



advancing God's mission through training and resourcing leaders

CoMPs / Local Co-sending Agency	CoMP Ministry Details / Receiving Organization	Prayer Points
<b>Mrs P C Lalnghaleli (Nghaki) &amp; Mr. H.Lalthatlatluanga (Laltha)</b> Synod Mission Board /Presbyterian Church of Mizoram	<b>School Nurse &amp; High school Teacher</b> St John's College /Church of Ceylon Jaffna, Sri Lanka	Thank God for the amazing work this couple is doing with children affected by war in Jaffna. Pray for their family and ministry and for God's transformation in the lives of the students.
<b>Mrs Melody K Lalbuatsaihi &amp; Mr J. Saidingliano Sailo (Saia)</b> Synod Mission Board /Presbyterian Church of Mizoram	<b>Hospital Nurse &amp; Finance officer</b> Pandita Ramabai Mukti Mission Khedgaon , India	Thank God for the ministry among the orphans and poor that this couple is doing in spite of very challenging circumstances. Pray for Melody's health as she has had typhoid three times recently and for God's guidance for the future.
<b>Mrs Lalruatdiki Kiangte (Diki) &amp; Mr Lalramthara (Marama)</b> Synod Mission Board /Presbyterian Church of Mizoram	<b>Program staff &amp; Administrative officer (finance)</b> Human Development Community Services Kathmandu, Nepal	Praise God for their work supporting people with special needs and in evangelism through the Church. Pray for the day care service, Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) and Adult Program for disabled and for Diki's new role as school nurse.
<b>Ms Remi Sailo</b> Synod Mission Board /Presbyterian Church of Mizoram	<b>Teacher (English as a foreign language)</b> Mizoram	Praise God for a blessed and eventful one year placement in China . Pray for his guidance of the road ahead.
<b>Mr Stephen King</b> Indian Evangelical Mission	<b>Consultant on social ministry / Afghan Mission</b> Indian Evangelical Mission New Delhi, India	Pray for Stephen King and family as they have a challenging ministry, equipping other IEM missionaries to be salt and light in their communities by addressing their needs.
<b>Mr Isaac &amp; Mrs Dolly Jeyakumar</b> The Association For Theological Education by Extension (TAFTEE)	<b>North India Coordinator</b> TAFTEE New Delhi, India	Praise God for their leadership in discipling first generation believers from the people groups "Santhal", "Malto" and "Oraon" using TAFTEE courses. Pray for the upcoming and ongoing courses and their daughter Gifty's wedding.
<b>Mrs Yashoda &amp; Rev Noel Kotian</b> Evangelical Fellowship of India	<b>Vocational trainer &amp; Program director</b> Evangelical fellowship of India Bangalore, India	Praise God for their committed work in developing Sunday School material and training children's workers across the country, and in Tulu translation of the Bible. Pray for the resources for the Tulu translation work and for their future plans.
<b>Mrs Kesari Shresta &amp; Mr Ram Prasad</b> National Missions Commission of Nepal	<b>Executive Director</b> National Missions Commission of Nepal Kathmandu, Nepal	Praise God for over 300 missionaries from various churches /denominations in the country who have been trained and equipped in His mission by NMCN. Pray for the upcoming two weeks training programs for pastors and mission leaders in the month of October.
<b>Mrs Anjila &amp; Mr Manoj Pradhananga</b> National Christian Fellowship of Nepal	<b>Director</b> Leadership Training Department Kathmandu, Nepal	Praise God for the wonderful ministry in nurturing Christ centered and balanced family life among believers as well as equipping women to be more involved in church leadership .Please pray for the good health and full recovery for Anjila.
<b>Mr Bhibin Shakya</b> National Christian Fellowship of Nepal	<b>Director</b> Grace Community Services Kathmandu, Nepal	Praise God for his significant work to raising awareness against girl trafficking, drug addiction and HIV & AIDS and supporting the affected. Pray for needed support for continuation and expansion of the work and for transformed lives.
<b>Ms Esther Gnanakan</b> LEADS	<b>Project Manager</b> LEADS Escape Project Colombo, Sri Lanka	Praise God for her work with children facing abuse, trauma and other difficult circumstances. Pray for God's strength and wisdom for her and the organization to deal with the huge case load as well as favor from officials.
<b>Rev Jim Paul</b> Church of South India	<b>Hospital Chaplin</b> Christian Medical College Hospital Vellore, India	Praise God for the opportunity to be his vessel to bring His light, comfort and love to the faculty and patients. Rev Jim is on call to patients of every religious background who request spiritual support and prayers. Please pray for Rev Jims health as he is facing back problems for the past few weeks.
<b>Mrs Chitra &amp; Mr Rabbi Jayakaran</b> Interserve, India	<b>Chairperson and Managing Director</b> Peacemakers Bangalore, India	Praise God for Conflict and Peace Studies modules conducted in Christ University and for Christian Leaders. Pray for opening in communities and churches to facilitate peace education and conflict transformation and for participants to experience God's touch. Pray for an enabling to facilitate unity in the Body of Christ.

## ACMS Overview

### VISION

To see people in Asia transformed by the love of Jesus Christ

### MISSION

- To equip, network and resource local leaders who have a heart for mission and to transform lives through Christ.
- To offer contextual and cross cultural missions training to support national mission movements and churches.

ACMS is a faith based Asian ministry that seeks to walk alongside existing mission organizations, churches and church networks across denominations. ACMS emerged from the Church Mission Society (CMS) as an independent mission body. While continuing to be part of the larger CMS family we now serve within Asia with an Asian Board and Leadership. CMS has a mission history which spans over 200 years in this South Asia region. CMS is now a multi-denominational Mission Movement. ACMS shares this heritage and commitment to mission and partnership.



## this issue

- Letter & ACMS Overview **P.1**
- Program Details **P.2**
- Event Highlights **P.3**
- Table of CoMPs **P.4**

*Dear Partners in Mission,*

**Warm greetings from AsiaCMS family!**

It is with great joy that we share with you the first ACMS South Asia regional newsletter. God is doing amazing things in Asia and it is our privilege at ACMS to walk alongside Him in this exciting journey.

**AsiaCMS is an Asian mission organization founded to**

- Train and equip Asians for mission
- To co-send mission partners with regional partners
- To Engage with other Asian faiths and change world views through Christ

**AsiaCMS has its co-ordinating office in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and a regional presence in New Delhi,India.**

**This is the first of tri annual newsletter that we will publish for the ACMS South Asia region. Through this newsletter we look to provide you a glimpse into God's work through AsiaCMS in India, Nepal and Sri Lanka so that you could pray for us, our partners and needs specifically.**

**In this first issue we give you an overview of ACMS vision, mission, goals and activities as well as a brief report of the past few months of work in this region. We invite you to journey with us to take this mission forward. We deeply value and appreciate your support, encouragement and prayers. Please read on, pray and participate.**

**With Blessings  
In Him**



*Stephen Edison*

**Coordinator  
South Asia, ACMS**

## CONTACT

office@asiacms.net  
www.asiacms.net



## Asia CMS ministry in South Asia

- **Co Mission Partner Program (CoMP)**
- **South Asia Christian Youth Network (SACYN)**
- **Asia Mission Gateway**
- **Peace and Reconciliation**

At ACMS we are striving to advance God's mission by equipping, networking and resourcing local leadership who have a heart to transform lives through Jesus Christ. This is done in South Asia primarily through four strategic programs:

### **Co Mission Partner Program (CoMP) :**

AsiaCMS partners with local mission movements in supporting and equipping local leaders to engage in mission. CoMP is a program driven by the local Church or ministry. They are the lead partners in sending out the missionaries and ACMS comes alongside them. The emphasis is on true partnership with 50 - 50 partnership between the local agency and ACMS including financial.

The CoMP Partners are serving in challenging places bringing His hope to people in difficult circumstances. We are privileged to partner currently with over 20 co-mission partners serving in different parts of India, Nepal and Sri Lanka. They are doing amazing work, making Christ known through evangelism, discipleship, drug rehabilitation, counseling for abused children, training church leaders, equipping first generation believers, HIV-AIDS rehabilitation and more.

### **South Asia Christian Youth Network (SACYN)**

is a network to encourage, motivate and enable South Asian young people from the region's churches to link up, overcome barriers and work together for the Gospel and Kingdom of God whilst being continually strengthened as a networked movement of people in mission.

SACYN's aim is to inspire, prepare and strengthen young Christians to cross bridges and share their faith and lives with those who are different from themselves.

**Asia Mission Gateway** is contextual mission training in partnership with Churches and mission agencies, training cross-cultural mission workers to engage with other major religions and world-views as well as challenging Asian realities of today. This is being done in partnership with various mission organizations and Churches and ACMS can come alongside local agencies to run these in different parts of the region.

**Peace and Reconciliation :** The call for children of God to be peacemakers (Matt. 5:9) requires imperative action in conflict ridden communities in South Asia. Wherever we serve we live in the midst of conflicts and ushering in God's peace is a mandate we cannot ignore. ACMS seeks to support and partner with existing initiatives as well as provide encouragement, support and capacity building, to the church and wider community to be agents of peace in their local contexts.

The journey thus far has been possible only by God's grace and his children's prayers. There is much to thank God for. The journey ahead requires your prayers.

## Being Parents to 175 children in War torn Jaffna !

**H.Lalthatluanga & P.C.Lalngakhleli**  
**Working with : St John College, Church of Ceylon**  
**Location : Jaffna, Sri Lanka**

Mr H Lalthatluanga & Mrs P Lalngakhleli serve with a CMS founded school in Sri Lanka. Lalthaa is a teacher and Manghaki is the school nurse. The school, located in Jaffna (a place with a violent past), ministers to both Tamil and Sinhalese communities.

The school is accommodating 175 students in the hostel with 15 hostel masters. Alongside teaching Lalta & wife are involved in the hostel and its administration, looking after the academic achievement and health, maintaining their BMI and dealing with different issues of students. They teach, play, counsel, guide and sometime scold, warn and just love. They are like parents with 175 children to look after.

The school has started a new

course called "Christian study Unit" they are the co-ordinators of these, having another six youth to look after and train to become fruitful Christians. Please pray for this. God's grace has abounded and here is a taste of His presence in the work:

*" There is a boy named Ashok, he has a lot of problem in his life, he had seen his parent dying in a bomb blast, and is very weak in studies and not much recognized by any one. He felt very lonely and worthless and tried to commit suicide. We spent time with him and arranged a special tutor from our own pocket money. After receiving an alarm clock he is the time keeper for the entire hostel now. His happy face when we gave him the clock is so special to us. We realize that the small gifts and care that we show is used by Jesus Christ.*

*Everyday we face challenges, the challenge is to work harder, and to act more Christ like. We need your prayers, for strength and wisdom for us and for miracles and transformations for our students."*



### Peace and Reconciliation work in Sri Lanka & Nepal

As ACMS has been seeking God's heart on Peace, God opened doors for peace and reconciliation training for teachers in Jaffna. The ACMS team of Stephen Edison, SagarGaudeland Rabbi Jayakaran were in St. Johns College Jaffna for facilitating this program.

It was a fruitful and intense time of ministering to people who lived through war, loss and so much trauma and bitterness. There was God's presence and his amazing love in their midst and we saw that the healing has begun. Please continue to pray for the Lord's guidance to take this process forward in the coming years.



Stephen Edison will be part of an interfaith Dialogue between Nepalese Christian and Hindu religious leaders from 8th - 12th of October in Godavari, Nepal. Sponsored and organized by the World Council of Churches (WCC) in partnership with the India Peace Centre (IPC). This initiative hopes to build better communication, understanding and human relations between religious leaders. This is especially important at a time when there is a growth of fundamentalist movements, increasing challenges for the Church

### Mission training in Nepal

Please pray for the Advanced Mission training program jointly organized and conducted by National Missions Commission of Nepal and AsiaCMS in October . Dr Kang San Tan and Dr Lee Chul Woo from AsiaCMS will be part of the faculty. The training will bring together pastors

and mission workers from across the Kathmandu valley.



### SACYN Program

Young people from all over South Asia will congregate in Dubai from 21st - 28th November 2014 to deliberate on what Discipleship on the Move means for them as a community in flux. While delving deeply into the nuances of discipleship today the young people will look at the various challenges people in diaspora live with each day including the pains of being migrant communities and the agonies of bridging the ever widening gap between the haves and the have nots. SACYN 2014 is expected to also foster new realms of friendship among the peoples of South Asia and give a new impetus to the ecumenical movement of the region. The leadership conference is being organized by Asia CMS and SACYN. Please pray for all conference participants, organizers and speakers and for a transformational experience from the Lord for each of them.

