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God is moving in Myanmar

Asia is Earth's largest and most populous continent. Only a small percentage of the close to 4.5 billion people living in this vast continent know Christ. In Myanmar, a predominantly Buddhist country, a mere 6.2% of Burmese identify themselves as believers — yet in the remote northeastern villages where the Wa live, God is moving in unprecedented ways.

Myanmar's Complex Struggles

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Myanmar has an exceptionally diverse population with more than 130 distinct ethnic groups recognized by the government. Most of the country's population is concentrated in the central and southern regions while the northern states where the Wa live are incredibly underpopulated. Due to its size, diversity, and population distribution, the issues faced by the Burmese vary by region. These are some of the challenges they face, and how your gifts can have an impact:

LITERACY

Approximately 20% of Burmese and 90% of Wa people cannot read or write[1]. The current generation of Burmese youth will be one of the first to have a significantly lower literacy rate than their parents. Bible League Canada's Adult and Children's Ministries are invaluable ministries that equip the

PERSECUTION

Christians, Muslims and other minority groups face a "very high" level of persecution from intimidation, discrimination, extreme violence, and possible ethnic cleansings. To date, an estimated 100,000 Christians have been displaced due to persecution[3]. With help from donors like you, our Persecuted Church Ministry aims to support believers by giving

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Burmese to read their own Bible while introducing them to the transforming power of the Gospel.

OTHER RELIGIONS

Census data shows that 93.8% of the population has not experienced the transformation that comes from hearing the Good News[1]. Local champions in northern Myanmar tell us that while animistic religions are still prevalent among the Wa, tens of thousands are turning to Christ[5], making the need for leadership training and Biblical resources to start new churches an urgent one.

them the Biblical resources and prayers they need to continue spreading the Gospel.

CHILDREN

As the most vulnerable members of society, challenging political and socio-economic circumstances impact children more than any other group. Experts suggest that less than half of children currently complete primary school and that figure is much lower in remote villages[2]. Our Children's Ministry provides a safe place for young children to play, learn and ask questions about Christ. Children then share the Gospel with their families!

1. http://www.worldbank.org/en/country/myanmar/publication/myanmar-poverty-assessment-2017-part-one-examination-of-trends | 2. https://www.unicef.org/myanmar/children_1350.html |

3. https://www.opendoorsusa.org/christian-persecution/world-watch-list/myanmar/ | 4. http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-41566561 | 5. https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/15759/BM

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Meet Myanmar's Wa People

This little-known Wa tribe faces deep-rooted social struggles. For centuries the Wa people practiced head-hunting to ensure a good harvest — a practice that is rumoured to continue in remote areas of Myanmar's Shan State. In the early 1900's, an American Baptist missionary named William Young risked everything to bring the Gospel to the Burmese Wa and the results are incredible! In spite of ongoing conflicts, it is estimated that approximately 30% of the Wa population is Christian.

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Stories of Transformation

The Wa are a people steeped in tradition, but they are being transformed by the Gospel.
These are some of the stories from our ministry partners.

Honour Your Father

As a young man, Ngi Mun — a Christian from the village of Numtoom — left everything he knew to find work to support his family. Finding work with various Buddhist families, Ngi Mun learned to depend on God in the midst of conflict. That faith led to a deep love for God that has spilled over and affected many people in his home village.

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Tears of Transformation

Life in Myanmar is steeped in tradition. Many people, like Nyi Raix, grow up worshipping ancestral spirits. As a former soldier and drug dealer, Nyi was lost, seeking life's pleasures where they might be found. But life's greatest pleasure was yet to be discovered.

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Living by the Grace of God

Ai Rong is a rice farmer turned pastor from the Burmese village of Numtoom. His pastor, Ai Pleek, came to the village in 1960 to preach the Gospel. In 2000, Ai Pleek passed the torch to Ai Rong, who has always had enough rice to harvest since he has learned how to live by the grace of God.

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Will you help us equip the people of Myanmar?

Myanmar's struggles have awakened a desire for the Good News and the Burmese are turning to the Gospel in large numbers. The best way to support them is by providing access to Bible Studies, training to start new churches, Scriptures and other resources in their language and by giving children a safe space to learn. Due to the urgency of the need in Myanmar, all contributions made by May 31, 2018, will be matched. Help change a life, act now!

$100 = 40 scriptures placed (usually 20)

$200 = Access to children's programs for 20 children (usually 10)

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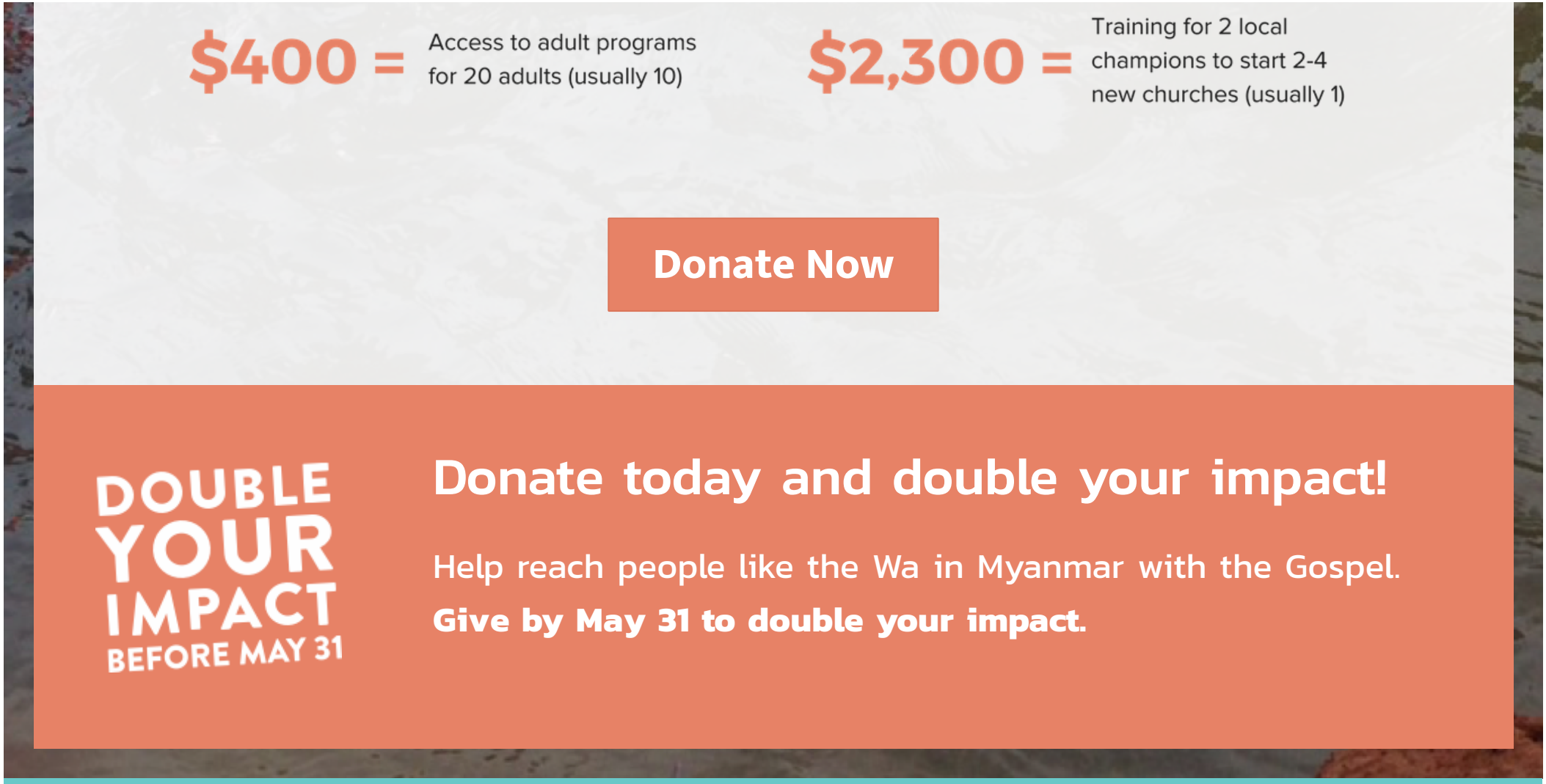

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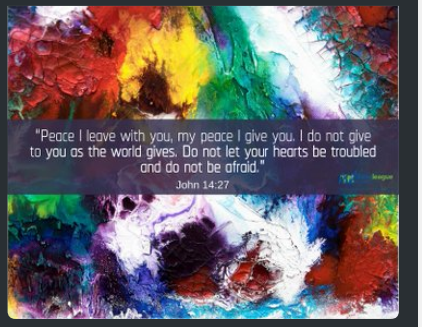

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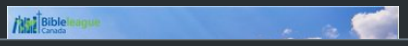

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