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by David Jacobson

After being "sidelined" in America due to COVID-19 as of March 12, 2020, I traveled back to Thailand on January 25 to reconnect with the missions we started over 25 years ago.

After three years of quarantine, returning to pray for and preach to these wonderful people was terrific. It was a strange feeling to see all the congregation wearing face masks still, but the Lord moved. I witnessed people being saved, healed, and delivered.



*Pastor Robin St Clair ministering to the staff and students studying the SOC at the Prayer Mountain.*

Mountain located outside the city of Mae Seraing. People come from all over to pray, hear the Word of God, and participate in the SOC training conducted there.

The village of Omkoi, about fifty miles away, came for prayer for their family members who are addicted to drugs and need to be saved. They requested that Pastor Somchai, SOC Director, Pastor St Clair, and Austin come to minister and pray for the whole village. The road and terrain leading to this village are treacherous,

and poverty is a standard way of life. To our surprise, when we entered the village, we saw the beautiful church built by the people of Omkoi. It is extremely beautiful and will hold up to one thousand people. We ministered and prayed for the congregation, then went from house to house, praying and ministering to the people.



*David Jacobson  
SOC Director*

While visiting the Karen people in Omaha, Nebraska, in July 2022, I met the Pastor Pricha of the Lahu tribe. He oversees one hundred and nineteen churches. He wants us to translate the SOC material into the Lahu language. There are currently 800,000 Lahu in China, 400,000 in Burma, and 200,000 in Thailand. God has placed in my heart to reach out to all the tribes in Southeast Asia. There are over 17 different tribal groups in Southeast Asia that need to be reached. There is much work to do in the future.



*Director David Jacobson teaching at the new training center in Chiangmai.*

The next School of Christ School starts in August. Keep this work in prayer. This work could only have gone forward with the Lord and your involvement. Thank you for your prayers and generous support. God bless you.



# SOC Ministry Continues In Myanmar

by Andrea Sekhin



*Andrea Sekhin  
SOC Fieldworker*

I have been ministering in several villages in Rakhine, Myanmar. This state has a very small number of Christians and few churches. Buddhism is the established religion and there are many Buddhist temples.

However, unbelievers are open to the Gospel and joyfully accept Christ when presented. The problem is that more ministers are needed in this area to disciple the new converts and minister to the Christians.

I have visited this state five times, preached the Gospel, and people accepted Christ. When I returned, I saw that only a few had joined the church. Then I saw the reason. The ministers do not have the life and power of the Holy Spirit.

I was very worried about this situation; then, the Holy Spirit reminded me of Brother Clendennen's story when he went to Africa many years ago to preach the Gospel. He also held crusades, and many people came forward to receive Christ. Upon his return the following year, those new converts were nowhere to be found. The ministers did not follow up with discipleship training or church membership. Brother Clendennen said that the Holy Spirit showed him the problem was the need for more ministers and people willing to serve. That is when the Lord called to his attention to prepare ministers and leaders through spiritual training. Therefore, the School of Christ International was

born.

In Rahkin, I had the same experience. The Holy Spirit showed me that conducting the School of Christ was necessary. Therefore, this visit was to hold a School of Christ Seminar. I did everything as if we were running an entire School: one hour of prayer every morning, a full day of SOC lessons, and ended the day with another hour of prayer. Three pastors from different churches, missionaries, evangelists, and several Christians who converted from Buddhism



*Ministering at the first village.*



*Over 75 people came to hear the Gospel before going to work at the first village.*

when I visited their village last time attended the seminar. The pastors



*Ministering in the second village.*

who attended a Bible School had knowledge but did not have power or life. The Holy Spirit worked in their lives, and their hearts were touched. We are now making plans to hold a full-time School in the fall. Thank God for His guidance and leadership. Praise God for the School of Christ.



*Giving snacks to the children in the second village we ministered in.*

After the SOC Seminar, I traveled to six villages to share the Gospel. In the first village, over seventy-five people came to hear the Word before going to work. We did not have music, a worship team, or theater productions, only the Word.

I have ministered in the second village many times. They are very poor, and on my last visit, we helped them to build a well





*Ministering in the church at the third village.*

Local Christians are keeping in contact with them to make sure they are in church.

The fourth village in Myanmar had a small church. Everyone was invited, and we had an excellent



*Ladies of the church in the fourth village served a wonderful meal to everyone who attended the service.*



*Distributing rice and oil to every home in this very poor village.*

so the village could have clean water. They came and heard the Word gladly. Local missionaries are now in place to minister and disciple these new converts.



*Ministering to the Christians at the fifth village I visited.*



*The fourth village had eighty people in attendance and forty came forward to receive Christ.*

About eighty people came to the service in the third village. It is a small jungle village without electricity. At the end of the service, forty people came forward to pray for forgiveness of sins. They were given pamphlets and the Gospel.

they organized a lunch for everyone. The fifth village is impoverished, but the Christians invited everyone to the service. I witnessed God touch the people's hearts. They invited us to come again.

The remote village of Chukon in the jungle was my sixth village to minister in. This is the first time a foreigner has visited this village. I am the first and only Christian to visit. Three years ago, a Myanmar missionary came to this village with his family and organized a small church. Unbelievers were invited



*At the fifth village we distributed rice and oil to every family in the church.*

to the service and they listened to the Gospel with their full attention. Many repented and decided to attend the church there. The road to this village was tough, but we brought some rice and much-needed supplies to the missionary there.

“Thank You” to the people who pray and financially support the School of Christ International so the work of the Lord can go forward. All glory and praise go to God! May His name be glorified to all the Earth!



*Christians and unbelievers attended the service at the sixth village.*




*Andrea and translator with church members in the sixth village.*

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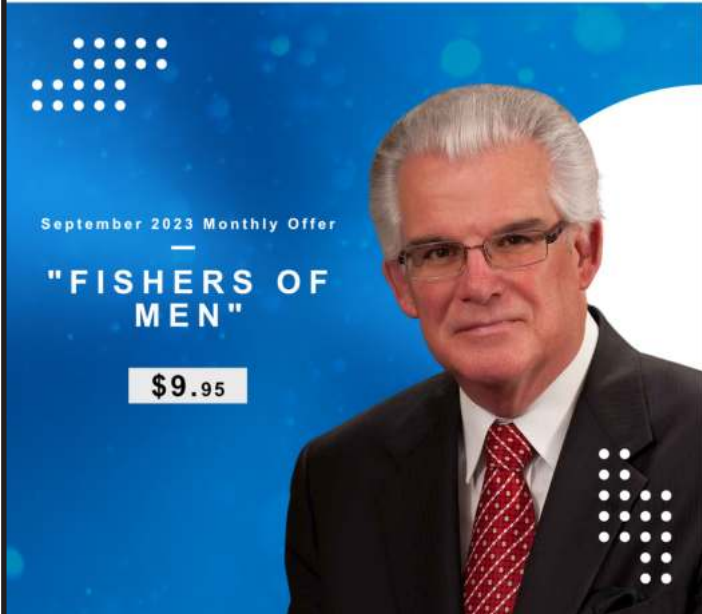


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