

Back in NZ by Popular Demand

An evening with

Aung Mang & Tony Plews

Chairman, MEGST, Yangon, Myanmar [aka Burma]

Tony Plews, Executive Director, LeaDev – Langham



Wednesday 23rd April 2014

7.30pm – 9.00pm

Palmerston North Central Baptist

Church, 190 Church St

Palmerston North

Be Inspired ...

by the life and witness of brother Aung Mang – aka ‘St Aung of Yangon’

by what God is doing through Aung and many other committed, sacrificial, transparent servant leaders in Myanmar to train young leaders, who cane plant and disciple new believers in the many growing churches

Hear About ...

the amazingly rapid changes taking place in Myanmar leading to & since the election of Aung San Suu Kyi to the Myanmar Parliament

life in Myanmar under oppression, and now the uncertainty of rapid inflation, sectarian violence, and unpredictable political and social changes

challenges facing the growing church throughout Myanmar

the many opportunities for compassion ministries, including orphanages

the growing influence of MEGST [est 1996], training humble servant leaders of integrity and excellence, and its 250+ graduates helping to extend the gospel throughout Myanmar and beyond

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spectacular original oil and acrylic Burmese paintings



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Aung Mang's NZ Visit, April-May 2014

Dr Aung Mang, founding Principal, now Board Chairman, Myanmar Evangelical Graduate School of Theology [MEGST], Yangon, MYANMAR [aka Burma]



In April and May, Aung Mang [affectionately known in NZ as 'St Aung of Yangon'], returns to NZ.

Aung is much loved and admired by all Kiwis who have met him here in NZ. Tony Plews, Executive Director, LeaDev-Langham, describes him as the man he most admires in the whole world, because of his deep humility, and sacrificial commitment to serving Christ and the Gospel in Myanmar. As Aung himself, has said, "... I will be there until I die!"

Aung is the son of the first converts in their region of Chin State. He came to know Jesus Christ personally at 18 years of age. Aung Mang served as a full time evangelist even before he began his theological education in Yangon. While studying he planted his first church among Buddhists. He then completed MDiv, DMin, and PhD in Manila, Philippines [1986–1992].

Aung Mang & his wife Dawt Dim married by parental arrangement in 1992, & together they started a mission school in 1993.

MEGST started in 1996, and for four years Aung Mang was part time Acting Principal, before leaving the school he founded in the hands of graduates of MEGST, and taking up the position full time in 2000. Aung Mang became Board Chairman in 2013. He has continued to be involved in church planting ministry in various states of the country, as well as in Yangon. He also participates in the oversight of several orphanages. Aung is increasingly recognized in Myanmar as a respected and trusted leader among evangelicals, and is often invited to represent Myanmar at major Christian events in other countries.

Aung Mang & Dawt Dim have 4 children; Esther [20], Samuel [16], Lydia [15], & Benjamin[9].

Myanmar Evangelical Graduate School of Theology [MEGST]

MEGST, founded in 1996, seeks to prepare young potential Christian leaders by grounding them in historic Christianity, and seeking to transform them through character building in community. MEGST seeks to impart values of humble, transparent, servant leadership of integrity and excellence, where a positive influence for the gospel is more highly prized than power, prestige, possessions and property. MEGST prepares students for evangelism and mission, who are well prepared to go [throughout Myanmar and beyond] to plant and grow mission supporting and sending churches, or work in the many compassion and social development ministries which characterize the church in Myanmar.

MEGST was founded in 1996 to meet the shortage of well-trained Evangelical leaders in Myanmar. Graduates have a solid grip on biblical teaching, sound theology, and practical ministries to reach the millions of unreached peoples, especially the predominantly Buddhist 'Bama' in Myanmar.

Myanmar was under the control of a socialist / nominally Buddhist military junta from 1998-2010. Elections held in 2010 were widely perceived to be a sham. However, in the past three years there have been major developments, and now revered democratic hero, Aung San Suu Kyi, and her political party have been allowed to re-enter the political process. The country is one of the least economically developed in the world, though rich in resources. Right now there is a 'gold rush' of foreign business people and companies, seeking lucrative opportunities. Inflation is almost out of control and most local people will be hard hit financially before positive change comes to Myanmar.



MEGST Leadership Team in front of building which houses MEGST



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