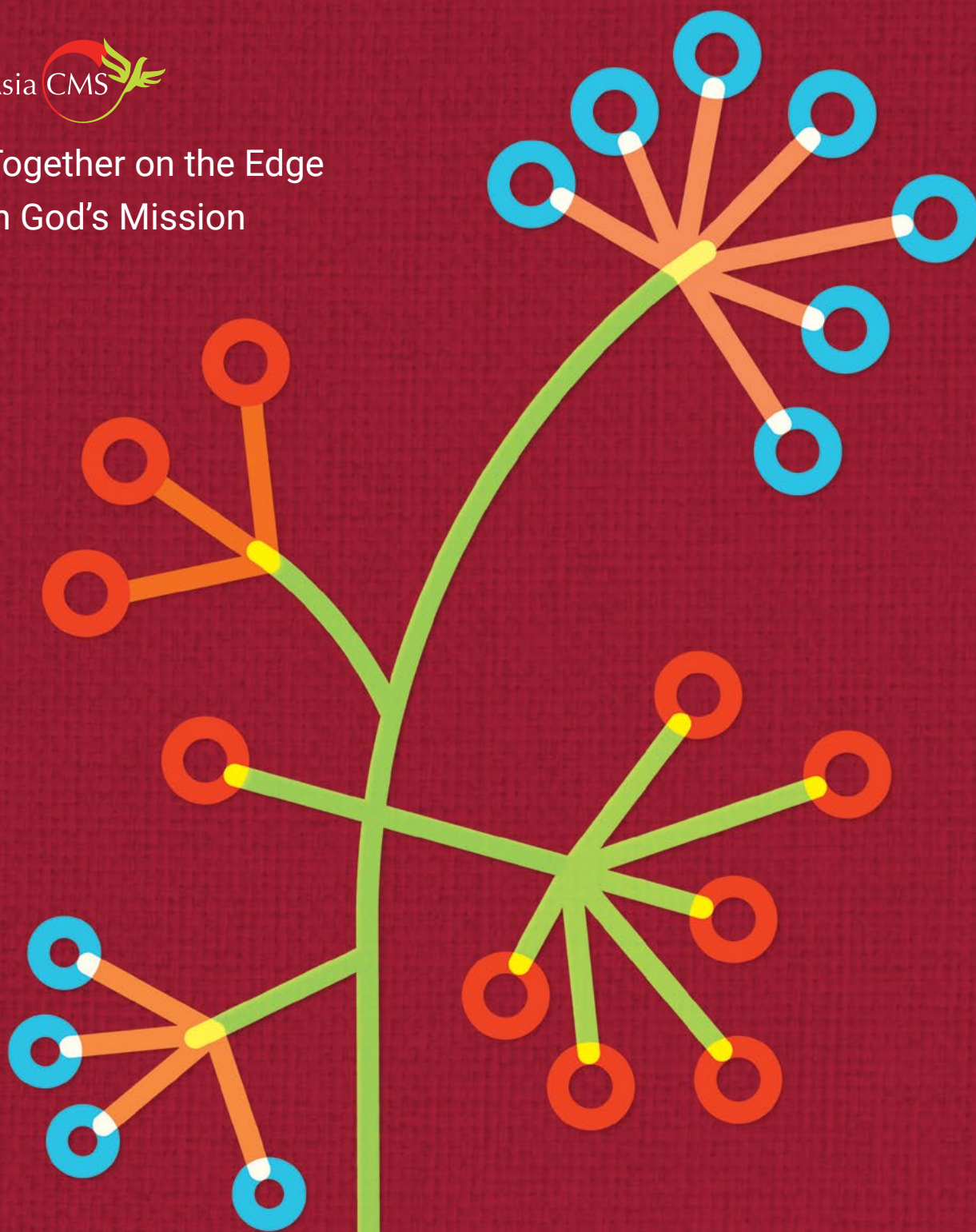


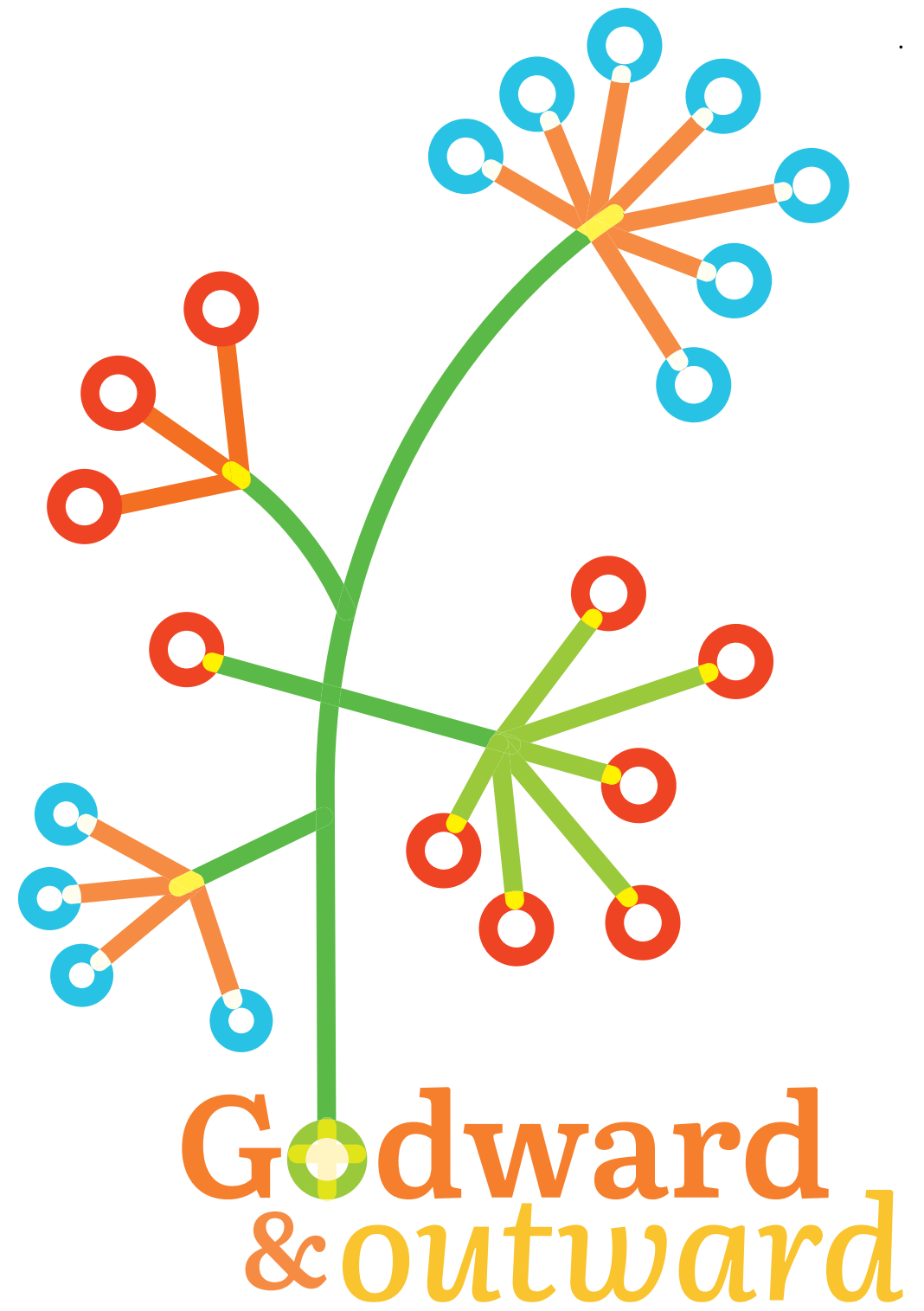


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A Note from the Editors

Shalom & Greetings.

Welcome to the 2026 edition of *REACH*.

If you notice a fresh energy in these pages, you aren't imagining it.

For many years, AsiaCMS communications operated as a team of one, but this year, we are so excited to step out as a duo! Having a creative partner has brought many blessings, one of them being a reimagining of *REACH*.

Our anchor for this issue is the rhythm of **Godward and Outward**, based on Micah 6:8

“He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” (NIV)

As we reflect on the year that has gone by, we view this as the ultimate spiritual inhale and exhale.

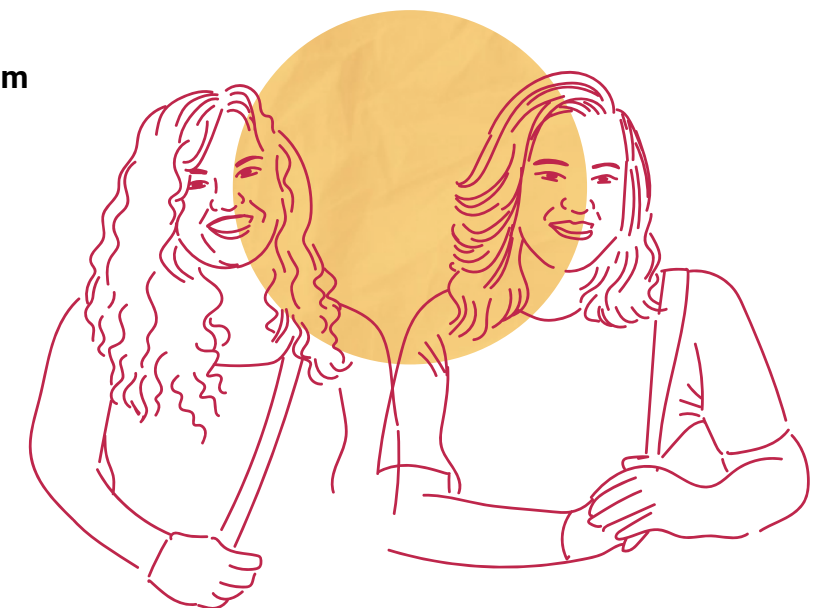
The inhale, **Godward**, to pause, listen, and align our hearts with something bigger than us. And the exhale, **Outward**, because faith isn't meant to stay inside, but to move us toward our communities and to the edges where hope is most needed.

As you browse through these pages, we hope you notice with us how God is moving across the region in vibrant ways - where relationships are formed, partnerships are deepened and meaningful work is encouraged.

Whether you have walked with us over the years or are picking up *REACH* for the first time, you aren't just a reader, but a vital part of our story.

May these pages inspire you to look Godward for all that you need, and to step Outward with us into the work ahead.

Warmly,
Daniella and Qarlene
The AsiaCMS Communications Team





Stephen Edison
Executive Team Director

Rooted Godward, Living Outward

“Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.”
John 15:4 (NIV)

Our identity in Christ is foundational to our Christian life, serving as the primary lens through which we see ourselves and those around us – and through which we recognise our complete dependence on Him.

In many Asian cultures, we are shaped to serve and sacrifice, often measuring success by visible impact. But God gently reminds us that what He desires first is our heart staying close to His. Outward mission is not a frantic attempt to meet every need – it is the natural fruit of a life deeply rooted in the Vine.

Yet, as I have experienced in my own life, we can become so consumed by the demands of work, responsibilities, and ministry that it costs us our quiet time with God. This is especially true in challenging seasons, when the weight of it all quietly erodes what matters most. Our meditation on His Word grows rushed, and our prayer life begins to suffer.

When we serve from a depleted, anxious place, we can burn out and become resentful.

When we begin each day secure in our worth, drawing from time with Him, we root ourselves in the confidence that our sufficiency comes from God alone.

The theme of this year’s magazine reminds us that we draw from that reservoir of His sufficient grace, we are then sent outward – to be agents of His Kingdom.

On behalf of the AsiaCMS team, we are grateful for your steadfast support. Your prayers for our team and partners – many serving in contexts of uncertainty, restriction, and persecution – are deeply appreciated.

Please continue to pray for AsiaCMS’ sustainability: for God’s faithful provision and for growing partnerships that will enable us to fulfil all He has called us to do across Asia.



Bishop Andy Shie
Chair, Board of Trustees

Look Up, Look Out!

Greetings in the name of our Triune God – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. I am humbled to serve as the chair of the Board of Trustees in this new season of AsiaCMS and am grateful for the support of my fellow board members and our new leadership team.

In this season of change, there are things that we need to tweak and to plan as we go forward, and interestingly, our theme of **Godward** and **Outward** speaks poignantly to this. Everything should start with our response to God (UP) and then go on to become our service to others (OUT). The Great Commandment that we know from Matthew 22: 37-40 describes this dynamic too:

³⁷ Jesus replied: “**Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.**” ³⁸ **This is the first and greatest commandment.** ³⁹ **And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’** ⁴⁰ **All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”**

Matthew 22: 37-40 (ESV)

I can personally attest to this ‘life dynamic’. As believers, followers, workers in the field, and servants of people ‘on the fringe’, wherever we are placed, we should and must always go to God first and then figure out, with Him, what we must do for others.

Our loving of God helps and determines our loving of others.

The song ‘Who Am I’ by the Casting Crowns often leads me to reflect on this truth. Only when we realise who we truly are, can we begin to respond well and fully to Him who first loved us, by serving others for Him. Though I am but a jar of clay – *broken and flawed at best* – yet God saw it fit to make me a shepherd of His church.

Micah 6:8 gives us a picture of what this Outward service looks like in practice: do justice (*what is fair and right*), love mercy and to walk (*live and act*) humbly before Him. God has already revealed what is good and what we are to do for Him and to others. What an amazing God we have, brothers and sisters!

So, as we serve in AsiaCMS and beyond, wherever we are, may we first Look UP to God and be enthralled with who He is and remember what He has done, and then begin to look OUT and serve others in love, for Him.



Together on the Edge in God's Mission

About AsiaCMS

Asia Collaborative Mission Services (AsiaCMS) is a transdenominational mission movement based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, established in 2012 as part of the wider CMS global family. While AsiaCMS is rooted in the long mission legacy of the Church Mission Society, Britain, and seeks to draw on the experience and wisdom of the global CMS community, we continue to evolve and develop an authentic Asian mission movement as we follow God's leading and respond to the needs within the Asian context.

We believe it is no longer "business as usual" for churches, Christian organisations, and Christians engaged in God's mission. In a rapidly changing world, AsiaCMS seeks to help the church engage mission in ways that are biblically faithful, contextually relevant, and grounded in cooperation across cultures, churches, and organisations.

Our tagline, "*Together on the Edge in God's Mission,*" expresses this conviction.

It reflects our desire to work collaboratively, drawing on the diverse strengths and resources of God's people to meet current mission challenges with fresh insight and renewed commitment. AsiaCMS seeks to multiply the mission efforts of churches and Christian organisations in a 3-fold focus:



Embody

the Gospel in Asian communities that are yet to experience its fullness



Engage

in spheres of mission that are critical but often overlooked in Asia



Enable

Asian-led insights and collaborative responses to mission challenges

To accomplish these, AsiaCMS will:

- **Connect** people, organisations, and churches to meet real needs;
- **Collaborate** to advance mission initiatives with shared purpose;
- **Catalyse** growth by equipping people and organisations through mission education, cross-cultural ministry training, and ongoing support.

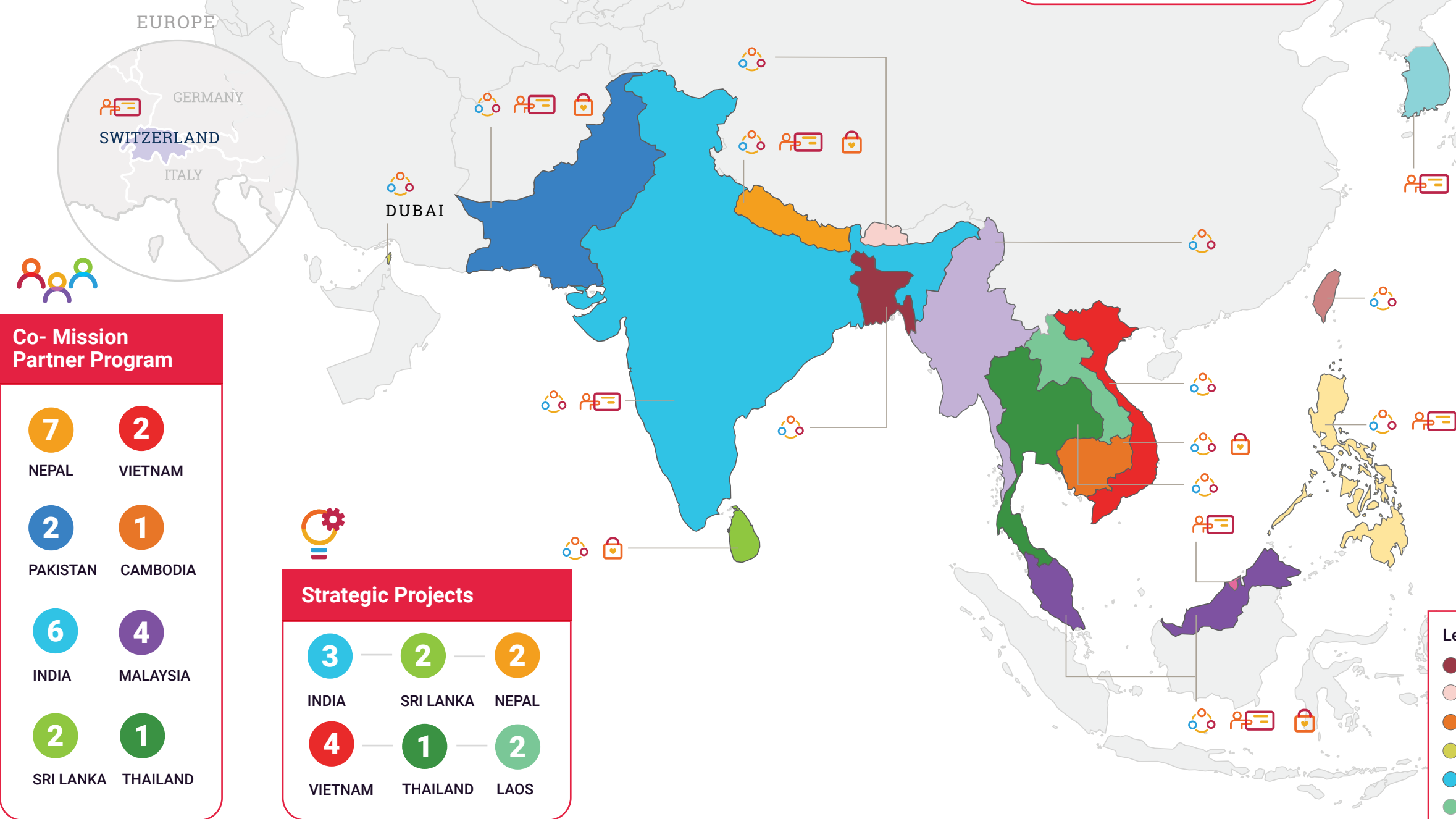
We value partnerships to pioneer new missional initiatives and provide resources for those who are serving in the mission fields.

God's Mission is from *Everywhere* to *Everywhere*

At A Glance

2025 in review: a glimpse of AsiaCMS in motion

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SRI LANKA	THAILAND

Strategic Projects

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VIETNAM	THAILAND	LAOS

Asia Gateway Training (AGT):

- Residential Program:**
 - 16 students
 - 8 nations
- MA in Intercultural Studies:**
 - 7 students
 - 3 nations

South Asian Christian Youth Network (SACYN):

- Annual Gathering:**
 - 37 young leaders
 - 14 nations
- Core team:**
 - 11 members
 - 4 nations
- Network Extensions:**
 - 3 mental health workshops
 - 3 training and conference collaborations

Safeguarding:

- 50+ individuals trained
- 20+ churches, schools, and organisations connected
- 5 nations engaged for training

Legend

Bangladesh	Malaysia	South Korea
Bhutan	Myanmar	Switzerland
Cambodia	Nepal	Taiwan
Dubai	Pakistan	Thailand
India	Philippines	Vietnam
Laos	Sri Lanka	



As we take the gospel to the edges, safeguarding ensures that those we serve are not harmed, but experience protection, dignity, and restoration.



Safeguarding at the Heart of Mission

Esther John

Safeguarding Manager

God's Heart for the Vulnerable

Safeguarding is a biblical mandate to uphold the rights of children and the vulnerable. It is integral to mission and stands at the intersection where justice protects and compassion restores. Abuse thrives where power is misused and vulnerability is exploited, often leaving survivors devastated. This stands in contrast to God's call – to humility instead of power, justice instead of exploitation, and mercy instead of shame.

Jesus came that we may have life and have it to the full. The gospel centres the poor, vulnerable, and marginalized on this foundation. Jesus embodied justice and compassion, restoring dignity and confronting oppression. If this is the heart of the gospel, our mission is called to reflect it in both posture and practice.

Safeguarding in Mission

As we take the gospel to the edges, safeguarding ensures that those we serve are not harmed, but experience protection, dignity, and restoration.

Across Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Nepal, and Cambodia, AsiaCMS has seen growing safeguarding engagement, including new partnerships with the Anglican Diocese of West Malaysia, the Anglican Diocese of Sri Lanka, and various church representatives in Pakistan.

Churches have increasingly recognised that safeguarding is more than a policy; it is a biblical mandate rooted in God's call to protect the vulnerable and uphold their dignity. The impact has been tangible. Trained teachers have taken safeguarding incidents seriously and reported them through the right channels. Schools have begun developing codes of conduct that help shape safer communities.

Within the AsiaCMS network, safeguarding has also created a ripple effect, with churches and dioceses requesting further, context-specific training.

A Shared Commitment and Calling

Looking ahead, our hope is that AsiaCMS will reach some of the most vulnerable and hard-to-reach places where safeguarding is needed most. Our goal is to nurture a culture of safeguarding that shapes every level of our work and relationships, calling each of us to create environments where the vulnerable are protected, honour is upheld, and harm is never overlooked.

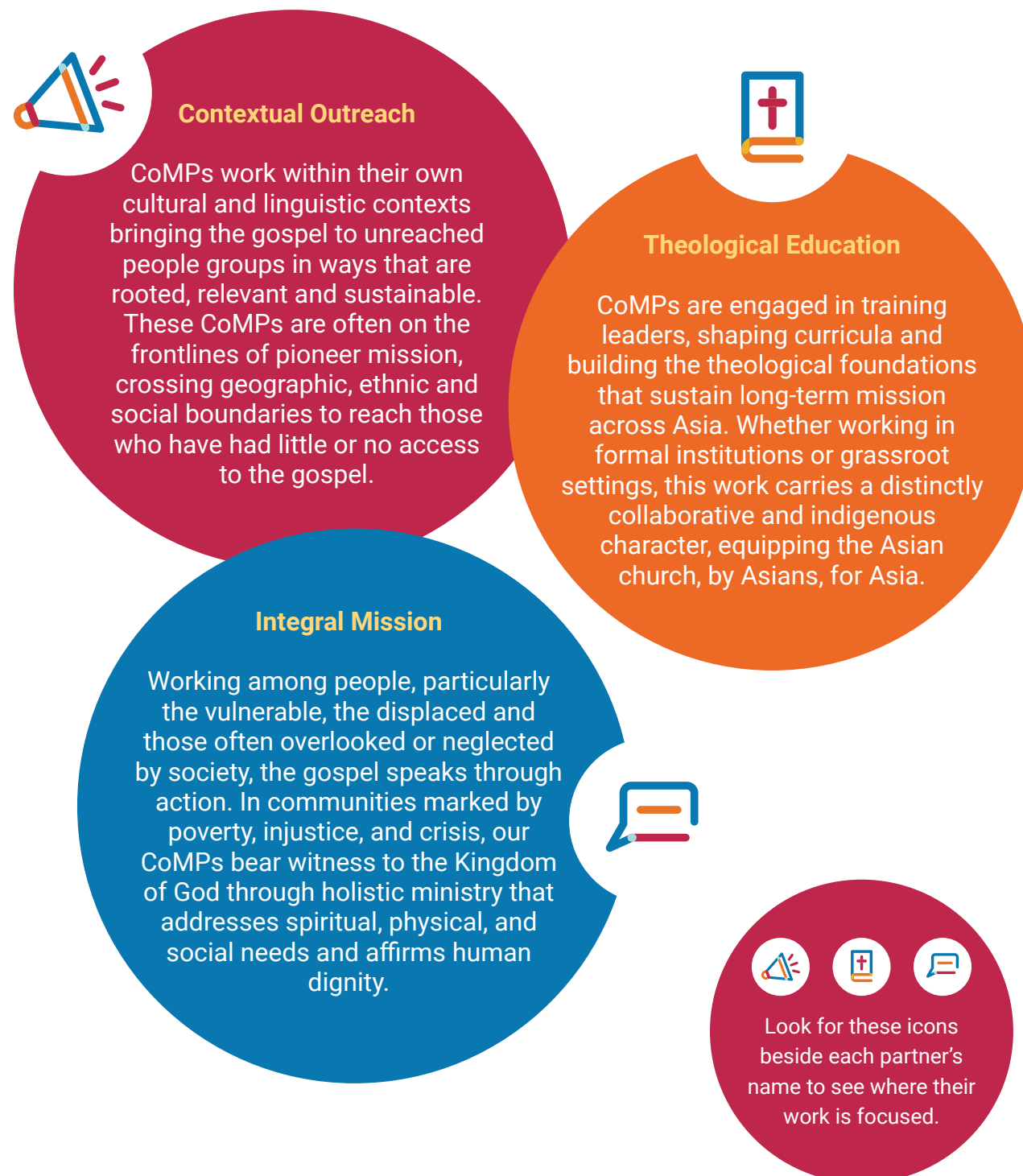
For churches and organisations seeking to strengthen their safeguarding journey, AsiaCMS welcomes conversation and collaboration.

To learn more about safeguarding, please write to
safeguarding.manager@asiacms.net



Co-Mission Partner Program

The Co-Mission Partner (CoMP) programme was developed to be the hands and feet of AsiaCMS' engagement with local mission and church. It connects resources and walks alongside Asian mission workers who are selected and placed by their local church or mission agency – each embodying one or more dimensions of AsiaCMS' 3-fold focus. Each partnership operates over a six-year framework with two terms of three years each. Funds are raised specifically to support a partial personal allowance, freeing partners to focus on the ministry and building long-term sustainability. Rooted in collaborative, transdenominational spirit, the program reflects AsiaCMS' deep conviction that enduring mission movements are locally led.



From Faith to Action

Eleena Thomas

Programs and Partnerships Manager

Over the years, we have seen our Co-Mission Partners (CoMPs) grow in both ministry and leadership as AsiaCMS has journeyed alongside them through prayer, encouragement, resourcing, and partnership. Ministries have expanded into new communities, local leaders have been equipped, and initiatives have adapted to changing needs as God continues to strengthen and shape their work.

Through acts of compassion, care for the vulnerable, and sharing the hope of Christ in word and deed, they demonstrate God's heart for their communities.

One encouraging development has been the growing collaboration between CoMPs. For example, Kumar (Himalayan Hope) shared audio and printed Bibles with Indra (NMCN) and joined relief work in communities where NMCN was serving.

These collaborations reflect the value of a connected mission community where resources and experiences are shared for God's kingdom.

Another highlight has been personal visits by the team, which have deepened relationships and encouraged partners in their ongoing ministry.

This year also brought difficult decisions. Due to limited resources, we concluded a few co-mission partnerships earlier than planned. While challenging, this has led us to explore more sustainable models, including short-term project partnerships that allow us to continue supporting meaningful ministry within our capacity. We remain connected with former partners through missional community engagement and prayer fellowships.

We began this year with an online gathering of CoMPs and the extended AsiaCMS family and look forward to meeting in person for the AsiaCMS Missional Gathering in Nepal, in August. We hope this will be a space for rest, renewal and deepened friendships. At the heart of AsiaCMS is a commitment to authentic, Christ-centered relationships. As we invest in one another, we trust God to grow partnerships that will serve His mission in ways we may not yet see.

As we journey ahead, may our hearts remain turned toward God and our hands open to serve others.

To connect further and support the CoMP Program, please write to comp.manager@asiacms.net



Meet Our Partners

Deepak* & Kareena* – South Asia



Deepak and Kareena lead their congregation, mentor emerging leaders, and manage ministries with a shared vision to see lives restored through the compassion of Christ – reaching individuals, families, and children from low-income backgrounds through personal outreach, educational support, nutrition, and spiritual guidance.

Dhana – Nepal



Dhana serves as Executive Director of United Mission to Nepal (UMN) an organization that addresses the root causes of poverty and empowering marginalized communities. She builds relationships, nurtures compassionate leaders, and creates spaces where individuals and communities discover their identity, dignity, and purpose through the love of Christ.

Hannah* – Southeast Asia



Hannah has devoted herself to the displaced and marginalized. As lead guardian of multiple shelter homes, she provides holistic care for around 40 residents through trauma-informed support, art therapy, discipleship, and social enterprises that foster dignity, practical skills, and greater self-sufficiency.

Isaac – Malaysia



Isaac serves low-income indigenous communities through evangelism, discipleship, and holistic transformation. He mobilizes churches, trains young people for cross-cultural mission, and works alongside local leaders to empower children, youth, and families spiritually, educationally, and economically believing Christ's fullness reaches every dimension of community life.

Kumar & Kathryn – Nepal



A cross-cultural couple from Nepal and the Philippines, Kumar and Kathryn serve together across theological training, church development, and community care. They equip lay pastors, build Christ-centred fellowships in remote areas, and walk alongside families facing poverty through medical camps, nutrition centres, and after-school support.

Mugunthan – Sri Lanka



Mugunthan believes God has a purpose for every individual and is committed to using his skills to uplift vulnerable communities from poverty. For the past 20 years, he has served with a mission-focused organization in a post-war context, providing educational support for children.

Peter & Vasantha – India



Peter and Vasantha seek to provide children with a moral and emotional anchor using their combined expertise in visual storytelling and psychology to create resources that help children understand their identity, navigate complex decisions, and find emotional health through the lens of Biblical truth. Vasantha has also pioneered a pregnancy helpline and a counselling program for single mothers.

Rahul* – South Asia



Rahul serves as registrar and Bible teacher at a holistic leadership development centre, offering certificate-to-degree level theological training in a local language to church leaders without formal Bible school education. He develops contextual curricula, mentors educators, and equips pastors to understand Scripture clearly and serve their communities with greater faithfulness.

Soo Lin* – Southeast Asia



Soo Lin ministers to girls and women carrying trauma and pain, creating safe spaces where healing and dignity can take root. Through residential care, counseling, and child protection training, she walks slowly and faithfully alongside the unseen and unheard, believing that life, and Christ's presence, transforms life.

Sooraj* & Nisha* – South Asia



Sooraj and Nisha work in training pastors and lay leaders, empowering women in ministry, and supporting children through informal English education. They also journey with isolated believer communities, fostering connection, growth, and resilience in faith.

*names changed to protect privacy

Seen, Valued, Loved



“While many in the community once viewed her only through her struggles, we as a church have witnessed God’s transforming work in her life. Her story reminds us that when people are welcomed with love and dignity, God can bring beautiful change even in the most broken situations.”

Sooraj* & Nisha*

At 60, Bindu* was a social outcast. Caring for an ailing mother and ill older sister by herself with very little money had driven her to alcohol as a form of escape. Shunned by her neighbours for her habits, no one realised the challenges she faced in silence and isolation. Their family was ostracised, and everyone steered clear of their home.

When Sooraj and Nisha visited for the first time, the community frowned, unable to comprehend their decision. But they stood firm in their faith and encouraged the local church to accept Bindu just as Christ would. They saw her faithfulness and love for her family and chose to treat her with dignity.

The warmth of a hug and the reassurance of a listening ear was the beginning of her journey with Jesus. Now, she is no longer intoxicated when she attends church. She has also found a job at a school nearby, giving her family some much needed stability. Her despair has shifted to hope, and her story is a testimony of how we are called to see people as God would – valued and loved.



*names changed to protect privacy

From Fear to Friendship



Orphaned at a young age and moving from shelter to shelter, Isa* was quiet and withdrawn when she first met Soo Lin* at the shelter. Diligent, obedient and careful not to make trouble, Isa hid her emotions away and chose her words carefully. She lived in fear that at any moment, her situation would change, leaving her helpless and alone yet again. It took Isa many months to settle into this new home, and to trust anyone around her.

Sensitive to harsh words and injustice, Isa isolated herself in silence when in conflict with others. She would cry uncontrollably and descend into a state of panic when anyone raised their voice.

Soo Lin, knowing that healing cannot be rushed, spent many hours with Isa. Sometimes it was in the silence of ordinary moments in shared spaces. At other times, they gently discussed their faith in Jesus and how God’s love is greater than human brokenness.

Isa struggled with questions of her identity and the reality of her difficult life. Reconciliation with those who had offended her seemed far from possible, amplified further when conflicts arose among the girls at the shelter.

Courageously, Isa chose to pray and wait for God to bring transformation. Over the next few months, she shared with Soo Lin that she was beginning to feel happy. She found herself able to sit with those she once had severe conflicts with and accept opposing points of view with grace. She realised that God had changed her heart. Where there were once only dead roots of rejection and bitterness, colourful blooms of friendship were budding forth.

“Transformation is never instant. It is slow, sacred, and often unseen. But in every step, God is faithfully at work—in her life, and in mine.”

Soo Lin



*names changed to protect privacy

Saved to Serve



Pastor Tan* first heard about Jesus at seven years old from her grandfather. At 13, a car rammed into her bicycle, a horrific accident that should have taken her life. Instead, she saw a man in a white robe protecting her, and she walked away with minor injuries.

A year later, she dropped out of school to help her family with their rice plantation in Cambodia, and at 17, left for Malaysia and Thailand, moving wherever job opportunities arose.

Tan had a difficult life. Yet, she walked in faith, listening to the Spirit and growing steadily as she prayed and read her Bible. When she returned to her community in Cambodia and engaged more with her local church, she found herself longing to share the gospel with those around her.

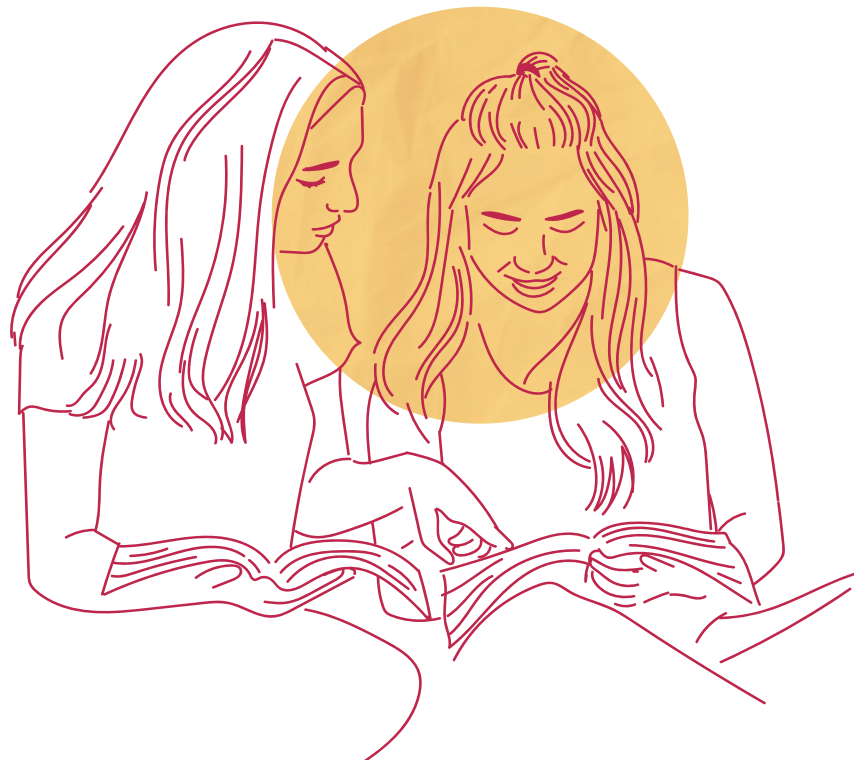
“I saw the need in their lives to know Jesus. I prayed that God would use me to bring hope to my people.”

Pastor Tan

Last year, her pastor encouraged her to attend a training programme led by a CoMP with AsiaCMS. Her cohort of 25 students visited villages and shared the love of Jesus. They told stories from the Bible to the children and engaged with families who were curious about what made them take the long and arduous journeys into remote villages like theirs.

Tan saw the spark inside her grow and traced how God was equipping her to be a blessing through the training programme. She now looks forward to discipling new believers and walking alongside them as they get involved in the ministries of their local churches.

*name changed to protect privacy



Strategic Projects

Complementing the Co-Mission Partner (CoMP) program, Strategic Projects give AsiaCMS a way to extend the reach of our 3-fold focus across the region and see where God is moving. It is a relational doorway: a flexible framework that allows us to build relationships, strengthen Christian unity and enter long-term partnerships.

These projects actively breathe life into grassroots ministry by supporting pioneering spheres of mission which are identified as key for each country's context. They put Christ's love into action. Equipping wider, church-led efforts and strengthening local capacity, the Strategic Projects reflect our deep conviction that the most enduring movements are born from intentional steps that empower local leaders to transform their own communities.



Digital Missions

In Thailand and Vietnam, local ministries are leveraging music and digital creativity as modern media that can redefine the landscape of missions. The *CHARISMA* Online project, produces original Thai worship songs, distributed via solar-powered MP3 players to reach remote villages. Vietnam’s *Called to Worship* ministry utilizes monthly media projects, regional training courses, and dynamic worship conferences to inspire believers to live out true worship daily, with a strategic expansion focused on launching a specialized “Next Gen” initiative for Gen Z worshippers.

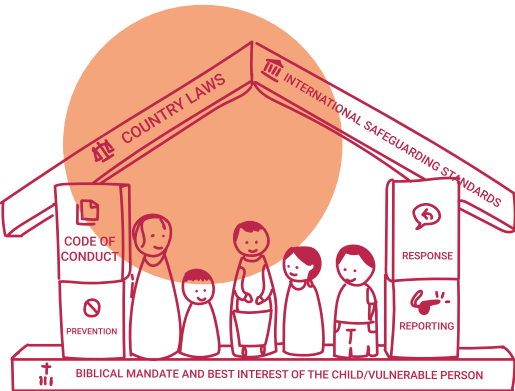
Contextualised Theological Education

Across the Himalayan countries, there is a need for contextualized theological education to ground local leaders in solid biblical truth. In India, a dynamic “training of trainers” model equips pastors and lay leaders to foster a self-multiplying ministry network, while another project trains indigenous leaders to sustain house churches. Elsewhere, an innovative online ATA-accredited program in the Nepali enhances accessibility to deeper theological understanding to local leaders. Support is also extended for CoMPs pursuing their advanced theological training. equipping them to mentor grassroots church communities for long-term, sustainable impact.



Safeguarding

In Sri Lanka, the Anglican Diocese of Colombo has partnered with AsiaCMS to strengthen safeguarding systems across twelve diocesan schools. By training twenty designated focal persons, the fifteen-month initiative establishes clear safeguarding policies, codes of conduct, and child-friendly reporting mechanisms. This project creates safer learning environments, prevents abuse, and builds institutional accountability. Led by the local church, the training and ongoing online support ensure long-term policy integration, benefiting entire school communities of students, teachers, and administrators.

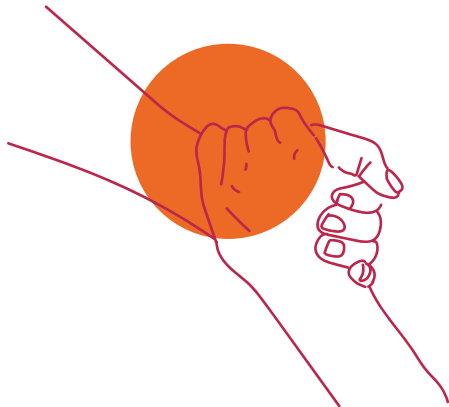


Youth Engagement

In Laos and Vietnam, ministries are innovatively shaping the next generation through holistic development and strategic outreach. The Namjai Learning Hub in Laos focuses on discipleship through cultivating student leadership, weekly book clubs, and English sessions that build practical communication confidence. Meanwhile, in Vietnam, local churches are getting creative by using a love of sports to mentor future leaders by organising football tournaments across the districts. The Word of Life Fellowship (WOL) is another project that equips ministries working with youth and children through digital outreach, conversational clubs, and summer camps. Together, these initiatives are successfully bridging gaps and raising up the next wave of resilient young leaders across the region.

Holistic Training

AsiaCMS also supports advanced training that equips key partners with vital skills in strategic thinking, financial integrity, and conflict resolution, enabling them to lead with administrative excellence. This also fosters deep spiritual formation and the personal growth needed to navigate complex environments with unwavering integrity. Blending practical management tools with a strong biblical foundation, this investment ensures they are fully prepared to maximize their ministry’s regional impact and confidently mentor the next generation of leaders.



Responding to Emergencies in the Region

In 2025, severe flooding affected 5.8 million people in Vietnam and Cyclone Ditwah impacted over 2.2 million people in Sri Lanka. Despite severe damage, partners in both countries provided emergency relief. AsiaCMS helped mobilise support through local church networks. By delivering food, clean water, back-to-school packs, livelihood grants, and home repairs. These church-led initiatives ensured that resources directly reached the most vulnerable households, restoring dignity and building community resilience.

To connect further and support the Strategic Projects, please write to comp.manager@asiacms.net



SACYN

The South Asian Christian Youth Network (SACYN) connects young Christian leaders across South Asia, equipping them to bridge cultural, linguistic, national, and spiritual divides while living out the Gospel in practical ways. Having grown out of a CMS Britain and USPG initiative in 2002, SACYN nurtures this vision through annual conferences, quarterly core team gatherings, and regular webinars that foster deep relationships and shared learning. These spaces are not merely informative but formative; building resilience, renewing hope, and cultivating purpose in a generation seeking to participate in God's mission.



The 2025 Chiang Mai gathering marked a significant milestone, expanding to include Southeast Asia and bringing together youth leaders from 14 nations. Centred on intergenerational leadership and shared responsibility, it created space for learning, reflection, and collaboration across diverse contexts.

Yet SACYN's true heartbeat is found in quieter moments: worship across languages, shared meals rich with stories, and honest prayer that forms lasting friendships. As one participant reflected,

"The training gently reminded me that true leadership is faithful, humble, and fully dependent on God."

Krishan, Sri Lanka

In these spaces, amid conversation, laughter, uncertainty, and discovery, differences of culture and context recede, allowing Christ to remain at the centre and guide each participant forward.

The impact extends far beyond the gatherings. In Vietnam, participants launched an English club engaging 20 young people in faith-based outreach. In India and Nepal, intergenerational conversations are taking root within local churches. Others have recommitted to faithful ministry in difficult seasons or initiated more inclusive youth programs that bridge gaps in disability access. SACYN's influence continues quietly, yet powerfully, across communities.

Looking ahead, the 2026 gathering in the hills of Nepal will focus on creation care, exploring its beauty, confronting global challenges, and equipping young leaders for bold, practical action.

Prayer and financial partnership remain vital to sustaining these transdenominational spaces that unite young people across cultures for Christ's kingdom.



To connect further and support SACYN, please write to sacyn@asiacms.net



Asia Gateway Training

Since its inception in 2013, the Asia Gateway Training (AGT) stands as a unique bridge, bringing together mission leaders from Asia and beyond for intensive, residential training that combines high-level biblical and missiological scholarship with deepening cultural awareness, practical, on-the-ground experiences, and a focus on integral mission approaches that draw from contemporary insights. It addresses a need for indigenous mission workers who understand the unique cultural, religious, and social complexities of the Asian context in light of these realities.

The objectives of AGT are carried through three main initiatives:

- A one-month intensive **Residential Missions Training Programme** laying foundations for intercultural missions through four modules:
 1. A Missional Perspective of the Bible,
 2. Integral Mission and Culture,
 3. Religious Pluralism, and
 4. Trends and Issues in Contemporary Mission.
- A **Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies** (online), affiliated with Seminari Theoloji Malaysia (STM), and
- Positioning mission at the forefront of local church priorities.



“[AGT] deeply challenged and transformed how I view leadership and ministry. I now understand that mission begins in everyday life, how I respond to people and how I carry the love of Christ into ordinary moments.”

Neema*, India

In 2025, 13 participants from 7 countries attended the residential in Kuching, Malaysia. A journey of friendship, curiosity, growth and respect, not only for each other, but for those of other faiths, participants share testimonies of transformation and a realignment to the love and mission of Christ.

Conversations rooted in diversity bring with it learning and ideation that one cannot find in the silos of our subjective familiarities.

“We are called to live out His Mission wherever we are. Every follower of Jesus should be missional, and that mission can begin anywhere.”

Isha*, Nepal

Looking ahead to 2026, as we welcome the new cohort, we ask for your prayerful consideration to partner with us through financial support to strengthen the programme, expand its reach across Asia and ensure that the opportunity remains accessible to those who would most benefit.

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Executive Team Director

With years of experience in peace building and community development across Asia, Stephen brings a deep, grounded understanding of the region's missional landscape to his role leading AsiaCMS. Having been part of the organisation from the beginning, he now leads with deep trust in God and sincere care for the people and work involved.

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Dr. Chan Nam Chen
Director-at-Large

Dr. Chan has spent his life bringing people together through church planting, training, pastoral ministry, and cross-cultural and denominational leadership. At AsiaCMS, he carries that same conviction: that when churches and believers from diverse backgrounds collaborate, something extraordinary happens for God's mission.

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Eddie Leong
Finance Manager

Eddie has spent more than 35 years in accounting and finance, and what strikes you about him is that he brings the same conscientiousness to AsiaCMS as he does to his local church in Kuala Lumpur, where he serves as treasurer. For Eddie, managing money well is an act of faithfulness; and at AsiaCMS, that matters deeply.

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Esther John
Safeguarding Manager | Coordinator, Sri Lanka

Esther brings specialist expertise in safeguarding to AsiaCMS's network across Asia, developing policies and systems, as well as conducting training that help partners protect the vulnerable. As Country Coordinator for Sri Lanka, that same commitment to care and accountability shapes how she walks alongside local churches and organisations on the ground.

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Jeremy Tan
Director, Southeast Asia

With a diverse background in academia, banking, and engineering, Jeremy applies his experience in education, finance, and operations to mission service. Through AsiaCMS, he aims to build sustainable structures and genuine relationships that empower local partners to thrive biblically in their unique contexts throughout Southeast Asia.

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Eleena Thomas
Programs and Partnerships Manager

Eleena genuinely loves the people she works with. She builds partnerships with both warmth and professionalism, recognizing that trust, connection, and shared commitment are not simply tools for the mission; they are the heart of it.

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T. GT
Coordinator, Malaysia and Borneo

T. GT leads AsiaCMS's engagement across Malaysia and the Borneo region, with more than 15 years of mission experience behind him, a creative eye for how media and tech can serve God's purposes, and a genuine desire to see young people step into their calling.

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Ashish Christian
Coordinator, Nepal

Ashish loves people, loves teaching, and loves the idea that no one is beyond the reach of the gospel. As Country Coordinator for Nepal, he brings his passion to his work with AsiaCMS, connecting churches and leaders across the country and pouring himself into the next generation of believers and mission workers.

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Joshua Thai
Coordinator, Vietnam

Joshua partners with local churches and leaders across Vietnam to resource rural and tribal communities through outreach, pastoral care, and youth discipleship. His coordination role with AsiaCMS extends the network's presence into some of Vietnam's most under-served areas.

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Cynthia Cheong
Finance Team Member

Cynthia brings over 20 years of accounting and audit experience across diverse industries. Through AsiaCMS, she has deepened her understanding of mission service and her desire to share God's love. She sees her work as a joyful calling, believing it is God's work, not her own.



John Ow
Regional Safeguarding Advisor

John brings decades of experience in leadership, ministry, and the marketplace. Alongside his primary role as Acting National Director of Interserve Malaysia, he serves AsiaCMS as safeguarding focal person for CoMPs, equipping mission partners through training. He is passionate about developing leaders and strengthening the Church.



Joyce Ow
Regional Safeguarding Advisor

Joyce is passionate about intercessory prayer, mentoring women, and nurturing spiritual growth. Together with John, she serves as a safeguarding focal person for CoMPs. In this role, she strengthens the culture of safety across mission partnerships while serving as the primary point of contact for receiving reported safeguarding incidents.



Daniella Varghese
Communications Manager,
South Asia

Daniella's journey with AsiaCMS has been shaped by God opening doors and calling her to step through them. She brings a range of skills to her roles and trusts that, even in what she does not yet know, God will lead, teach, and equip her to be a blessing.

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Qarlene Rishiqa
Communications Manager |
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Qarlene shapes how AsiaCMS tells its story – connecting partners, sharing what God is doing across Asia, and coordinating programmes in Southeast Asia. Behind both roles is a genuine love for people and a belief that good communication is what holds mission together.

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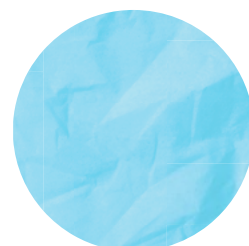
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Involvement in God's mission begins where we are, serving people around us. The Holy Spirit expands our horizons, drawing us into God's larger world – communities unlike our own, and often, in other parts of the world – that God, in His infinite love, deeply cares for.

AsiaCMS can help you take that next step. We can link you to deeper involvement in God's mission to a broken world.

What can you do?



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Subscribe to our prayer bulletins and pray regularly for our people in mission. Your prayers marshal heaven's resources for them.



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Become a CoMPanion to our Co-Mission Partners. Connect personally, visit, share encouragement, resources and skills, and build lasting friendships.



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