



## **GOSPEL SHARING THROUGH HOUSE CHURCH NETWORK**

**Purpose-house churches:** We are about discipleship development through a network of house churches. Our small house churches are simple structures with joyful members nurtured by regularly-trained leaders. Our house churches are less formal, but more intimate resulting in reaching people with the Gospel through close, caring relationships. As our house churches have grown, they have divided and multiplied, energizing more Buddhists to want to learn more about Jesus Christ.

**Purpose- discipleship:** Our house church leaders receive regular, scriptural-based, Christ-centered training from Christians experienced with the Myanmar culture. Among our goals are to help our house church leaders with: a) their ongoing, personal spiritual development, b) their understanding of being accountable to Jesus Christ for sharing the gospel, and c) realizing the importance of conducting themselves with good will towards all others, regardless of religious backgrounds. It is our position that the attitude of our house church leaders' hearts is more important than the structure of their church buildings. Our training strives to enhance the abilities of our house church leaders to imitate the character of Jesus Christ, so they will become the disciples needed for "building" God's Kingdom in Myanmar.

**Purpose- Gospel sharing-new believers:** Through our training, we emphasize with our fellowship coordinators, house church leaders, and staff the importance of being patient with new believers recognizing that spiritual maturity is a gradual process. More specifically, we 1) mentor new believers through the harassment period by family and neighbors of transitioning from Buddhism, 2) nurture new believers through regular Bible study sessions, and 3) help new believers build relationships with other believers. It is important to note that last year, we had 90 baptisms, and are on track to match and possibly exceed that total in 2025.

### **Where:**

Our house church network continues to expand and currently is present in the

- **Karen State-11HC** (pop.1.6 million, 84.5% Buddhist),
- **Mon State-3HC** (pop. 2 million, 92.6% Buddhist),
- **Mandalay Division-2HC** (pop. 6.4 million, 95.7% Buddhist),

- **Tanintharyi Division-12HC** (pop. 1.4 million, 87.5% Buddhist), and
- **Yangon Division-6HC** (pop. 8.2 million, 91% Buddhist).

**How many:** Thirty-four (34) house churches with an estimated 700 members plus a goal of reaching 25 Buddhist neighbors in each house church area or 850 villagers.

**Budget:**

**\$2,758 annually per house church or \$230 per month**

- Food, medicine, other survival supplies such as mosquito nets- \$65,100\*
- Discipleship training quarterly- \$5,200
- Fellowship Coordinators mentoring & travel- \$9,600 (8 FC @ \$100/mo.)
- Outreach events within house church areas- \$6,800 (34 events @ \$200 each)
- Bibles, Communion, and other supplies- \$3,500 (includes 300 Bibles @ \$10/each)
- Compassion Fund- \$3,600\*\*

*\*Typical bag of food and supplies, etc. is \$42*

*\*\*Represents responses to Monsoon floods, unexpected injuries or illnesses, repairs from junta hostilities*

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