

Words from Principal



Greetings from MEGST!

May the Presence of God cover you as you serve His mission.

This time, I want us to remind ourselves on what does it mean to work at MEGST and the main purpose of our training program. Working at MEGST means that we are in the business of training young Christians for the ministry of Christ in Myanmar and beyond. Training conveys the idea of producing trainer-liked ministers. This conviction

challenges us that our words, action, and character are very important because those are the things that influenced the students. Knowing well that truth, Paul admonished young Timothy to “watch his life and doctrine closely” (1 Tim. 4:16). Training also involved imparting knowledge and developing ministerial skills in the life of students. It is very sad that, in theological training, many leaders missed this truth because they do not know the main purpose of their training program.

To repeat, the chief purpose of our training is to impart biblical knowledge that transforms the students’ lifestyle into Christ-liked lifestyle in serving the needs of the people. Christ-liked lifestyle means living a holy life, teaching his words correctly, imparting biblical knowledge and ministerial skills into the student’s life to make them His dynamic disciples. To accomplish this great purpose, we must stand and work together in unity as a team in the business of producing disciples for Christ and His mission.

In His Word,

Rev. Dr. CK Hrang Tiam

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Meeting with MECA leaders and Board Members

On the evening of June 15, MEGST faculty/staff and Board members met with MECA leaders at MEGST. Many things were discussed such as student affairs, public relations, academic and financial issues, and the challenges that MEGST is facing for the future. The meeting went very well and was historic for MEGST. After the meeting, MECA leaders and Board members visited the library and classrooms. There were also opportunities for networking with certain MECA leaders over dinner that evening. In fact, this meeting resulted in building a strong relationship between MECA leaders, Board members and MEGST faculty/staff.



MEGST Building “Relationship” with the Churches in Yangon, Myanmar

MEGST exists to train students to be Christ-like leaders for the churches in Myanmar. In order to pursue our vision effectively, starting from last year, we have set aside a day of visiting churches in Yangon once a month. The purpose of the visit is twofold: to build a mutual relationship between churches in Myanmar and MEGST and to promote MEGST for



student recruitment. These visits far exceeded our expectations. We visited five churches in the last 2017-2018 academic year. They were: Christian City Church, Grace AG Church, Believer Church, Tammwe Christ Church, and Tiddim Baptist Church. When we visited them, MEGST students presented a special choir or dance and faculty talked about MEGST, followed by a short sermon. After the service, we had wonderful fellowship with the church leaders and members. One of the greatest benefits of our visits is that it strengthens relationships. Visiting churches helps us know

their needs and how to pray for them. Moreover, it was really encouraging to see God at work in different churches, with different styles and in different locations. Therefore, we are planning to visit more churches in this 2018-2019 academic year. Please pray for us as we visit the churches around Yangon so that we may build healthy relationships with them and be a channel of blessing to them.

MEGST's Football Cup

MEGST's Football Cup has been celebrated again. It's aim is to help the students with their physical fitness and to build relationships between students, staff and faculty. This annual activity event helps the community to care for and be connected to one another. With new talented first year players, MEGST football season this year looked exciting. The whole community joined MEGST's Cup with great



enthusiasm. Owing to the impressive performance of all care groups, MEGST Football Cup 2018 was more competitive and exciting than previous years. At the end, Godzone, winning all the matches, were the champions. One of the best parts was that faculty voluntarily donated the football ground fee. Overall, our MEGST community has made great memories, and built and strengthened relationships, just through playing football.

A Special Seminar

MEGST was privileged to have Dr. Ajith Fernando, a well-known Christian leader and author of many books including "Jesus Driven Ministry," who spoke to us on 7th July. Dr. Fernando led a special seminar on the topic of "Spiritual Parenting," based on 1 Thessalonians 2:17, followed by a 'questions and answers' time. It was a blessed time, with the whole MEGST community feeling refreshed and challenged about the effective model of spiritual parenting in Myanmar Churches. Indeed, it was an afternoon well spent.



AAM Scholarship

With more than 350 graduates out there, MEGST is very proud of former students located in different parts of Myanmar and beyond, serving the LORD in missions, ministries and in academia. Moreover, it is very encouraging to learn AAM's annual commitment to support a first-year student who cannot afford the cost of studies here. Millions of thanks are expressed towards every single alumnus of MEGST.

AAM Scholarship awardee:

2011-2012 Mr. Hung Mana Ling; 2012-2013 Mr. Hung Mana Ling. Today he is a Presbyterian pastor. Supporting him two consecutive years is not in line with AAM policy, however this was a Committee decision.

2013-2014 Mr. Yan Lin Htin (Samuel) -- today he is on staff with ONOW.

2014-2015 Ms. Khin Moe Aye -- today she volunteers with YWAM.

2015-2016 Mr. Thang Sian Piang -- today he is working with ACBC, UPC Headquarter.

2016-2017 Mr. Gum Ja Gam, currently an MDiv III student.

2017-2018 Mr. Ngwa Yet Het, currently an MDiv II student.

2018-2019 Mr. Naw Aung, currently an MDiv I student.

This scholarship from 2015-2016 was worth Ks 300,000. Since 2016 it is worth Ks 400,000.

*Special Support Awardee:

2015-2016 David Van Tin Lian- Ks 300 000 by special donor via AAM.

2016-2017 Ngwa Se Me 100 000 Ks.

2016-2017 Kai Ra Udi 100 000 Ks.

Special Alumni Activities: 2016 Retreat at Ngwe Saung Beach; 2017 Alumni Seminar, Myikyina; 2018 (April) Alumni Seminar, Tachileik

Faculty/Staff News

- Rev. Ciin Suan Piang, Lect. Mark Naw Yaw Yet and Rev. Hmet Lian Thang were at KCBC for a week to teach B.Th. students from various theological colleges.
- Lect. Nant Aye Aye Than went to Emmanuel Divinity College in Moh Nyin to teach B.Min. students for a week.
- Dr. Ronald has been on study leave at Tyndale House, Cambridge for about two months (June-July).

MEGST Praise and Prayer

- We thank God for his provision and guidance for MEGST as we began our academic year of 2018-2019 in the first week of June.
- We praise God that both Dr. John Buchanan and Sayama Wendy Buchanan were granted another one-year visa.
- Pray for the faculty in training (Ca Nuam Mang doing Ph.D. in Church History at Torch Trinity Graduate University, Korea; Ning Ngaih Lian doing Ph.D. in Christian Education at APNTS, Philippines; Cung Lian Ceu doing further study at Trinity International University, USA).
- Pray for Aung Htoo for his Ph.D. defense thesis at Laidlaw College in New Zealand.

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