

# Monk Students Turn to Christ

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Pastor Richard (kneeling) shared the story of two brothers who came from the monastery to Mission Training School.

Pastor Richard, founder and leader of Missions for Myanmar, reports that the fourth Mission Training School funded by Global Outreach has now been completed. One of the exciting stories is about twin brothers who have come to know Christ. He shared their testimony:

*Twin brothers, Ai Lun and Ai Ling, who are now sixteen years old are from the Palaung tribe. They entered the Buddhist monastery when they were six years old to study to become monks. Through the preaching of Aung Kyi, one of the ministers on Pastor Richard's team, the parents of these two boys came to understand and believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior. They went to the monastery and brought their two sons back home. Aung Kyi was a Buddhist monk before coming to Christ, so the boys could relate to him and the teaching he provided them. Aung Kyi invited them to attend the three-month Mission Training School funded by Global Outreach and led by Pastor Richard. He said they were so happy to attend. They had lived for ten years in training to become monks, but said they were miserable and didn't have peace and happiness in their lives. They only ate one meal a day and followed other religious practices including worshipping their god twice a day.*

*When they arrived at the Mission Training School, they only had the monks robes they were wearing. They were so thankful to get new clothing and especially to learn much more about Jesus. They were thanking Richard and telling him that they have never experienced this kind of fellowship and teaching about Jesus and worshipping Christ. When the brothers gave their lives to Christ and were baptized, Pastor Richard gave them the new Biblical names of Titus and Timothy. He asks us to pray for them as they continue to grow and learn about their new faith. They will return to the next session of Mission Training School in September.*



Pastor Richard baptizing Timothy.

The lives of Titus and Timothy and many others have been transformed through the love of Christ. The Mission Training School just completed the three months of training and had a graduation ceremony on May 19th. Some of the 32 students have been to previous sessions of the mission school. Out of these, eight have answered the call to go as missionaries to their home villages and spread the good news of the gospel. This session had students from eleven different tribal groups. Twelve students were baptized after believing in Jesus. Seven instructors provided a total of 543 hours of teaching on various subjects in classes held Monday through Saturday. Sunday was given to worship services.

Pastor Richard also explained how difficult it is in Myanmar at the present time due to the military coup that continues.

## Mission School in Myanmar cont'd

*For the time being many churches of our country can't have worship services due to the crisis of the military coup and war. Between such a crisis and problems, how we could complete our three-month training was an amazing grace! More than 100 pastors, leaders, believers and Agape children joined in the graduation service. When they saw the changing of the inner lives of the students, tears of joy were flowing down their faces. We all are telling about their thankfulness to God. We are so thankful to you for your support and prayer for this training.*



Graduation and commissioning service.

We feel that supporting the Mission Training School is one of the most effective ways we can participate in sharing the good news of Christ. Just in this one session, eleven different tribal villages were represented with many different dialects. We could never go and reach these remote tribes and villages as their own young people who attend the training are able to do. Even though we are thankful for a successful session we must already begin preparing for the next three-month school which will begin in September. The cost to feed and supply materials for each school session is \$3,000 or \$1,000 per month. We must send the funds a month early to give them time to buy the provisions



Students in prayer at Mission Training School.

and get the training materials printed and ready. We are seeking donors who would like to sponsor one month of the next school which will be \$1,000. It is also possible to sponsor one week of the school for \$250. This is truly an investment that will reap a harvest of souls as the students return to their homes and share the gospel with others.



The young students have healthy appetites! \$1,000 per month will provide the food for the entire school.

**“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”** Matthew 28:19

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