

Eternal Life Mission trip to Myanmar  
By Carl Hanson

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From July 4-11, 2011, Eternal Life Lutheran Church sent its fourth team to Northern Myanmar. The goal for this eight-day trip was to follow-up on the preaching station that they opened last year (pictured above) and to visit the surrounding communities to see what they could do in terms of making a significant impact on the daily lives of the people in these Chinese-speaking areas.

Rev. Chu (in the red t-shirt) lead this year's group of six people to the remote villages of Northern Myanmar on this his fifth trip. "For me it was important that we connect with Evangelist Li, who serves our simple congregation there, and to help him in his ongoing training as a Lutheran preacher." Rev. Chu noted that the highlight of the trip was the special joy of baptizing Mr. Chen. Mr. Chen was someone they had met the previous year. The team held 6 family worship services and one evangelistic service for the entire community.

During the 2010 trip, the team had recognized that one of the basic needs of the community was a clean water source. During this visit, they were excited to see the new well that was donated serving the whole community. Another area of interest has been to support the ongoing educational needs of the community as a whole. The team was able to visit all 15 homes of the scholarship students together with the Evangelist Li. Not only were they able to connect with the families of these students, but also connect them to the church.

#### Prayer Requests

Please pray for ... Evangelist Li as he continues to preach the Word in Northern Myanmar! Mr. Chen as he grows in faith and shares the good news of his salvation with his neighbors. Rev. Chu as he continues to lead the church in Taiwan into mission action. Pray also for Pastor Chu and his son. Earlier this year Rev. Chu's wife died of a massive brain hemorrhage. She had been on the first three mission trips to Myanmar. Rev. Andrew Miao (pictured in the center in a white t-shirt), President of the China Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC), and other CELC pastors and lay people that are connecting to this exciting work.

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