

# NEWSLETTER

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Principal, MEGST

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## Forwarding Letter

Greetings from MEGST in the most precious name of our Lord Jesus, the Christ!

With joy and gratitude, I would like to share an update on what the Lord has been doing within the MEGST community amid the country's challenges. God enabled us to celebrate His goodness during the past academic year. Our 2024-2025 academic year concluded on 15 February 2025 with great success, marking the graduation of 32 MDiv students and 7 Doctor of Ministry students. We are proud of our team, which works tirelessly to ensure the success of our programmes. We also thank our dedicated students for their hard work and celebrate their well-earned degrees.

Our year-end programmes, the Mission Emphasis week, the Graduation Banquet, and the Graduation Service went exceptionally well. Over 400 people attended our grand banquet, and approximately 900 were present at our graduation ceremony. Our esteemed overseas guests and speakers significantly enriched our events: Dr. Riad Kasis, *the International Director of Langham Partnerships*, Lebanon; Brother Russell Thorp, *Executive Director of Beacon Partnerships*, New Zealand; and Sister Gillean Smiley, *Chief Executive Officer of Langham Partnerships*, Australia. Words cannot adequately express our gratitude for their presence and support of our ministry in Myanmar.

Once again, divine providence has demonstrated its favour upon our ministry. We are pleased to inform you that approximately 60 new students have enrolled for the 2025-2026 academic year, resulting in a total of 109 full-time students in our MDiv and MTh programs. Our part-time programmes have over 100 students, including 49 in the Doctor of Ministry, 23 in the MA in Leadership, and 17 in the Graduate Diploma. Twelve students are starting our MA Youth programme. Crossing the 200-student mark is a historic milestone for MEGST, despite ongoing uncertainties in Myanmar. Please pray for the health and well-being of our faculty and staff as they serve our students effectively. We plan to recruit new members to strengthen our team and sustain the growth in the coming years.

On 28 March 2025, a powerful earthquake with a magnitude of 7.7 struck Myanmar, further intensifying the country's ongoing issues of political instability, economic hardship, and soaring inflation. Fortunately, with support from MEGST's friends both locally and internationally, the MEGST team was able to participate in humanitarian efforts to aid the regions affected by the earthquake, especially Mandalay and Sagaing. This marks an excellent new step for our community in connecting with people around us, regardless of their religious background.

Let us believe that God will meet our needs and perform even greater miracles through MEGST in the years to come. Stay faithful, trusting in His goodness and care. May God's blessings be with you all.

## >>> The COWORKERS and MEGST

Ms Anke Pflugfelder, Project Manager Southeast Asia of the Coworkers, visited MEGST on 4 Oct 2024



## >>> DR. HALLUR MORTENSEN



In October 2024, Dr Hallur Mortensen visited MEGST, teaching Biblical Theology of Mission to MTh students.

## >>> BIBLE SOCIETY OF MYANMAR

The Bible Society of Myanmar held a thanksgiving and celebrated the Myanmar Judson Bible with paper presentations on October 11, 2024, at the Myanmar Baptist Convention. Rev. Dr. Stephen Vum Cung Nung and Dr. Aung Htoo represented MEGST at the event.



## >>> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

Rev Dr Ronald Lal Dinsuah (Principal) and Rev Dr Stephen Vum Cung Nung (Academic Dean), joined the ATA Tearfund Conference (14-16 Oct 2024) and the Conference of Local Leaders (17-19 Oct 2024) in Hong Kong. Rev Dr Ronald was one of the ATA resources there.



## >>> YOUTH and MARRIAGE Seminar

The SBA presents this seminar on October 14 at the Chapel. The resource person was Lect Nant Aye Aye Than.



## >>> GRADUATE DIPLOMA in Christian Education

MEGST launched a new program on 2 May 2025, a Graduate Diploma in Christian Education. This is an online program with 18 students enrolled from across the country and beyond. The curriculum is designed to meet the needs of Myanmar churches in children ministry.



## >>> STUDENTS: DONATION

With the initiative of the SBA, the student body donates three steel, multipurpose chairs for classroom use.

The SBA presented them in the Chapel, and the Principal received them in prayers on 12 November 2024.



## >>> A NEW STEP with the LOGS

We have been exploring quality online education (OE) with the help of the Local Leaders since November 2024, through a virtual meeting. Dr. David Turnbull, International Program Director of LOGS ("Local Online: A Global Strategy," Local Leaders International), and Kathy Mildenhall hosted the meeting. We also had an in-person meeting in Bangkok from February 24 to 27, 2025. MEGST is taking the OE challenges facing theological institutions globally and locally.





### >>> Food Donation

In November 2024, two cartons of "MA MA" noodles were donated to the dormitory students by the family of Elizabeth, our current MDiv 3 student.



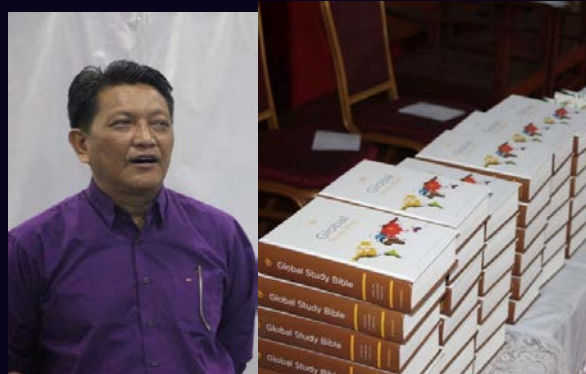
### >>> Rice Donation

Hlaingtharyar Community Church (pastor: Rev. Dr. Ronald Lal Dinsuah) donated 6 bags of rice to the dormitory students on November 26, 2024. May the Lord bless Mr. Principal and his church ever more.



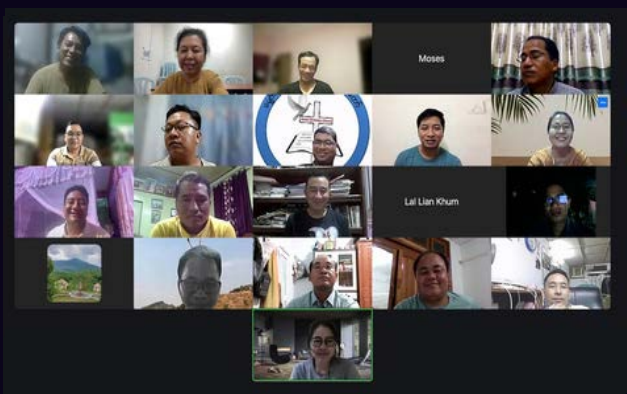
### >>> Bible Donation

Rev Dr Ral Lian Uk, a leader of Bible translation and literature ministry, presented in the Chapel a copy of the English Standard Version (ESV) each to the students and faculty and the "Global Bible Study" to the graduates (Class of 2025).



### >>> DMIN STUDENTS

Current DMin students hold regular Zoom meetings with their respective lecturers for mentoring or coaching purposes. It carries one credit for every DMin course offered.



### >>> ACADEMIC FORUM

The Academic Forum for the second semester of the 2024-2025 Academic Year on November 7, 2025. It fosters the vigor of students' academic life.



### >>> POST-GRADUATE SEMINAR

On 13 December 2024, Mr. Kap Lan Thang (current student) presented his MTh Thesis Proposal, and Rev. Daniel CS Piang his Initial Findings from the Data Analysis of his doctoral dissertation.



On 27 June 2025, Lect Khaung Latt Ram, Dr. Paul Naw Aung, and Dr. Thein Than Tun presented their papers on "Covenant Loyalty," "Response to Marriage Failure," and "Children's Education as a Mission Strategy," respectively.

The Faculty, DMin students, MTh students, and MDiv final-year students provide their feedback. MEGST cultivates a scholarly research habit to contribute to the ongoing local and global scholarship.

## >>> MEGST FAMILY CHRISTMAS

MEGST Family Christmas was held at the National Races Village on December 14, 2024. The faculty, staff, students and their respective families, including spouses and kids, joined in one accord. The Student Body Council led this annual event to be memorable.



## >>> MEGST AND ALUMNI

In strengthening the relationship between MEGST and alumni, MEGST aims to visit the alumni-run ministry in the Yangon area in the first phase. MEGST Principal, Rev. Dr. Ronald Lal Dinsuah, and his wife, visited Rhema Church and City Christian Assembly in December 2024.



## >>> LITERATURE TALK

The Students hosted a literature talk on 16 December 2024. The resource person was an arising local author, namely Mr Min Thayt. He is well-known internationally for his book, "The Socio-Political Life of Barbarian Tribe in Burma" (Ah-yine Bamar).

## >>> FELLOWSHIP FOOTBALL MATCH

On December 27, 2024, MEGST Alumni Association organized a fellowship football match between MEGST alumni, and a church-based football club run by Rev La Phone (an MDiv graduate and current DMin student).





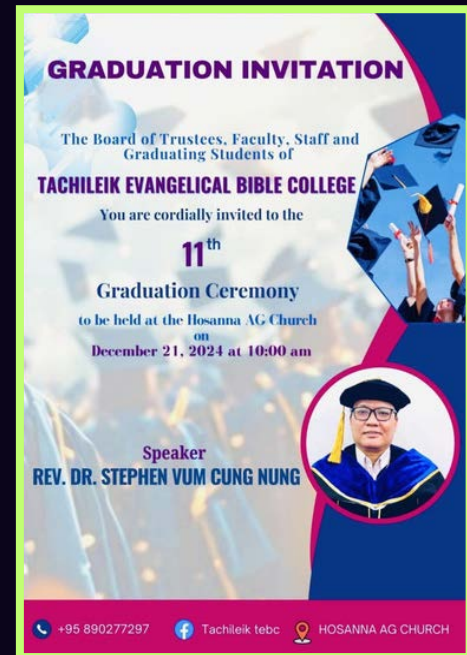
## >>> CHRISTMAS GOSPEL TRIPS

During the Christmas holidays, some MEGST students arranged gospel trips to Taunggyi (Shan State) and Haigyí Island (Tanintharyi Region), group by group. They spent their holidays well, sharing the gospel, connecting local churches, and recruiting prospective students.



## >>> GRADUATION SPEAKER

During December 17-22, Rev Dr Stephen Vum Cung Nung was invited to be the main speaker at graduation of the Tachileik Evangel Bible College (TEBC). He also gave a 7-hour teaching session there. The TEBC Principal is a MEGST graduate. We stay in touch with our graduates in various ways.



## >>> DR. PAUL BARKER

Our visiting faculty, Dr Paul Barker (Bishop in Melbourne, Australia), had a teaching visit at MEGST during January 6-10, 2025. He taught the course "Biblical Theology" to MDiv final-year students.



## >>> SPORT DAY

Our annual Sports Day was held on January 15, 2025, at a futsal court. The detailed arrangement was carried out by the Sports Committee, supervised by the Dean of Students. It was a refreshing experience for both body and mind for the community.



## >>> OUR NEW REGISTRAR



Hta Shin James was appointed in January 2025 as our new Registrar. A MEGST graduate with an MDiv in 2022, he is a father of two. He belongs to the Lhaovo ethnic group of the Kachin tribe, with a Church of God tradition.

## >>> DR ESA AUTHERO



To our MTh and DMin students, Dr Esa taught a course: Challenges and Opportunities Facing Migrant Churches.

## >>> DR CHRIS STEED



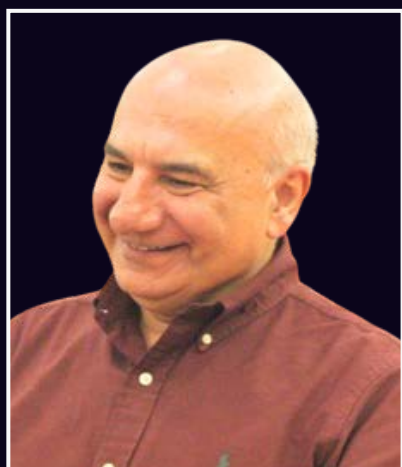
From the London School of Theology, Dr. Steed gave a special seminar on a cutting-edge topic—"Science and Faith: Reimagining Creation"—on 21 February 2025.



## >>> TEACHERS' HONORING DAY

A biblical and traditional practice of honoring teachers service was held at the Chapel on January 29, 2025. The Student Body Association marked this annual day out with gifts to 10 faculty and 6 staff, and a feast for the whole community.

## >>> MISSION EMPHASIS WEEK



Day Two Speaker:  
DR RIAD KASSIS, DIRECTOR  
INTERNATIONAL LANGHAM MINISTRY

MEGST held its annual Mission Emphasis Week during the second week of February 2025. The resource persons were Bro. Russell Thorp (Director, Beacons Partnership) and Dr Riad Kassis (Director, International Langham Ministry). The community was deeply challenged to undertake more mission endeavors globally.



Day One Speaker:  
BRO. RUSSELL THORP  
DIRECTOR, BEACON PARTNERSHIPS



## >>> THE BANQUET AND GRADUATION CEREMONY

The Graduation Banquet and Ceremony marked out the faithful guidance and providence of God upon the MEGST community. The colorful and insightful contributions of our international and local guests highlighted the significance of these two consecutive events on February 14-15, 2025. The main speaker was Dr Riad Kassis. MEGST commissioned 32 MDiv and 7 DMin graduates to the world by the end of the 2024-2025 Academic Year.



Prayer for the Graduates:  
 MRS GILEAN SMILEY  
 CEO, Langham Partnership  
 Australia



GRADUATION BANQUET



Speaker:  
 BRO. RUSSELL THORP  
 Director  
 Beacon Partnerships



GRADUATION CEREMONY

SPECKER:  
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## >>> IEP Graduation & 20th Anniversary Celebration

MEGST Community celebrated the 20th Anniversary of the Intensive English Program along with the IEP Graduation on May 22, 2025. We highly appreciate the commitment and sacrifices of all the IEP teachers of 2025: Stephen Heap, Li Dorsey, Kathy Mildenhall (Team 1), Phillippa McLachlan, Onmy Holdaway, Steph Christensen (Team 2), Bronwyn Schick, Jo Bisset, Jenni Bedford, and Keith Bedford (Team 3).



## >>> Registration & Orientation

For the 2025-2026 Academic Year, Registration and Student Orientation took place on 30 May 2025. MEGST scored the highest number of enrolled students this year, with 43 for the MDiv, 14 for the MTh, and 18 for the Graduate Diploma, respectively.



## >>> FRESHERS' DAY

MEGST Community enjoyed the Freshers Day. On June 13, 2025, the stage was theirs for the new students for the talent show, and they were warmly welcomed to their "second home" with a family spirit.



## >>> RELIEF TEAM OF MEGST

Myanmar suffered an earthquake with a magnitude of 7.7 on March 28, 2025. In response, MEGST organized a relief team with current students and graduates, headed by our Principal. Cooperating with graduates who live in Mandalay, the team visited the most affected areas, including Mandalay, and Sagaing, from April 26 to May 2, 2025, to provide relief. They assisted many victims with gift packages. Thank God for the opportunity to be a channel of blessings and gratitude to our global friends who got involved in this project both morally and financially.



# Praise & Prayer Points

- Praise God for the new record of student numbers this academic year amid an unpredictable situation.
- Pray that we maintain a healthy relationship with our Buddhist neighbors and local authorities, as we have a growing number of young students in our community.
- Given the faculty and student ratio, pray for the three faculty (Daniel CS Piang, David Van Lian, Tha Lian Ci) to complete their doctoral studies and the right persons to be sent for faculty development soon.
- As the students grow in number, pray that MEGST provides sufficient accommodation and facilities for the classroom and dormitories.



### ABOUT US

MEGST is an evangelical bible college meaning that it strongly believes and emphasizes the characteristics of Evangelicalism: The inerrancy and inspiration of the Bible, The Virgin Birth of Christ, the substitutionary atonement of Christ, the need of personal trust for salvation, and the urgent need of evangelism in obedience to the great commission. MEGST is the right place for those who have the assurance of God's calling for ministry, those who love God and want to be rooted in the word of God, and for those who want to serve effectively with a Christ-like lifestyle.

Rev Dr CK Hrang Tiam (Principal)

### Why MEGST?

- ✓ ATA accredited
- ✓ MECA School
- ✓ Library with over 20,000 books
- ✓ Air-Con classrooms with full facilities
- ✓ Dormitory accommodation for male and female students



### Our Vision

MEGST trains and equips Christians to be Christ-like leaders who build up the church and the nation of Myanmar and beyond.

### Faculty (fulltime)

We have faculty all with post graduate qualification and many years of teaching experiences.

- 8 - doctoral degree holders
- 5 - MTh degree holders
- 3 - faculty in training (for PhD)

### Research

Post-graduate Seminar

In this academic year (2022-23), MEGST had four post-graduate seminars. Faculty and students of Master of Theology and Doctor of Ministry joined seminars and O&A times were so lively and dynamic. All faculty and students enjoyed and felt more stimulated to engage more in coming seminars. MEGST is convinced that Christianity in Myanmar needs such an atmosphere where each faculty and student share their experiences and thoughts so that churches in Myanmar may grow more holistically.

### What students are saying?

"After my life sharing experience with gospel-hearted faculty and friends at MEGST, I have confidence to preach and teach biblically and theologically in any context of Myanmar and beyond!"  
*Tong Kha Pong San (2016 graduate)*

"As an interdenominational, multi-cultural and quality institution MEGST moulds me to be a Spirit-filled educator (over my biblical languages, theological knowledge and Christian maturity to whom I came across at MEGST)."  
*May Pan Lin (2009 graduate)*

"MEGST enabled me to grow spiritually, academically and practically in the necessary preparation for the field. My needed aspects for the ministry have been met significantly as it is an excellent institute with many educational, spiritual, and communal resources."  
*Sai Khun (2017 graduate)*

"MEGST inspires me to pursue Gospel-centered work and preaching, as well as the skilful coaching of friendly professors. I am moved to become involved in changing social responsibilities and preaching the gospel!"  
*Redawmying Phayman (MDiv III student, 2023 graduate)*



### Programs

**MDiv**  
The Master of Divinity is our foundational 3-year program covering Biblical, Theological, Pastoral and Intercultural Studies. There is an optional 4th year where students can major in one of the four areas above. There are around 90 students in this program.

**IEP**  
The 3-month Intensive English Program (IEP) is an essential part of the MEGST academic program and is a requirement for all MDiv and MTh students. It runs from March to May each year, 5 days a week. It is taught by native speakers.

**DMin**  
The Doctor of Ministry is designed for students who are actively involved in vocational ministry. It is a non-residential program that requires at least three years of study.

**MTh**  
The Master of Theology is a 2-year program comprising 34 units of class work and 12 units for thesis work. Students can major in Theology or Intercultural Studies.

**MAOL**  
The Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership is jointly offered by MEGST and Development Associates International (DAI). It is a 3-year part-time program that focuses on issues facing Christian leaders in developing countries. All the above programs are conducted in English.

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