

重建納吉斯掃過的災村

五月初，緬甸遭遇了有史以來最嚴厲的風災，死亡的人數已達十三萬人，這個數字，聽來十分遙遠。最近我收到一封信，來自我們在緬甸同工多年的老友紐安諾(Honor Nyo)牧師，他是浸信會聯會的總幹事，去年底才任滿，紐牧師在這次風災中痛失至親，在信中他對災村的慘狀與損失也有深入的觀察。緬甸的風災，再也不是一個遙遠的事件，它關係到我們的同工、老友、親人、當地的教會，及認識的和認識的弟兄姊妹，我將原信附在下面：

Dear Dr. Aleck Lee,
Warm greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ
! With broken heart and deep sadness, I would like to write to you and convey some message/information concerning the situation we are facing now.

On May 7-11 (after Nagis cyclone struck the delta areas) I went back to my village, but didn't find any houses, church, Assembly Hall, clinic, or trees. My village was completely wiped out by this violent and severe cyclone. My own 2 sisters (68 & 70), my brother-in-law, a niece, a grandson (2 and half years old, my nephew's son) and many other relatives died with our 60 villagers/church members. By the grace of God my brother (Donor Nyo) the pastor of Kannyinaung Karen Baptist Church, (my mother church), and my other 2 sisters were miraculously alive and well. After visiting my church, I went to other Karen villages and saw the same thing happen to them. This terrible cyclone killed more than 60,000

persons in Laputta, Bokalay, and Pyapon Townships. I think more than 5,000 Karen Baptists died and over 20,000 victims are homeless now. We brought back (154) persons to Pathein Refugee Camp. At Ko Tha Byu Bible School, now we have 3,000 homeless people. The Pathein Myaungmya Karen Baptist Association has to shoulder all the expenses for foods, shelters, medicines, clothes, comfort and encouragement. The remnants are now suffering from grief, trauma, frustration, hopelessness, mental disorders, diarrhea, and depression. Now we have many orphans, widows, sick people, and dependent old people. The needs are enormous and wide. God alone can fulfill the needs of these desperate victims. Please remember them in your prayer and look for some ways and means to help meet the needs of our brothers and sisters who are camping in Pathein, Yangon, Yedwinyegan, Myaungnya, and those who are remaining in the desolate villages. To do the reconstruction or rehabilitation is not an easy task. When I went there, the plant called "thatch" were totally destroyed. These plants are used for roofing and walling. Since the salt water flooded all their rice fields and almost all their cattle died, to cultivate their paddy field and grow rice again is a very big problem. Anyway, I strongly believe that God will provide their needs and comfort them and will surely impart to them His peace, joy, and power.

May God use you to help meet some of their needs.
Together in building His Kingdom in Burma,

Yours in His service,
(Signature)
Honor Nyo.

風災引起的傷亡人數及倒塌的房屋和教會，是歷史上少有的，看到災民排在沿路兩邊乞討的情形，實在令人心酸。但這不是救災的好辦法，如果發放食物、金錢給在路邊的人，不但觸犯當地法律，也是杯水車薪完全不夠，加上這樣做會引來更多乞討的人群。這樣做也是不公平的，因為住在離大路較遠的災民，完全得不到救助，這樣短線而無益的做法，正是許多外國機構採取的做法。我們應該有更有效及有長遠果效的辦法來徹底幫助一些災民，使他們能恢復他們的生活和尊嚴，重新站起來，甚至也能有能力去幫助別人。

海宣與仰光的克倫浸信聯會擬了一套重建計畫，我們選擇的地點是最偏遠而損失最慘重的沿海地區，起初我們選定三個村落，Tha Byay Chaing, Tar Lu Pha Htaw 及 A Hwat Ka Lay，他們喪失了一切，房子、物品、家俱，人口也死了三分之一。那裡沒有外國資源，也沒有政府的救濟。我們不發食米、不發瓶水、不發油布，這些東西他們已經有了。我們的計畫分兩期進行，第一期，我們提供工具及燃油，所以他們可以清理環境，及建立暫時的避風雨屋寮，同時打掘水井，並且購置一艘機動船，可以運送人員及物資，這一期事工預定三個月內完成。





由於選定的這些人，住的地方十分近海，他們原來以漁業為生，所以要幫助他們恢復生計。幫助災民恢復漁業，比恢復農業要容易很多，因為近海的農地都灌過海水，所以鹽份在土裡過高，抗鹽的種子不但難買，價錢也高，而成長率也難有把握，所以我們決定提供工具給他們恢復捕魚、蝦等海產。魚網有許多種類，依近岸、河中與深水的應用而不同，所以恢復捕魚生產是第二期的主要工作。有了收入之後，不但他們可以改善生活，也要求受益的災民開始奉獻，收到的錢一部份用來幫助鄰村的人，一部份用來重建教會。

整個計畫由仰光的聯會來統籌監督，在各地用當地教會來管理，定時會寫報告說明重建計畫的進度及財務報告。整個計畫預定在六個月後完成，十二月間將有一個感恩禮拜來做結束，如果資源足夠，我們會擴大重建計畫到其他災村。

為了有機會來服事緬甸的災民，我們獻上感恩。聖經上說：施比受更有福，實在是真實的。在前面六個月中，我們不但要繼續為這重建計畫籌款，可以普及更多災村，也預備差同工進到工場，直接觀察與了解重建的情形，更盼望藉著大家同心的禱告，將這艱鉅的重建計畫完成，願一切的榮耀歸給神。

