

# Myanmar

Church of the Lutheran Confession of Myanmar (CLC-Myanmar)



## STATUS

In Fellowship

## STATISTICS

Ordained Pastors	<u>7</u>	Congregations	<u>57</u>
Pastors in Training	<u>4</u>	Preaching stations	<u>n/a</u>

## RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Construction of two buildings were recently completed and dedicated to service in God's kingdom in March of 2018. These building were built with volunteer labor provided by members of the CLCM and a grant from the CLC Mission Development Fund. One building serves a church building for worship and classes. The other building provides a home for Pastor Kham and his family along with eleven orphan children he cares for with KINSHIP assistance.

## HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

Burma – The presence of Christians in the kingdom of Malea (North Burma) in the ninth century is recorded along with other south Asia centers by Didacus de Couto. It should be remembered that Marco Polo discovered Nestorian Christians amongst the Shans when the Mongol armies entered Burma in 1252. The first American foreign missionary, Adoniram Judson and his wife Ann, arrived around 1812. And now here we are long years later, and the work is still there. Some things don't change - the barefoot monks are still trudging about with their begging bowls. Some things do change - the traffic is heavier, and construction is going forward. When the new democracy began recently the prices went up but are stabilized now. But one thing does not ever change - the need for the Gospel.

This sister church is located mostly in the Chin State and are of the Zomi people subdivision of the Chin.

In 2008, and beyond, contact was made and correspondence and visitations were carried forward. The situation progressed, with the Lord's blessings, to the point that in 2010, fellowship with the ZLC was declared by the CLC.

Yearly visitations and seminars are held. Pastor Todd Ohlmann, representing the CLC Board of Missions, was present for the seminar in 2015.

## FUTURE PLANS

Outreach efforts among the Buddhist Burmese is a priority for the CLCM. Pastors Kham and Thang are working to develop a plan to train men to be faithful preachers and teachers of God's saving Word.

## PERSONNEL

Pastor Thang is president of the ZLC.

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## SCOPE/FOCUS OF MINISTRY

Pastor Thang as President of the church and Pastor Kham as Secretary carry on the work of overseeing the ministry. They work with an executive committee made up of pastors and elders. While the vast majority of the membership are Chin, they are still trying to reach out to the Burmese. In the Kalay area they are still working in the same region as last year, but the growth has not yet happened.