which costs 6.5 million dollars. The Alliance Churches in the country comprise more than a million believers, but they hope to receive help from outside (as most church members do not have much money). Donations can be transferred through the AWF-Account, see below for bank details. Please mention: 'Vietnam Construction'. Fifty students started in 2005 and in the two following years 100 students enrolled. There is a tremendous need for trained workers.

Vietnamese coming to Christ in the Czech Republic

Recently two young Vietnamese women came to Christ. There are approximately 35.000 Vietnamese living in the Czech Republic. Liem Ngo and his wife Ha are leading a church planting ministry in Brno and other cities. They work under CAMA-Zending, a Dutch AWF member agency, coordinating the ministry of 35 Alliance workers around the world.

AWF Youth is invited to join Outreach Teams in Spain this summer

This summer international Youth Teams will share the gospel in Almeria, Spain. Many North-Africans working in Europe travel to their home country in that time of the year. Often they stay a few days near the port of Almeria. This offers possibilities to get in contact with them and share evangelistic material. The teams will receive information about Islam and meet with youth of churches in the region. Excursions are planned and there will be time to relax. Encourage your youth, especially between age 18-26 to join! The 1st Outreach is from July 30 – Aug 13, the 2nd from Aug 13–Aug 27. Expenses: 450 Euro, including lodging, meals and an excursion to the Al-Hambra in Granada (Not included is travel to Almeria). For more information: www.awfoutreach.net



AWF Assembly 2008, Santiago Chile, April 8-12, 2008

Delegates from more than 40 countries prepare to meet in Santiago, Chile. For updated information consult: www.awf.nu. Each delegation is asked to bring their **NATIONAL DRESS & FLAG** for the parade during Wednesday's Banquet with dignitaries, among whom Dr. Bachellet, President of Chile.

Pray that our presence in Chile will be a blessing!

The hardworking(!) Preparation Team in Chile invites more Alliance people to come; the hotel can easily host more than the approximately 300 participants who have registered so far.



Yours in Christ,

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