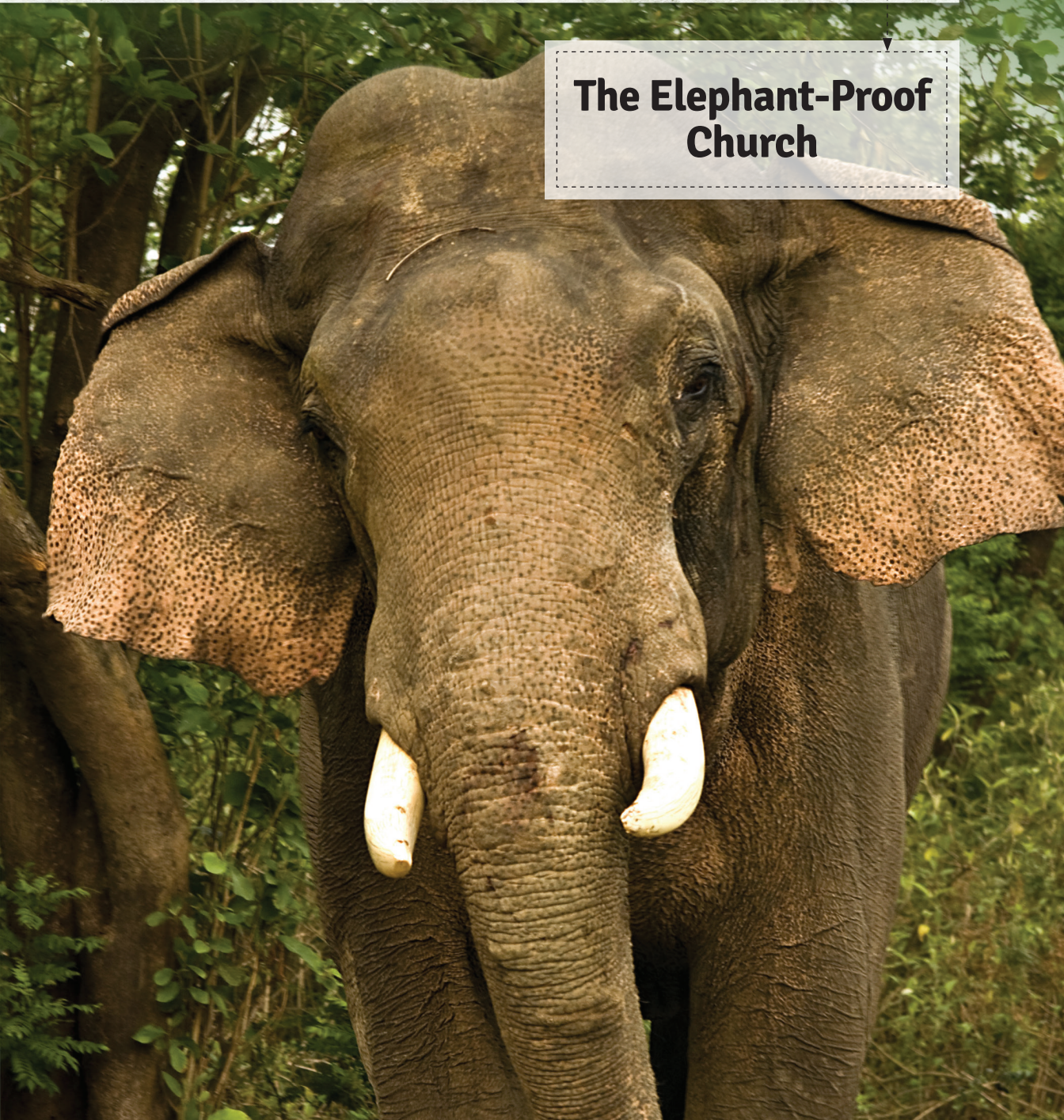


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The Elephant-Proof Church



Aye Aye is a Global Mission pioneer serving in a small village in Myanmar.



What do you do when the world's largest land mammal loses its temper and goes on a rampage to destroy everything in its path? You pray!

Recently, people in a village in southern Myanmar found themselves in the middle of an angry elephant attack, so they gathered together and did just that.

This village is the home of a Global Mission pioneer named Aye Aye. He grew up in the village, and for years, he and his family were the only Seventh-day Adventists in the region. As a boy, he longed to go away to school, but his parents didn't have the money to send him.

"My parents taught me to talk to God about everything," says Aye Aye, "so I asked Him to help me get an education. I

was so grateful when He provided a way for me to study."

Before Aye Aye left home, he committed his life to Jesus and promised to serve Him when he completed his education.

A Dream Come True

After Aye Aye graduated, he was excited to return to his village where he had dreamed of

The children love to listen to stories from the Bible.



Aye Aye visits people in their homes to talk and pray with them.



starting and nurturing a new congregation of believers. He began by visiting people in their homes and holding a children's Bible study.

It wasn't long before others in the village were curious about what the children were learning. Aye Aye shared the gospel with them as well, and now most of the villagers have accepted Jesus.

A Dangerous Time

In Myanmar, there are two major

seasons: rainy and dry. During the rainy season, villagers plant and harvest crops from morning to night.

Once the dry season hits, the jungle starts to lose its green lushness and animals begin to wander closer to the villages to find food. It can be a very dangerous time of year.

One day, an elephant walked into Aye Aye's village, searching for food. The villagers shouted at the large animal and



Aye Aye has taught the village children to talk to Jesus as their friend.

chased it into the jungle. They had just sat down to eat their evening meal when two angry elephants came tearing into their village.

"These elephants weren't the least bit afraid of us," says church member Daw Tin Htay. "I had to run away and climb a tree to hide. I stayed there all night!"

The rest of the villagers ran to the church, where they gathered together to pray. Many of their homes had been destroyed by elephants in the past, but no elephant had ever touched the church. They had faith that God would protect them there.

"The elephants ran all over the village," says Aye Aye. "They even came right up to the church, but they didn't try to harm anyone hiding inside it. We knew God was watching over us."

Now when the villagers share the Advent message with those living nearby, they tell the story of a God who is mightier than the angriest elephant.

Please pray for Aye Aye and his group of new believers as they work to plant more churches in Myanmar.

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The 10/40 Window

Myanmar is located in the 10/40 Window, a rectangular area approximately between 10 degrees north and 40 degrees north latitude. It includes North Africa, the Middle East, and Asia.

- ▶ The 10/40 Window is home to about two-thirds of the world's population.
- ▶ Most of the world's least-reached countries and people groups live in the 10/40 Window.
- ▶ The people in the 10/40 Window are the poorest of the world's poor and have the least access to the gospel.
- ▶ The top 50 least-reached megacities are all in the 10/40 Window.
- ▶ Millions of people in the 10/40 Window have never heard the name of Jesus.

The 10/40 Window is a high priority for Global Mission church planting. Thousands of pioneers are needed to share the gospel in the

light of the three angels' messages. If you'd like to help place pioneers in this challenging area, please visit Giving.AdventistMission.org and select "Reaching the 10/40 Window."



Rice is a staple for the people in Aye Aye's village. They work from sunrise to sunset in their fields, planting and harvesting.



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Millions of people around the world still don't know Jesus. Global Mission sends pioneers to unentered areas to start new groups of believers. Pioneers are often local people who already speak the language and understand the culture. Using Christ's method of ministry, they strive to meet people's needs and bid them to follow Jesus.



Nigeria

61,684,000*
Unreached population

95*
Unreached people groups

Taiwo, left, and Onifade, center, work in southwest Nigeria. They are helping a small Adventist congregation grow. Each day they visit people to ask about their needs, pray with them, and if possible, study the Bible together. Your support through donations and prayers help make these pioneers' work possible. Thank you!



Indonesia

163,676,000*
Unreached population

222*
Unreached people groups

Roy is a Global Mission pioneer in the mountains of Indonesia, where visiting nearby villages often requires long, tiring treks through difficult terrain. He works hard, and already 20 people have been baptized and 30 more have expressed interest. Please pray for strength for Roy and other Global Mission pioneers.



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