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Reaching Myanmar for Jesus



Aung Win has a passion to reach people for Jesus.



Meet Aung Win, a Global Mission pioneer sharing the gospel in a small farming village in Myanmar, also known as Burma. Before he became a pioneer, Aung Win studied natural healing remedies, hoping to use these in his ministry.

When Aung Win moved to the village, he visited people in their homes every day to get to know them. As time went by, the villagers began to trust Aung Win and open up to him. He saw their struggles and some shared how they were suffering physically.

Aung Win listened intently and then asked each person if he could pray for them. With their consent, he used natural treatments to relieve their discomfort.

In the past, the people had visited a witch doctor for healing,

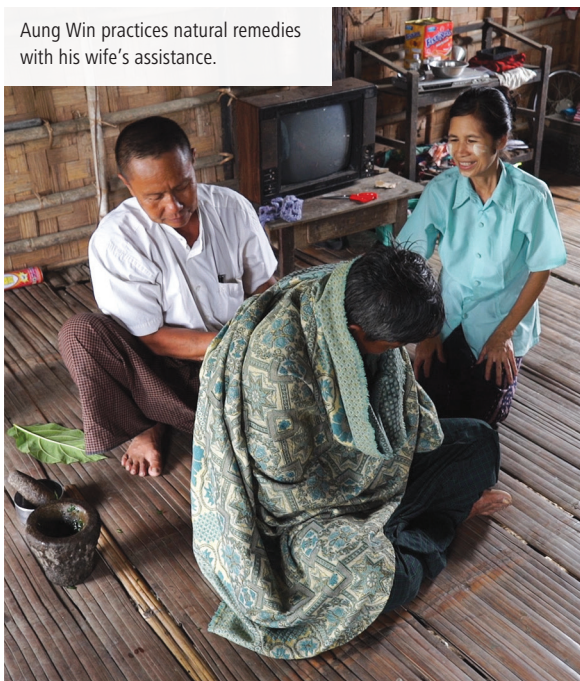
and they were curious when Aung Win told them about a God who created them, loved them, and gave them instructions in a book called the Bible so that they could enjoy good health. Many asked for Bible studies and eventually joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church family.

One of the villagers who became a Christian was Aung Thwin. He had been devastated when his wife left him and he paid



Each Sabbath, a group gathers to worship in a church member's home.

Aung Win practices natural remedies with his wife's assistance.



the witch doctor to put a curse on her to force her to come back—but his wife didn't return.

Aung Thwin shared his heartache with the pioneer and told him about the curse. "You don't need to take such measures," Aung Win assured him. "Jesus is the Prince of Peace, and He'll give you His peace freely."

When Aung Thwin studied the Bible with Aung Win, he experienced a joy and serenity that he'd never known. He has since

been baptized and is studying in hopes of becoming a Global Mission pioneer.

There was no Adventist presence in the village before Aung Win came, but now a group of new believers worships together every Sabbath.

Your donations help plant new groups of believers in Myanmar and many other countries around the world.

Thank you for making it possible for people like Aung Thwin to learn about Jesus and follow Him.

Aung Win and thousands of other Global Mission pioneers are following the example of what Ellen White referred to as Christ's method when she wrote:
"Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, 'Follow Me'"
(*Gospel Workers*, pp. 143-144).

The villagers work long days to produce enough rice to last throughout the year.





Aung Win, right, with Aung Thwin, whom he's training to become a Global Mission pioneer.

Pioneer Fast Facts

- Pioneers are church members who dedicate at least one year to planting churches among their own people in areas where there is no Adventist presence.
- Pioneers engage in wholistic ministry patterned after Christ's example.

- In the past five years, Global Mission donors have supported 5,281 church-planting projects in 104 countries.

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Dear Friend

I grew up with Eric B. Hare-type mission stories and I loved them. In my subconscious, mission stories still mean Burma, Africa, and Papua New Guinea. So I was pleased to learn that the story in this issue of *Frontline* comes from Myanmar, also known as Burma. Those kinds of mission stories still happen. But the fact is that the face of mission has been and still is rapidly changing because our world is changing. The “traditional” mission field still exists in some developing areas, but developed countries that were once “reached” aren’t necessarily reached anymore because secularism is replacing Christianity. Today, Europe and North America are mission fields just as much as other parts of the world.

Naturally, planting new groups of believers requires different approaches today as well. We can’t walk into urban secularized areas with a picture roll and expect crowds of people to stop and listen. And it’s increasingly difficult to attract masses of secular people to public evangelistic meetings. Fortunately, we can follow Christ’s method and develop one-on-one relationships with people, become friends, build trust, and then finally invite them to follow Him.

I recently read a report from the Netherlands where Adventists are trying a unique approach to church planting in Arnhem; they are mingling and building relationships by inviting their community to a “Sabbath high tea” twice a month. And it’s more than a high tea—it’s a *healthy* high tea. Right away, people are introduced

to healthy living and Sabbath rest because those needs are felt most strongly. They want to be healthy and they want to rest from the busyness of their lives. This approach resonates with them, and Christians and non-Christians alike are participating. From there, these new friendships branch out to other activities. As trust is earned over time, these Adventists invite their friends to Bible studies.

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Yes, mission may look different in some ways, but it looks the same in other ways. People still need Jesus and the best way to bring them to Him is to go, befriend them, and then introduce them.

It is your generosity that makes it possible for Global Mission to support mission projects both of the traditional and less traditional types. Thank you for your gifts to Global Mission.

God bless,



Jeff Scoggins
Planning Director



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