

August 2025



# ASAP MINISTRIES

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS 1995 – 2025

## Reach One—Reach a Village



**In the remote mountains of a communist country, a young father named Luke Pheth\* faced one of the darkest moments of his life.**

At just 23 years old, Luke and his wife were eagerly expecting their first child. Though they were poor, they worked tirelessly to provide for their growing family, spending long days tending their rice field on the steep mountain slopes near their village.

One afternoon, after a full day of labor, Luke's wife made the familiar walk home alone. But this time, **as she made her way along the path, she was violently attacked by evil spirits—a terrifying reality that many in their region have come to fear.**

That night, in pain and panic, she gave birth prematurely to a baby girl. Just one week later, their newborn daughter died.

Shaken and devastated, Luke turned to the only help he knew: the village witch doctor. The diagnosis was grim. Unless they held a special ceremony and sacrificed a pig, the doctor warned, the spirits would return—and take their next child, too. But Luke didn't have the money to pay.



*One prayer  
began a spiritual  
transformation  
that would ripple  
through a village.*



With no one to turn to and nowhere to go, Luke remembered something—his cousin was a Christian. That one thought changed everything.

Luke reached out, and his cousin contacted Michael Dang,\* his church pastor. Michael quickly sent a church member to Luke's home. They didn't come with charms or rituals—they came with faith and prayer.

The church member prayed boldly that night, asking God to break the power of the spirits and bring healing and hope to Luke's home. **That one prayer began a spiritual transformation that would ripple through a village.**

For a month, Luke and his wife continued to pray and seek God with open hearts. Then, unexpectedly, they moved to work on a banana farm in another region. It seemed like just another job, but God was already orchestrating something greater. In a remarkable twist of providence, **Chavanh Meang,\*** a faithful ASAP church planter, had also moved to the same farm—and was living in the very same building.

For the next year and a half, Chavanh shared the Bible with them, prayed with them, and taught them about Jesus. God was softening their hearts, healing their pain, and drawing them to the truth.

Eventually, Luke and his wife returned home. This time, they were not the same.

Luke soon began attending the local Seventh-day Adventist church. As he listened to the messages and experienced the love of the church family, his heart was deeply moved. When the next baptism was held, Luke made the life-changing decision to commit his life to Jesus, stepping out of spiritual darkness into a brand-new future.

After that day, everything changed. The evil spirits never returned. Sickness and strife vanished from their home. Luke and his wife began to truly love each other again. Peace and joy replaced fear and sorrow.

But Luke couldn't ignore what God put on his heart next.

Three years later, he looked around the church and saw that no one new was joining. He prayed, and God placed a bold idea in his heart: "What if I start a church in my own village?"

He spoke with his church pastor, who encouraged him to step out in faith and serve as a local missionary, doing what God was calling him to do. Several families from Luke's village who had been traveling to church each week joined him to begin worshiping in his home.



*"...so that...he might...free  
those who all their lives  
were held in slavery  
by their fear of death."  
Hebrews 2:13-14*





That was in 2020. Today, in 2025, **Luke's home church has grown to 186 people from 27 families. Eighty-six have been baptized, and 100 more are preparing to give their lives to Jesus.**

Friends, **this all began because someone like you gave to the ASAP Ministries Evangelism Fund, making it possible for a faithful ASAP church planter to lead Luke and his wife to Jesus.**

There are more families like Luke's, still trapped in fear. But God is already moving. **He is using local missionaries to bring His light into the darkness** as they meet people, study the Bible with them, and hold evangelistic meetings.

### Will you help us send more missionaries like Luke?

Your gift today to **ASAP Ministries Evangelism Fund** supports local missionaries who can go where others can't—those who speak the language, understand the culture, and carry the message of Jesus with love and power.

**WE ARE ASKING GOD TO PROVIDE \$425,000 TO SUPPORT EVANGELISM IN THE DARKEST PLACES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.**

To give \$30 / \$300 / \$3,000 / \$30,000 or another amount

- Visit [asapministries.org/give](https://asapministries.org/give) and select Evangelism from the dropdown menu.
- Call 269.471.3026
- Mail your gift with the provided envelope.

Thank you for your prayers and gifts that, through the power of the Holy Spirit, have a ripple effect and are transforming many lives!

With heartfelt thanks,



Darryl Hosford  
President  
ASAP Ministries

P.S. Your support empowers local missionaries who are changing lives through prayer, discipleship, and church planting. Help us reach the next "Luke Pheth" before it's too late.



*"Only one life, 'twill  
soon be past, only  
what's done for  
Christ will last."  
C.T. Studd*





# HOW YOUR GIFTS **MAKE A DIFFERENCE**



## **PROVIDING SPIRITUAL BREAKTHROUGHS**

Through his personal testimony and loving service, ASAP church planter Adam Htway\* is breaking barriers in an area resistant to Christianity. Recently, he launched a new worship group, and those attending are hungry for truth; already, three members have been baptized.



## **GROWING A HARVEST**

At 60 years old, ASAP church planter James Lwin\* exemplifies sacrificial service and unwavering faith. His dedication is bearing fruit—twenty believers now worship together in this once-unreached community. Twenty more are studying the Bible, and five are preparing for baptism—powerful signs of steady, Spirit-led growth and transformation.



## **BRINGING HEALING AND HOPE**

Mary, a courageous medical missionary trained at the Community Health Promoter Training Center, returned to her village after accepting Christ. Alone in a challenging setting, she's bringing healing and hope—already leading five in Bible studies and witnessing three recent baptisms through her ministry.



## **EQUIPPING MISSIONARIES**

Training at the SALT Center transformed ASAP missionaries into more effective disciple-makers, equipping them with spiritual insight and practical skills in communication, empathy, teamwork, and problem-solving. Now they can be even more effective in teaching, mentoring, and guiding many souls toward baptism.



## **CHANGING LIVES FOR ETERNITY**

Through the tireless efforts of ASAP medical missionaries working at a health center in Myanmar, ten underprivileged students are now attending school, and vital care is reaching orphans, widows, and refugees. Our team has brought healing and hope to eight war-impacted villages. These efforts resulted in the baptism of over 200 new believers.