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THE WORK

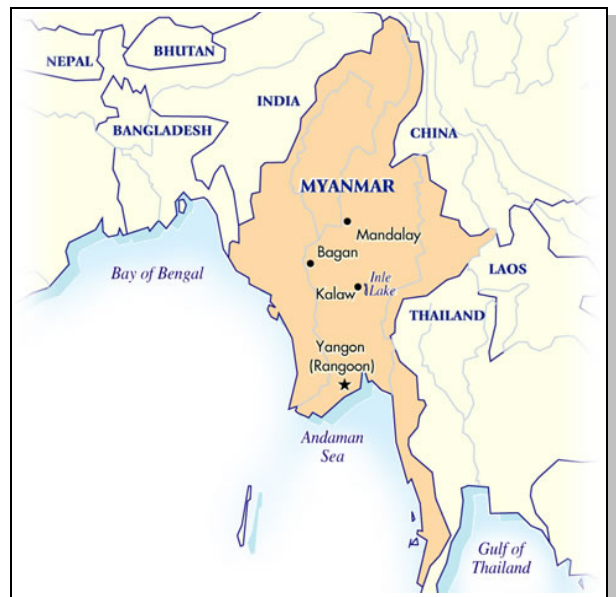
Mission Partners in Australia has established partnerships with 2 already established churches in Yangon, Myanmar - the Evangelical Reformed Church (ERC) and the Free Reformed Church of Myanmar (FRCM). Partnerships are established as a means to help and promote growth.

Both the ERC and the FRCM are involved in weekly Sunday Church services, twice-weekly prayer meetings, weekly Sunday School, outreach and evangelism, community assistance programs, and each have their own Bible College with live-in students.

THE COUNTRY

Myanmar, officially The Union of Myanmar (also known as Burma or The Union of Burma), is the largest country (in geographical area) in mainland South-east Asia. Myanmar is bordered by Bangladesh, India, Tibet, China, Laos, and Thailand.

The name Myanmar comes from the two words 'myan', which translates 'swift', and 'ma(r)', which translates 'strong'. In 1989, the military junta (pronounced hoonta) officially changed the English version of the country's name from Burma to Myanmar, and its former capital city's name from Rangoon to Yangon. One of the reasons given was to have a name which promotes unity.



RELIGION

Theravada Buddhism is practised by about 89% of the population, especially the Bamar, Shan, Mon, and Chinese.

Christianity is practised by about 2% of the population, predominantly among the hill dwelling Kachin, Chin and Kayin as a result of missionary work in their respective areas. Most Christians are Protestants, in particular Baptists of the Myanmar Baptist Convention, founded by the American missionary Adoniram Judson in the 19th century. Small segments of the population practise Roman Catholicism, Islam, Hinduism or animism. Religious tolerance exists but, because of stigmas attached to certain religions, particularly Christianity and Islam, such tolerance is often undermined.

Quick Stats...

Capital city	Naypyidaw	Religion	Buddhism (89%)
Largest city	Yangon (Rangoon)	Population	50,000,000 (2009 estimate)
Total Area	37% the size of QLD	Time Zone	UTC +6:30 (No Daylight Saving)

MARTIN'S MINISTRY

Martin works as a partner Church missionary primarily with the Evangelical Reformed Church but also occasionally with the Free Reformed Church of Myanmar. Both of these churches have growing congregations and an active church planting ministry. Martin will be teaching theological subjects at the Reformed Bible Institute (ERC's Bible College) as well as assisting the students of both Bible Colleges with their English.

There are plans to establish an English School which will be his means of remaining in the country long-term as a resident, but more importantly this school will be used to conduct some free English classes with lessons based entirely on the Bible. Martin is passionate about evangelism and this is just one of the ways to outreach to people who do not know Jesus at all (some have never even heard of His name).

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UNIQUE MINISTRIES

The ERC's unique ministries and activities are, 1) Church planting - they have planted 3 churches in and around Yangon as well as 23 churches in rural areas of Chin State, 2) Farming - they own and operate a farm which provides a meagre income through the growth of rubber trees. They hope to expand this to Mango trees once they have the funds, 3) Rice production - they own and operate a large rice field which can supply the Pastor, his family, his farm workers and his Bible College students with rice all year round. They also produce enough rice to be able to sell some at market, 4) Taxis - the Church owns 2 taxis which operate 6 days a week and are an excellent source of income. One of the taxis is driven by a church member, providing him with valuable employment, 5) Orphanage - a recent addition is the financial and spiritual support of an orphanage in lower Chin State.

The FRCM's unique ministry is in a very poor part of Yangon where they're involved in a home-school. Members of the FRCM visit this area of the city almost every day of the week and teach children who are too poor to go to a regular school. On Sunday, the children faithfully turn up again for lessons about Jesus and the Bible.

Please Pray for

Martin ...

- Martin's Walk with the Lord - that he would be obedient to the Lord, patient in all things, always humble and always striving to know and glorify God more and more. *1 Pet 1:14-15*
- Martin's Assimilation - that he will assimilate easily into Myanmar's life and culture and that he would learn the language quickly, allowing him to have more opportunities to share with Myanmar nationals. *Acts 2:47*
- Ministry Through English Teaching - Martin will be teaching English to non-Christian Myanmar nationals using a Bible-based curriculum. Pray that the students would also be learning the greater, eternal lessons. *Acts 18:3-4*
- Ministry Through Bible College Teaching - pray for Martin as he teaches various theological subjects. *1 Tim 4:16*

The Myanmar Partner churches and Bible Colleges ...

- Unity and Harmony - many churches operate independently and resist working with other churches. Pray for Godly relations with each other and to be in full accord. *Phil 1:27*
- Church Leaders of ERC & FRCM - pray for Rev Dr Thang Bwee (ERC), Pastor James Mang Khen Thang (FRCM), and their eldership teams – that they facilitate the ministry of the Gospel and be wise with finances and management. *Eph 5:15-17*
- Evangelism - that people throughout Myanmar would welcome the reign of Jesus in their lives. Pray for our Partner Church's witness to them. *2 Tim 4:5*
- Bible College Students of RBI & GBS - as they prepare for service, that the Lord would sustain and encourage them. *2 Tim 3:16-17*

For more prayer items visit the 'Prayer Points' pages at the website and/or download a prayer calendar.