

## 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.



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## Letter from the Coordinator

Dear Friends,

Warm greetings to each of you from the AsiaCMS family!

We are thankful to God for all that he has done in us and through us since the beginning of the year. We share glimpses of this work with you in this issue of our regional newsletter. We welcome new Mission Partners who have joined the AsiaCMS family and request you to uphold them in prayer.

Thank you for standing with us, as we walk alongside a remarkable group of people, serving God in the region through mission training, mission partnerships and coordinating networks, committed to a united and collaborative Church and Mission in Asia.

### South Asia Challenges

Every country in South Asia continues to struggle through the challenges of conflicts, poverty, corruption and natural calamities. What we also witness is growing fundamentalism in majority faiths, in many cases enjoying support from elements within governments, which is manifesting in violence and oppression of the minorities and marginalized.

The Body of Christ faces many challenges too ranging from discrimination to physical harm and even killings in some places. Let us continue to keep Christians in South Asia in prayers and also pray for His special hand of protection over us in these times of uncertainty and increasing challenges. Let us also pray that churches, mission agencies, organizations and individuals who are witnessing Christ in the region will be a prophetic voice and a helping hand of support for the marginalized people in need.

### Resourcing ACMS South Asia

It is our vision to see AsiaCMS fully resourced from the region it serves and your partnership helps take this vision forward. As you are aware, we are now a local entity through whom we can contribute to this mission locally.

We are very thankful to all of you for standing with us in your prayers and support.

Yours in Him

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## ASIACMS STAFF ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING

AsiaCMS staff met in Malaysia for its annual staff meeting for a time of fellowship and prayerful planning. We are a small but strong team with a great vision for the years ahead. Do continue to keep us in your prayers, especially the training sessions and partnerships planned for this year.

AsiaCMS Team with CMS UK and CMS Australia Asia Managers



## REBUILDING LIVES AND COMMUNITIES IN NEPAL

The devastating earthquake in Nepal in April last year claimed thousands of lives and made tens of thousands more homeless. AsiaCMS, with your contributions, responded through our Nepalese partners to provide immediate relief needs of food, temporary shelters and medication.

As part of our long-term commitment to rebuilding the lives of these communities in Nepal, we are focusing on building essential infrastructure for water and housing. The projects focus on safe portable water infrastructure in most affected districts as well as permanent housing using local material and techniques for those who are still without or in temporary shelters. The need is still great and the situation

desperate as the government continues to find it challenging to efficiently respond to the needs of the affected people.

ACMS works in collaboration with three of our Nepal national partners in this work - National Missions Commission of Nepal (NMCN), Leadership Training Department (LTD) and Grace Community Services, the latter two being departments within the National Christian Fellowship of Nepal (NCFN), which is a network of indigenous churches in Nepal.

Do get in touch with us if you wish to contribute or to be connected with NMCN, LTD and GCS to stand with them as they respond to the needs at hand.



Damaged House



A house built by LTD

## FAITH2SHARE CONSULTATION

AsiaCMS is part of the Faith2share Network which is committed to enabling effective collaboration between mission movements and leaders working together to share Faith and change lives.

The week-long consultation in Bangalore, India in April 2016 brought together 60 participants from almost every

country in South Asia, from UK and USA, from East and West Africa representing members, partner churches and mission movements. It was a time of rich fellowship, mutual learning, leadership equipping and also an intentional time of discerning how we can work together to usher in the Kingdom of God.





## PRAYER NEEDS

- ✚ Youth Leaders from seven countries will gather in Nepal from 1st to 6th of July, as part of the AsiaCMS coordinated South Asia Christian Youth Network (SACYN). Please keep in prayer all arrangements, travels and God's hand of protection and guidance during this time.
- ✚ AsiaCMS Mission Partners who serve in Nepal in collaboration with Asian churches and missions will be meeting together in Nagarkot, Nepal from 6th to 9th of July. Please pray that this will be a blessed time of fellowship, encouragement and reflecting on mission involvement in the country in the years to come.
- ✚ AsiaCMS coordinated Asia Gateway Training program in Malaysia will bring together pastors, mission leaders and people burdened for mission in Asia for six weeks of training in July – August 2016. Please pray for all financial, logistical and visa related needs and also for this to be a fruitful time of capacity building and learning to effectively reach out to the major faiths and people groups in Asia.
- ✚ Since January we have been receiving prayer requests from our partners and links on various health related problems, some of them serious affecting them and children. We thank God for His healing hand on those who have recovered and request your prayers for others for a full recovery and restoration to good health of all partners.
- ✚ Please keep in prayers the ongoing political uncertainty in Nepal.
- ✚ Keep in prayers the growing fundamentalism and associated challenges in India.
- ✚ Please keep Stephen Edison in Prayers as he participates in the Lausanne Leaders Gathering in Indonesia in the month of August.

## SACYN 2016 NEPAL

SACYN 2016 is going to run from 1-6 July 2016 in Nepal around the theme of Disability and Mental Health. AsiaCMS supports and coordinates the South Asia Christian Youth Network, which annually brings together Church youth leaders from member churches across South Asia. The wider objective is to build connections among the next generation of church and mission leaders and to encourage a regional focus on mission, and also to have focused training on issues and challenges connected to Youth, Church and Society relevant to the region.



SACYN Nepal Alumni Group Committee

## ALBASHIR - ASIACMS BISHOPS CONSULTATION

AsiaCMS held a consultation of Bishops from South and South East Asia in collaboration with Albashir, a ministry in India committed to reaching out contextually to Muslim people groups. The consultation was held on 17th and 18th February 2016.

We were encouraged by the response from 16 Bishops and representatives from 7 denominations. It was a blessed time of reflection on the opportunity and challenges at hand, Church response and practical steps to focus on this sphere of mission. In spite of the great

need among the Muslim community, the church has not prioritized enough on this area of mission.

Please do keep the various church leaderships and Albashir in your prayers as they follow up on plans and commitments made during the consultation. It's our hope and prayer that this will be a step forward in collaboration, resource allocation and capacity building to reach out to people groups in the region who are dear in God's eyes.



Indian Bishops with Asian Church Leadership

## MYANMAR PARTNERSHIPS

Myanmar is a nation going through great challenges and the Church strives to reach out relevantly in this context.

During our South Asia Coordinators' visit to Myanmar in March 2016, many partnerships were formed and renewed. We met with the Archbishop Stephen of the Anglican Church and explored ways of joining hands. There was also a fruitful time of fellowship with Alumni of the South Asia Christian Youth Network who have been part of the network for the past five years.

The visit helped us to have a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities in the country as well as possible ways forward to support younger leaders within

the country through SACYN initiatives. Please continue to keep the country in prayers, especially for the Body of Christ which continues to witness in a context of political change and ethnic challenges, for which we pray for peaceful transition and solutions.



SACYN Myanmar Alumni Group



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## Milan Kumar Magar, CoMP from Nepal

Milan Kumar Magar came to faith from a multi-faith background, a challenging home environment and an unhealthy lifestyle. Today he and his wife Mitung Seng Hkawn of Myanmar serve the Lord in Nepal and they have a girl (Kripa) and a boy (Timothy).



Nepal. Milan has been travelling every 2 months for 14 hours to reach pastors of different denominations like Baptist, Pentecostal, Presbyterian and Independent churches for mentoring sessions. His wife has been handling a married women's group from different churches in Itahari every month.

## Reaching the Unreached

Milan works among the least reached people groups of Nepal like, Rajbanksi, Tirkey, Chaudhary, Magar and Mushahar. He has committed himself to preaching and teaching so that later they will witness to their community and start a worshipping community. They are praying to reach tribes like Kachin, Karen and Shan to equip and empower them for the ministry and family life.

## Milan and Mitung ask for prayer for

- Family to continuously grow in the Fear of The Lord by loving Him and Serving Him.
- The Lord to prepare mission organizations or churches to send them to Myanmar to serve that nation too.
- Pray for the provision of personal expenses for his 6 weeks of cross-cultural mission training.

## Leadership Training

Milan has the passion for equipping untrained leaders in Churches with the teaching ministry. For the past ten years he has been fully committed to equipping and empowering leaders in the whole nation of Nepal. He has helped set up training centres for pastors and Christian leaders in the Far-Western and Mid-Western Regions of Nepal, Western Region of Nepal and Eastern Nepal under Leadership Training Department.

## Marriage and Family Ministry

Milan and Mitung saw the great need of equipping Christian marriage and family. The background of his childhood had shown him the impact of growing up in a disputed and broken family. In Christian community too he found lots of relational issues in marriage and family. Their own family went through a stressful period and the Lord helped them strengthen their marriage and called them to reach couples and families. So, as a couple, they are involved in marriage counselling and marriage seminars across Nepal and Myanmar.

## Mentoring

The mentoring of Christian youth and leadership is pivotal for Church growth. The Lord has given him and his wife a heart for mentoring these leaders. They both have been mentoring groups in two different parts of



## Co MISSION PARTNER PROGRAM (COMP)

AsiaCMS partners with local mission movements in supporting and equipping local leaders to engage in mission.

The Co-Mission Partners are serving in challenging places bringing the hope of Christ to people in difficult circumstances. We are privileged to currently partner with churches and mission organisations across South Asia to send out 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, counselling for abused children, training church leaders, equipping first generation believers, HIV-AIDS rehabilitation and more. Alongside here is a glimpse of the work of three of our partners bringing hope, healing and transformation in the lives of people facing difficult circumstances.

## Support the Mission:

Cheques in favour of Asia Collaborative Mission Service India can be sent to: Post Bag No.13 , Patel Nagar , New Delhi 110008.

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