



**Mingalaba Newsletter #30**

**August 2017**



**Young Adult leaders at a training event in the Chin State, sponsored by the Ricebowl Mission**

**Dear Ricebowl Mission Supporters,**

Thank you to all those who continue to faithfully support the mission of the Presbyterian Church of Myanmar (PCM) through donations to the Ricebowl Mission. This newsletter gives some feedback about recently sponsored projects. Our cover photo shows young adult leaders who gathered for a training programme near Matupi, in the Chin State. Matupi is a more remote area of the Chin State, and our sponsorship enabled youth from different regions to attend and share together in a valuable week of training and equipping for mission. 44 participants from eight villages and churches participated.





Participants at the youth leadership training event express their thanks to the PCANZ for our support.



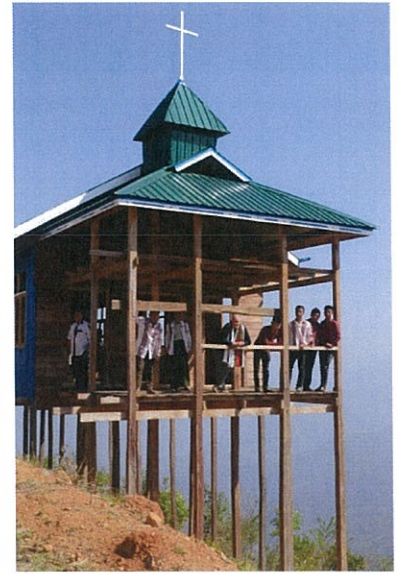
Despite its remoteness the Matupi region is well known for its natural beauty, with this waterfall being a popular attraction. The youth leaders gathered here for a photo shoot.



### Tailoring Training

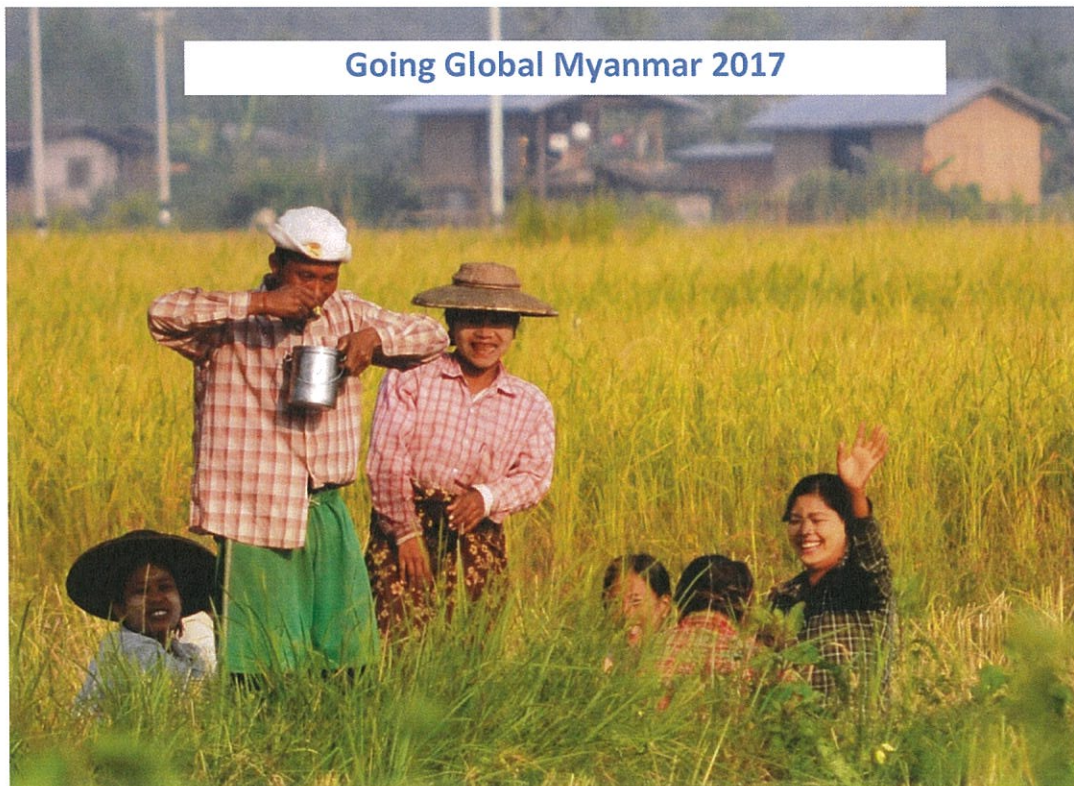
The popular tailoring training programme saw 11 women of varying ages graduate from the third course; with another course underway again. The current course, which is due to be completed on August 31st, will be the fifth one to have benefited from PCANZ funding. Womens Secretary Sangi reports that a total of twelve students from four different regions (synods) are participating on this course. She said their participation "will surely make their income higher," and expressed thanks to the PCANZ. She said, "Your mission work blesses the PCM, especially women who are in need of help."





**A church re-build in Tonzang, high in the Chin State, has been completed.**

A photograph of this partially-completed church was included in the previous edition of Mingalaba. The church members were particularly pleased to have the church roof in place and walls completed in time for the rainy season; as its location high in the Chin State means it is vulnerable to bad weather. The previous church (in a different location) was damaged due to slips.



A team of seven participants (five young adults, two leaders) will be heading to Myanmar in late November for a Going Global programme hosted by the PCM. This is a cross cultural learning experience, which will be largely based at Tahan Theological College. Team members, who come from St. Columba at Botany, and Forrest Hill Presbyterian Church, will learn about the culture and context of Myanmar, and share with theological students in their life in community and the College; and take part in their annual Christmas outreach. Anyone who is interested in further partnership visits to Myanmar should contact Global Mission Coordinator Phil King.





A picture of Jesus sits alongside Myanmar political icon Aung San Suu Kyi in a tea house in the Chin State. Christian faith is worn proudly among the Chin people, but a few years ago, photos of Aung San Suu Kyi would not have been permitted. A thaw in the political climate has allowed more freedom of expression.

### Plans For Tahan Theological College

Our Partners in Mission Application for Wayne and Helen Harry to serve at Tahan Theological College in Myanmar is ongoing. This is taking longer than we hoped, but we are still moving forward in anticipation of a successful outcome, with a possible start date early next year. Please continue to pray for these plans. We will advise as soon as we have more to report.



Please consider contributing the cost of a cup of coffee a week to the Rice Bowl Fund and with your help we will be able to support various projects (you can check out our donation form online).

The Rice Bowl fund focuses on income generating projects, scholarships, aid relief, development projects and mission support, all in partnership with the Presbyterian Church of Myanmar.

To Invest in future projects please send donations to PCANZ Global Mission.

Thank you very much for your generous donations and your continued support of our brothers and sisters in Myanmar.

### Visits to Myanmar

This year's Going Global Myanmar programme is locked and loaded. If you are interested in exploring a visit to Myanmar to learn about our partnership sometime in 2018, please register your interest with Phil King, [phil@presbyterian.org.nz](mailto:phil@presbyterian.org.nz)

### Thank You to Our Donors

On behalf of the Presbyterian Church of Myanmar thank you for your financial and prayerful support for the Ricebowl Mission. It is humbling to visit Myanmar and to see how deeply appreciated our partnership is. Please hold the church, the leaders and the people of Myanmar in your prayers as the church offers vital ministry as their country experiences times of unprecedented change.

Get in touch for more information on any of these stories or projects:

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