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CHURCH OF CHRIST

MISSION IN MYANMAR

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Master of Divinity

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Graduation: **February 2014**
Marital Status: **Married**

I am an M. Div II year student in Mission Department at MEGST. Now, I live in North *Okkalapa* Township in Yangon. I have a beautiful wife. Her name is Swe Swe Myint. We have been serving the Lord as fulltime ministers at the Open Door Christian Church (ODCC) in North Okkalarpa Township, Yangon, Myanmar.

During my first year, I faced many problems in every part of my life. Everything and every subject were very strange for me. At first, I was interested to learn everything for future ministry. But everything is not easy as I have thought. Especially the subject Greek and Hebrews were difficult for me to memorize. It gave me an amazing thinking that is “no cross, no crown.” They impact my faith and teach me to be patient and passionate because I want to possess a successful life in my future ministry.

At first, I think that to write a paper at MEGST would be easy but it is not true. My experience during the first year was totally different from what I thought. I had many difficulties such as weak in grammar and poor in vocabulary to write excellent papers. I cannot use a Computer properly, and it was very difficult to memorize Greek words. I tried hard to write good papers to be submitted on time. I began to understand the value of time through my study in this semester.

Finally, I prayed, “God, give me strength, wisdom, helpers, and victory to finish M. Div course. Hla Dan, Don’t worry! You can do. No need to worry about your weaknesses. You need to believe on the amazing hands of God and try and do your works by faith. You need to be patient, as it is said “no cross no crown, no pain no gain.” In this way, I encourage myself while I am weak.

In regard with living in a dormitory, I live with several tribal students. I have some cultural shocks. At first, I didn’t understand totally about my friends especially during the first year. I tried to make them to be like me as well as I blamed their behaviours. But I did not succeed. Later, I myself was transformed and I learn to understand my friends by the grace of God. Now I can have proper relationship with my friends.

Then, I decided to go mission trip to the jungle village where I went during last summer holiday. I have a plan to plant church there. I serve together with my wife among the poor people in the slums area beyond our church families. I have to get involved in the summer Bible training camps of our church ODCC.

Moreover, finance, English, using materials and technology, strategy or using teaching methods are difficult in my ministry. I am interested in preaching and teaching, composing songs and singing or playing musical instruments, stewardship. I have a strong desire to produce many effective missionaries to serve among the tribal people in Myanmar. For this reason, I have a desire to start Bible Training School after graduation.

I would like to introduce MEGST to others through living model life style and witnessing about the best things of MEGST in my ministry fields. Please do remember me in your prayer for my studies and for my mission trip to the poor people.

In Christ,

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I am Min Min Htun and I was born on February 5, 1987. My tribe is Danu which is one of thirty-three of Shan tribes. My native town is Pwe Hla Myo, Pindaya Township, Southern Shan State. I have two sisters. My father passed away in 1999. My younger sister was married but my elder sister is not. I finished my bachelor study in 2007 at Taunggyi University with economic specialization. Now, I am attending at MEGST as a second year student to be equipped for ministry. Before I came to MEGST, I have served the Lord as both a Sunday school teacher and a staff of Myanmar Grace Church for three years, which is in Mandalay.


God has redeemed me and gave a precious chance to be His son. Actually, I was a Buddhist before I knew and accept Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour and Lord. Let me testify about my past life a little. After finishing my bachelor study from Taunggyi University, I came to Yangon with the purpose to find a good job. I stayed in a Buddhist monastery because my uncle is a monk there. Finding a good job, I paid my attention to the teachings of Buddha and tried to practice them. If a person says, "I am Buddhist," he or she has to keep five basic precepts daily: Stealing, Lying, Murder, Adultery and Using Drugs. He or she is not allowed to commit these by words, actions and imagination. Practicing these carefully, I came to realize that I cannot keep them daily. Although I do not commit adultery by words and actions, I cannot control my imagination about this. Therefore, I faced dissatisfaction in following these five precepts. I was very upset. If I cannot follow even these basic teachings of Buddha, how can I step onto higher teachings of Buddha? Therefore, I decided to study the teachings of Jesus Christ. As a result, I went to a church in Mandalay (now, I am serving as a Sunday school teacher and a staff). There, I got privilege to test Jesus Christ and His teachings. Studying for almost one and a half year, I came to know that Jesus can save me from sins. Then, I was baptized by my pastor and accepted Jesus as my personal Saviour and Lord. Therefore, faith means to me that believing in Jesus' crucifixion, resurrection and accepting Him as the only one Saviour from Hell and deliverer of sins.

By the grace of God, I am studying theological subjects at MEGST with the emphasis on the subject, Missions. Even though all subjects that MEGST offers are valuable for my future ministry, I do believe that studying about church planting and church growth, mission strategy and mission history is more beneficial for me because I desire to carry the light of the gospel and I want to plant indigenous churches after finishing my study at MEGST.

I have definite plans to do after graduating from MEGST. Firstly, I will go back to my mother church at Mandalay with the intention to get more experience in serving there as a minister. For example, I do need to have leadership skill and ministry experience: how to organize people, how to lead them by what qualifications, how to treat with local authorities, and so on. If I understand well about these, that understanding will help me when I will be a church planter. Secondly, I will try to do research about my target people with the intention to communicate the gospel effectively and to start an indigenous church among them. Thirdly, I will serve them as the Lord's instructions by His Holy Spirit. Finally, I will try to relay to next generation about God's love and His perfect redemption by preaching, teaching and living godly life according to biblical teachings.

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