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### ***A brief reports from CLCM:-***

***Submitted by: Pastor Kham, Secretary, CLCM***

I, on behalf of the CLCM and on my own behalf, extend our warmest greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord Christ Jesus, from Myanmar! We have a deep desire to attend at respectable the 11<sup>th</sup> English Joint Pastoral Conference CLCI, BELC, HLCN and CLCM initiated by Missionary Pastor David.

Last year we missed such an opportunity like this auspicious occasion of the 11<sup>th</sup> English Asia Pastoral Conference 2011 at Chennai. We like to see the result of our conference and discussion to bear a fruitful result if it is the perfect will of the Lord that our sister churches body establish a relationship to His glory and the growth and edification of the Church in Myanmar.

### ***GEOGRAPHICAL CONDITION OF MYANMAR***

There are geographically seven states and seven divisions in Myanmar. Namely, the seven states are: KACHIN, KAYA, KAREN, CHIN, RAKHINE, MON, SHAN; and the seven divisions are: YANGON, MANDALY, MAGWAY, SAGAING, TANINTALE, PAGO, IRAWADY.

As a whole, majority of CLCM churches are located in Chin State and our head office is Located at Munlai Kalaymyo, Sagaing Division, where any foreigners are allowed to visit at freely, without any restriction.

There are more than 35<sup>th</sup> ethnic groups in Myanmar, among them we are so called Tedim Chin and our main objectives, visions and burden is to proclaim the word of God and make disciples all over the Country (matt 28: 19). There are 95% of them are the Buddhists and the rest among 25% of them are from various religious backgrounds and among the whole Christian population the Tribal Ethnicns are majority. Sadly to see that though the harvest is great the labors are less (matt 9: 37-38).

Especially among the Chin state we are different languages and ethnic group: - there are Tedim, Hakha, Falam, mindat, Matupi , Kanpalet, thantalan, Paletwa . We are so called Chin people or Zomi. Among this tribes we the Tedim Chin were living Tedim District, Tonzang District and Cikha District.

## **LIVELIHOOD OF ETHNIC TRIBALS GROUP**

It is my main concern to share you the livelihood struggle of our daily conditions. There are three seasons so called (summer, rainy, winter) etc. We are living in various parts of the Chin hill and by cultivation all of us working for our live survival vigorously. We cut the trees and burn, plow the soil and sow the seeds such as paddy, maize, various beans, and all kinds of vegetables.

However, the plenty harvest is uncertain due to wild beasts and animals unexpectedly come and destroy in the field every harvest time. The handfuls of harvest we receive from the fields are not sufficient for the whole years to run. Most of us are living in under-poverty line that our government also neglected our tribal groups in all aspects. Thus, we are no regular income a parts from our poorly cultivation and there are unfairly and force collection made to us by the government.

There are few government workers getting salary yet due to low payment and high cost of the goods in our country majority of the family pitifully struggling for their own survival and even could not send their children to school and as a result many of optimist children are forced to work in the field almost twelve hours a day.

We are in reality, politically oppressed, socially, marginalized, economically exploited, educationally, neglected and religiously threatened by our government. Fear is constant and our lives are insecure. Knowing all the reasons behind, our mission work is under the hindrances of all these circumstances.

## **MISSION WORK AND ACTIVITIES OF CLCM**

We the CLCM Church have 12 workers, among them there are nine pastors and two Evangelists and one peon. There are 56 congregations (villages) and each Pastor divided 6-7 villages for their pastoral works. Once in a month they visit the villages that they are assigned. The evangelists are permitted to go every villages and conducting camps and conference as the situation permit. Obviously, Evan. Mang ventured with his level best telling the love of God to among the Buddhist militants in Kalaymyo downtown. There are three schools run by CLCM due to restriction of our government, the schools are closed.

However, it is our prayer and vision to get permission to reopen those schools in the near future. It is our wish and prayer to remember in your prayer of having some more the Holy Bible (in Tedim chin), by every CLCM church members, many of them us not able to purchased even yet. Due to struggling for survival of daily living many of them did not able to give attention on listening the word of God which is the main hindrance for growing spiritually.

By God's grace we the CLCM could distributed 254 Tedim Chin Bible and twenty of Burmese Bible to the 56 congregation from the helps of CLC, U S A through our brother's David his faithfulness and sincerity for the Kingdom of God. Especially our Burmese missionary Mr. Mang has the Burmese Bible were distributed to Myanmar military camp. And also he was very hard working among them without getting

or earned from any man such physically supports. But he is continuing the works of the Lord in the field of Myanmar (Buddhist). We the CLCM pray for him as successful missionary worker in the days to come.

In this early year we the CLCM were mourned and hearts felt to our beloved pastor Tual Za Dal was went with to the Lord to our heavenly Father rest in peace on 25 March. 2011.

We have been conducting cum Executive Committee meeting and Bible Seminar once in a year and negotiating to pioneer actively for the extension of God's Kingdom In Myanmar.

It was a joy and most pleasant helps that we received from CLC are; Luther's Small Catechism (Tedim Chin), Lutheran Agenda (Pastor Khutlet), Doctrinal Teachings (Teddin Chin). And for the Secretary one Laptop computer, Printer, Inverter & battery, one China Motorcycle for the Chairman so far, etc.

In the years of 2010 we were very grateful to our beloved brother's pastor David has brought for us as especial gifted from CLC, USA. That was two Motorcycles for the secretary Pastor kham, and as well other Pastor Tual Za Dal and house rental of the Chairman and Secretary of CLCM. And also Pastor David was privately contributed the twenty Burmese Bible to CLCM and 254 Tedim Chin Bible. And we could be able purchased four plots of Land permanent site for CLCM.

We request to all of you please remember and pray for our brother's CLCM for the Church building (church, office, pastor quarter, and a home for Children). We need more project and fund of resources from God and your prayer helps.

## **SEMINARS**

We have been conducting Bible, Pastoral seminars with the CLC visitors in every year. The first we could be conducted the Seminars on 18-23 October, 2008. Pastor David, Pastor Mark and Pastor Larry, USA, in this conference there were more than 70 persons were attended. The people who were attending seminar were fills with joy, peace and understanding the bible and the doctrinal of Lutheran Confession.

*The second* time we could be able to conducted the seminars by the grace of God on 11-23 November, 2009. The seminars teaching by Pastor David and Pastor Mark, USA in this conference there were more than 66 persons attended, from 56 CLCM Churches. We were more admired and impressed on the doctrine of Lutheran Confession through this fruitful seminar. We were blessed by the man of God through their living explanation the words of God's. It was a wonderful much fruitful works in the mist of us and whatever who received knowledge, skills, faith, and deeper understanding of the doctrine from the seminars would gave themselves to their own churches.

*The third* time by God's grace we could be able to conducted the seminars on 15-18 November, 2010. The seminar was teaching by Pastor David CLC, USA. His teaching has been inspired and energized by the Holy Spirit through his living God's word to the CLCM who has being attended from 56 congregations those representatives has felt joyous and peace during the seminars .

Hopefully, on the next coming December 2011 We may get good time to conduct the fourth seminar with the CLC visitors in Myanmar our prayer is to come true all the proposal that we have by God's mercy in his hand.

***The CLCM prayer request:-***

- 1. To win the lost souls to Christ.**
- 2. To send missionaries in remote areas around Myanmar.**
- 3. To take care the orphans.**
- 4. To train all the believers.**
- 5. To stand firm a vibrant Lutheran confession Church in Myanmar.**
- 6. To bring the lights of the gospel to the unreached area in Myanmar.**
- 7. To empower them the youth activities.**

***FUTURE MISSION PLANNING***

Believing and trusting on God, CLCM have future mission planning as follow:

- 1. A acres for Headquarter,**
- 2. Conducting regular Bible Conference for Pastors and deacons.**
- 3. Sending Evangelists and Missionary (100) in Myanmar with ten years.**
- 4. To open Lutheran Theological College and Boarding School for secular.**
- 5. To open a home for Children.**

***A HEADQUARTERS:-***

It included for the head Office, Church, Conference hall, Theological College & seminar, and secular High School Boarding and Children, destitute for a home.

***PASTORS AND DEACONS TRAINING:-***

As under poverty-line and undeveloped country we are in, And to promote, equipment and sharpening the Pastors and Deacons both spiritually and physically.

***MISSIONARY AND EVANGELISTS:-***

There are about six to seven village churches shepherding by one Pastor and the obligation of the evangelist is to preach at any CLCM congregations without boundary. A missionary is to settle at one place especially among the Buddhist and preaching the word of God. The 95% of the population is the Buddhist and without Christ Jesus.

There are seven divisions which is our main objective to send seven Missionary in the near futures.

### ***THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE AND SECULAR BOARDING:-***

It is our deeply desire to open an oriented Lutheran training institute, where we can train, equip and mold many young men to be future CLCM church Leaders, Evangelist, Missionary and educator, and social worker to dynamic instruments for the extension of God's Kingdom in Myanmar. And the Secular Boarding we CLCM intend to be starting from primary to high school, where those unable children would get free education through this boarding school.

### ***A HOME FOR CHILDREN:-***

It is intended for nurturing and caring the orphanage children through the word of God secular education to be future Christian workers. As a poverty laden country, there are orphans and deserted children are a burden in our area. When we see them every day we are filled with love and compassion. We are praying the Lord to give us the chance to help these helpless in our midst.

### ***CONCLUSION:-***

I as Chairman of CLCM, ending my briefs report. May the honor and all the glory be to Him forevermore, it is our Vision, prayer, hope, burden to work together, to suffer together with unity and love for the extension of God's Kingdom in Myanmar. Amen.

With love and Thanks in Him,

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