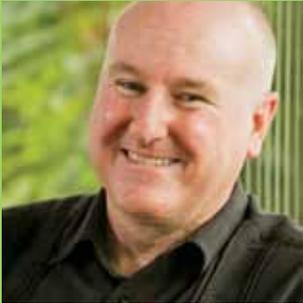


Dear Friends,



At the midway point in this ministry year, here is a compilation from some of the stories we've been reporting. We trust you will be encouraged by the progress of the work, inspired by the hope these leaders possess, and compelled to come alongside in practical ways.

*Joe Handley,
President, Asian Access*

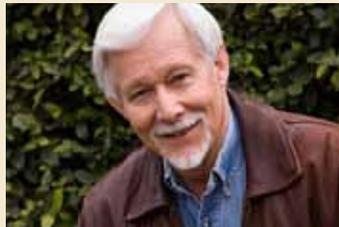
FRESH FRUIT — ASIA
Work of Reproducing Disciple-Making Leaders



Joe shares from Cambodia that the more sustainable work over the long haul is investing in small groups who will walk faithfully and reproduce what they have been learning.

MORE AT:
bit.ly/work-of-reproducing

Planting a Seed: Empowering “Poor” Churches to Make a Difference in Their Communities



Bob Moffitt challenged A2 participants: “God is calling us—all of us—to invest in our communities for His sake. No matter how limited our resources might be, we always have something to offer in Christ’s name.”

MORE AT:
bit.ly/moffitt-empowering

The A2 Attraction



One participant shared about A2’s attraction: “We learned how to have a deep, love relationship with God. We learned how to spend time with

God, to enjoy prayer, to just enjoy being with Jesus. We learned how we could serve God without our families having to be sacrificed. . . . And we learned how to prioritize, how to use our time well—how to discern God’s strategic will for our ministries. The results, in terms of fruitful ministry in our country, have been phenomenal.”

MORE AT:
bit.ly/a2-attraction

The Loving Support of a Vibrant Community



One of A2’s key characteristics is “vibrant community.” Silk Handley shares about experiencing exactly that at the 2014 Leaders Summit in Malaysia earlier this month. It was a blessing getting to spend 3 days with the country leaders and their wives, resource coordinators and some of the A2 staff.

MORE AT:
bit.ly/loving-support

FRESH FRUIT — EAST ASIA
Friendship that Forgives...



Noel Becchetti shares a powerful story of how God removed the hatred of Japanese people from a Filipino leader and expressed this reconciliation toward A2’s Takeshi Takazawa.

MORE AT:
bit.ly/friendship-forgives

Olympic Vision 2020 Underway in Tokyo



Preparations for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics is well-underway, but Asian Access has been pursuing the 2020 Vision God gave to them years ago.

MORE AT:
bit.ly/Tokyo2020vision

Sponsor a Persecuted Pastor

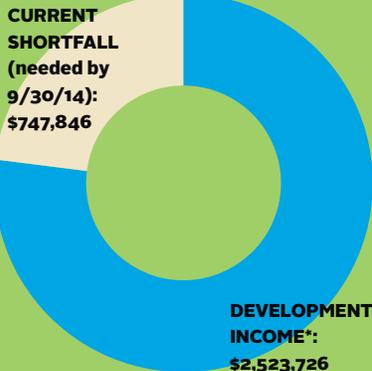


Many of our friends in Asia serve as pastors and national leaders while facing harassment, oppression, and outright persecution. They persevere with amazing courage. By coming alongside these choice leaders who serve Christ on the front lines, we can encourage and equip them to weather the deep challenges they face. Will you join us in supporting a persecuted pastor? For a little over \$400 a month, you can sponsor a pastor through Asian Access’ two-year training and mentoring process. Commitments of \$40, \$80, or \$120 per month or more can be combined to provide the resources to enable one more persecuted pastor to get the invaluable training, support, and mentoring provided by the Asian Access learning community. By investing in these persecuted pastors, you will encourage their hearts and strengthen their hands.

MORE AT:
bit.ly/sponsor-persecuted

Finances

PLAN TOTAL: \$3,271,572



Two New Board Members Added this Year

- Mr. David D. Kim, Co-Founder, Telos Ventures
- Mr. Stephen Woodworth, CEO, Masterworks

*A gift for this fiscal year came early and is therefore included in the development income

Japan Reacts to S. Korean Tragedy...



Across Asia and North America, the A2 community was deeply saddened over the catastrophe of the MV Sewol, the South Korean ferry. We mourn for the loss of so many young lives on board. The images and stories we've all seen and heard are just heart wrenching. The tragic capsizing of the ferry in South Korea has captured the attention of the world—nowhere more than in Japan. Takeshi Takazawa, National Director for Asian Access Japan, recently shared some reflections on his nation's reaction and its implications for the work of A2.

MORE AT:
bit.ly/korea-tragedy

Thirty New Followers of Jesus

Joe shares two powerful stories from Pastor Keishi Ikeda of Hongo-dai Christ Church in Yokohama, that blew him away.

MORE AT:
bit.ly/30-new-followers

Harvest Is Plentiful, but the Workers?



Joe shares about a Korean missionary to Japan and the ministry that he started after the tsunami. He reports that 30 people have come to Christ and been baptized.

MORE AT:
bit.ly/harvest-is-plentiful

McGavran Foretells the Future



Dr. Donald McGavran of Fuller Theological Seminary wrote a letter to our founder, in which he foretold the future, hoping to see this remarkable ministry of Asian Access span the world over. As such Japan would become a model to other nations. And this is precisely what has happened.

MORE AT:
bit.ly/McGavran-future

Takeshi's Progress Update



Three years after a devastating earthquake/tsunami, hope remains. At the three-year mark of the Great NE Japan Disaster, listen to Takeshi Takazawa share a progress update and some stories of hope.

MORE AT:
bit.ly/3rd-anniversary-update

FRESH FRUIT – SOUTH ASIA

David Dayalan on India's National Elections



Katey Hearth of *Mission Network News* interviews David Dayalan, national director of A2/India regarding the elections. He shares about the potential impact—even persecution—that the policies of

the leading party might have on the church in India.

MORE AT:
bit.ly/DavidDayalan-audio

Modern India's Growth



India has witnessed a huge economic boom and is going through a rapid modernization process. In the flux that follows change like this, there's upheaval while a new social order emerges. India is maturing into a major player on the global stage. The Church has an opportunity to be at the forefront, helping to guide the way.

MORE AT:
bit.ly/india-growing-pains

Reaching Those No One Wants...



Noel Becchetti shares a story of one pastor's heart, an A2 participant from South Asia, to reach out in a neighboring country to those who no one wants to reach.

MORE AT:
bit.ly/neighbor-country-tribe

Simple Love Trumps Volatility



Mission Network News reports on the heart of an A2 participant,

whose love motivates him to reach out toward the unreachable.

MORE AT:
bit.ly/simple-love

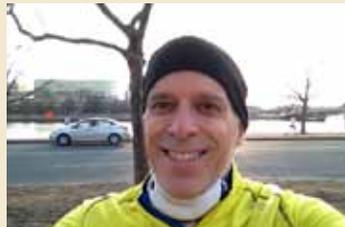
First Week of 2014 India Elections Comes to an End



April 12th ended the first week and first 4 phases of the 2014 India elections, scheduled to take place from April 7 to May 12. With over 800 million people registered to vote and potential deterrents like weather, harvest season and holidays, logistical challenges create the need for a two-month polling schedule.

MORE AT:
bit.ly/first-four-phases-India

LESSONS FOR LIFE Water, Please!



A2 missionary John Houlette compares the care of pastors with marathon runners in an insightful post. He surmises that our intake will always dictate our outflow.

MORE AT:
bit.ly/water-please

Cherry Blossoms and Dragons



John Houlette shares an insightful

piece about when he attended an interactive calligraphy show by Kana Ikemoto, a professional calligrapher. The theme was cherry blossoms and dragons. Conflicting themes? Perhaps, but not really...

MORE AT:
bit.ly/cherry-blossoms-dragons

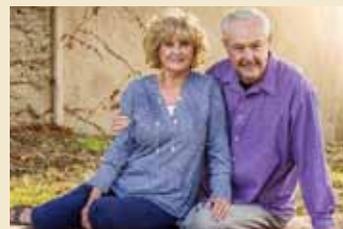
Joe Cool



Joe reflected on the importance of relying on Christ. He shared he is often tempted to live and act like “Joe Cool” — one of his childhood heroes from the Peanuts series. “However, the fruit of what we have seen the last few years comes when I am just myself and relying on Jesus. There’s nothing special about me or any of us in the A2 family! Our specialness comes from Christ!” Are you more “Joe Cool” or are you more “The Average Joe”?

MORE AT:
bit.ly/joe-cool-average-joe

Keeping the Faith



Because only 3 in 10 leaders finish well, Asian Access invests heavily in the lives of emerging young leaders: to help more finish well in the journey of life and ministry. Three special events captured Joe’s attention toward this end: his parents’ 50th wedding anniversary, reminiscing with an old missionary from Mexicali projects and his son John’s middle school graduation.

MORE AT:
bit.ly/keeping-the-faith

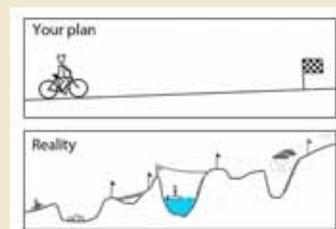
Sabbath Rest



Asian Access/Japan was blessed by Robert and Jayna Gallagher from Wheaton for our May Spring Retreat. They walked us through the rhythms of rest in Christ that was perfect for us activist mission types. One of our deepest values at Asian Access is “Living in a Love Relationship with God” and Robert and Jayna helped us grow together in this area. I found our time deeply refreshing and in some ways convicting.

MORE AT:
bit.ly/sabbath-rest-Gallagher

Where Leaders are Made



The key is how we respond to life’s challenges. Do we complain and moan? I often do... Or, like the crippled boy, do we see beyond the circumstances and see the golden nuggets in the midst of our trials? I continue learning this lesson...

MORE AT:
bit.ly/joe-leaders-are-made

Standing on Giants’ Shoulders



During a recent A2 Alumni gathering, president Joe Handley was struck by how much the fruit of what we are doing today in seeing “a

vibrant community of servant leaders leading the Church across Asia” stems from the foundations laid by those who went before us.

MORE AT:
bit.ly/giants-shoulders

MARKETPLACE: FAITH & MISSION

What A2 Does for Pastors, I Would Pay You to Do for Me!



Asian Access announces it will be launching prototypes in leader development among business professionals as a logical extension of their existing vision.

MORE AT:
bit.ly/faith-mission-intro

A2 Expands Leadership Training Into Marketplace



Asian Access is expanding leadership training into marketplace. Listen to Asian Access board member David Kim discuss A2’s plan for leader development in the business sector...

MORE AT:
bit.ly/faith-mission-audio

A2 Readies for “Such a Time As This”



Mission Network News reports that
continued on back...

Asian Access plans to launch a new endeavor to help train leaders in the business sector in Asia.

MORE AT:
bit.ly/such-a-time-as-this

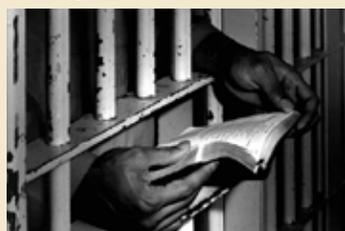
STANDING BY "THE PERSECUTED" **Not Everyone is Celebrating Freedom Today**



Mission Network News' Ruth Kramer interviews Asian Access' Noel Becchetti about persecution issues hitting pastors and church leaders in several undisclosed A2 countries. Noel issues call to prayer and ways to help.

MORE AT:
bit.ly/not-celebrating-freedom

Thoughts on Persecution



Noel Becchetti, A2's VP for Leader Development, sensitively shares stories of harassment and persecution, offering practical ways to pray for our brothers and sisters facing these trials.

MORE AT:
bit.ly/becchetti-persecution

Persecution and God's Care Through an A2 Leader



Noel Becchetti shares a gripping story of religious persecution and how one A2 participant ministered.

MORE AT:
bit.ly/much-to-teach

A2 "Students" — With Much to Teach Us



Noel Becchetti shares an inspiring story of how participants in a restricted-access country can be examples to the rest of us.

MORE AT:
bit.ly/persecution-and-care

"We Praise God When We Are Persecuted"

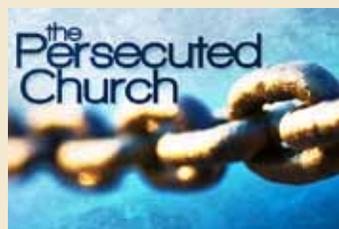


One A2 pastor told Joe: "Even with all this, one key pastor said to me: 'Joe, we praise God when we are persecuted. When we are persecuted, it makes people more curious about the kingdom and many come

to Christ.' The authorities don't realize the power of what they are doing. So, we thank God that we are able, even in persecuted scenarios, to see the kingdom grow."

MORE AT:
bit.ly/when-we-are-persecuted

The Character of Persecution



A2 leaders are being developed into a generation that is making disciples, planting churches, helping street children, working in the garbage dumps, establishing orphanages, and working with those suffering from human trafficking. However, progress like this doesn't come without resistance. There have been recent flare-ups of fear and resentment of the growth of the Church in Hindu, Buddhist, Muslim, and/or animistic areas. Another common denominator between these countries is one-party dictatorships that have replaced any semblance of representative government. As these issues ebb and flow with events, political climate, and other things, so too does persecution.

MORE AT:
bit.ly/character-of-persecution

Deadly Violence Mars Bangladesh Elections



Noel Becchetti of Asian Access shares about Bangladesh's political unrest during the elections. Reported by Mission Network News.

MORE AT:
bit.ly/election-violence

Instability, Violence Bring Bangladesh to Standstill



A strong undercurrent of tension in Bangladesh between the government and opposition leaders finally came to a head as each accused the other of power grabs made on the eve of elections.

MORE AT:
bit.ly/bangladesh-standstill

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