

2nd Annual James Rimbach Memorial Dinner  
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On June 3rd of 2011, 16 students from Myanmar gathered in Hong Kong for the second annual Dr. James Rimbach Memorial Dinner. Four of these students have finished their degrees and have returned to Myanmar to continue their roles as teachers in the various seminaries where they were teaching before studying in Hong Kong. These students are coming from all different parts of Myanmar to study at Lutheran Theological Seminary and Chung Chi College here in Hong Kong. The sisters of Dr. Rimbach established this fund as a way to continue to support and encourage the students that come from Myanmar to Hong Kong for Theological training. For many of these students this is the first time they have a chance to interact with Lutherans. Having had a chance to visit their country the last two years has given me a profound appreciation for what they are doing and the sacrifice they are making for the sake of the gospel. Each student was given a set of the easy to use "Bible Teaching Series" from Multi-Language Publications as much mission work in Myanmar includes the use of English language teaching.

#### Prayer Requests

Please Pray for ... Martin Lathanga and the Lutheran Church in Myanmar as they continue to explore the depths of Lutheran Theology. Rev. Charles Edwards and the National Lutheran Church of Myanmar as they continue to follow up on the families affected by the Nargis Cyclone there in 2008. Dr. Lal Tin Hre, Executive Secretary of the Association of Theological Education in Myanmar (ATEM) and former student of Dr. Rimbach as he seeks to help with the advanced study programs for all the teachers of Myanmar's seminaries and Bible schools. Other TE training going on in Southeast Asia through Lutheran Institute of Southeast Asia and other Lutheran groups working to train leaders in Asia. Concordia Seminary in Hong Kong as they partner with LCMS WM in providing a in degree program for SE Asia.

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