



THE DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE

# DIOCESAN MISSION

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## 2021

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ANNUAL REPORT

# 2021 AT A GLANCE

## FOREWORD

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in restricted travels, no onsite gathering, and various health, economic, and social hardships. Deans, who are based in Singapore, have been unable to visit their deaneries and be with the local teams. Episcopal visits for confirmation, ordination, or consecration of properties have also been postponed. New Deans who were appointed during the Pandemic could only employ online avenues to connect with the staff and leaders in the deaneries.

Despite all the restrictions, we praise God that ministry teams in various places are still on-going and everyone has adapted to new ways to continue the ministry of care and worship. Staff and members have picked up new skills to utilise different communication channels such as LINE, WhatsApp, Zoom, Facebook live and YouTube.

While there are ministry challenges, there have been great needs when it comes to practical needs of the people in the deaneries. With that, ACROSS had provided a seed fund of \$10,000 per deanery for the COVID-19 Relief through the local churches. Due to the severity of the situation in the Deaneries of Nepal and Indonesia, more funds were made available. The Deanery of Vietnam also shared the \$10,000 with Nepal and Indonesia as the situation in Vietnam was well controlled then.

## COVID RELIEF

"We thank God for the opportunities for the Diocese and the Deanery of Nepal to be able to provide food support to 2,016 families in Nepal through the Food Relief support from May to July 2021. This is a witness of God's faithfulness, love and compassion to be a blessing to all during this difficult time. We also thank God for the many churches, organisations and individuals who have



*Covid Relief in Nepal.*

generously contributed towards these food relief efforts.”  
– Canon Steven Asirvatham, Dean of Nepal

For the Deanery of Thailand, a Task Force has initiated a project to distribute “Shared Love” Care Packs for members who have contracted the virus. Each care pack contains medication recommended by a public hospital to reduce the symptoms; medical supplies such as mask, hand sanitizer, and biohazard bags; as well as equipment such as oxymeter, thermometer, and ART kits that they can use whenever needed. The Task Force had also provided advice, such as the usage of the medication provided, self-care, and information on where to notify and register their infection so that they can receive timely information from the government and receive teleconsultation with doctors.



*Deanery of Cambodia during a Food Relief session at Ksart Borei, Pursat*



*“Shared Love” Care Pack distributed in the Deanery of Thailand*



*Food distribution in Svay Rieng*

# CAMBODIA



ORGANISATION AND HR PROFILE  
(JAN-DEC 2020)



1 Parish

1 City Church

5 Rural Mission

23 Outreaches



2 Social Development Ministries



11/2 Indigenous Admin & Support staff (Church / Other Ministries)

3/3 Missionaries (DOS / Mission Partners)

2 Indigenous Clergy

14 Indigenous Pastoral Staff

FINANCE PROFILE (SGD)  
(JAN-DEC 2020) *COMBINED - ACC, CCOP, and COGSPP*

Total Income In Country (Total Income Received by Indigenous Entities)	Overseas Donations	Total Expenditure	Surplus/Deficit	% of Local Income / Total Expenditure
\$150,595.48	\$127,631.97	\$284,847.19	(\$134,251.71)	52.8%

## INFRASTRUCTURAL PROJECTS

**Project 1:** To build a single-storey dorm for 16-20 students from poor families in the remote villages so that they can study in the school located in town and get to hear about Christ.

**Budget Required (SGD)**

**\$54,000**

(estimate is \$40,000 USD)

**Funds in hand (SGD)**

**SACC**

main donor

**Balance Needed (SGD)**

**\$54,000**

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**Project 2:** To house students from E2STEM, a school founded by a former minister of Singapore.

**Budget Required (SGD)**

**\$18,000**

(for rent, furnishing & fittings, minor repairs)

**Funds in hand (SGD)**

**\$3,000**

(from the previous donation for dorm ministry)

**Balance Needed (SGD)**

**\$15,000**

## PRAYER NEEDS

- For Cambodia's reopening by year-end that it would not cause too many cases of Covid-19 deaths or serious ailments.
- For the poor to receive the assistance they need.
- For churches to reopen safely soon.

**INDONESIA**



ORGANISATION AND HR PROFILE  
(JAN-DEC 2020)



1 Parish

32 Churches

3756  
Total Baptised  
Members (*Indigenous*)



2  
Social Development  
Ministries

5 Kindergartens/  
Schools

48 Education Staff  
(*Teachers & School Admin*)



28  
Indigenous Admin &  
Support staff (*Church /  
Other Ministries*)

5  
Missionaries

9 Indigenous Clergy

24 Indigenous Pastoral Staff

FINANCE PROFILE (SGD)  
(JAN-DEC 2020)

Total Income In Country (Total Income Received by Indigenous Entities)	Overseas Donations	Total Expenditure	Surplus/ Deficit	% of Local Income / Total Expenditure
\$293,332	\$181,852	\$482,934	(\$ 7,749)	61%



# INFRASTRUCTURAL PROJECT

## Anglican Theological College

**Project:** To establish a residential theological college to train workers to plant churches throughout Indonesia.

Budget Required (SGD)	Funds in hand (SGD)	Balance Needed (SGD)
\$800,000	350,000	\$450,000

### PRAYER NEEDS

- The development of an Anglican theological college to train workers for the harvest field.
- Protection for the clergy and pastors as they minister in very challenging contexts.
- A harvest of souls for God’s kingdom.

**LAOS**



ORGANISATION AND HR PROFILE  
(JAN-DEC 2020)



1 Church

32

Total Baptised  
Members (*International*)

58

Indigenous Admin &  
Support staff



4  
Language Centres

1 Vocational Skills  
Training Centre

1 Vulnerable Children  
Protection Centre



1 Church

25

Mission Partners

3 Other Ministries

FINANCE PROFILE (SGD)  
(JAN-DEC 2020)

Total Income In Country (Total Income Received by Indigenous Entities)	Overseas Donations	Total Expenditure	Surplus/ Deficit	% of Local Income / Total Expenditure
\$282,000	\$258,000	\$537,000	(\$3,000)	53%

## INFRASTRUCTURAL PROJECT

**Project:** Skills Centre to develop the reach of the centre by living out and speaking of the gospel whilst training in vocational skills. Land use will also help fund Skills Centre activities.

Budget Required (SGD)	Funds in hand (SGD)	Balance Needed (SGD)
\$990,000	Nil	\$990,000

## PRAYER NEEDS

- That our Lord will use the COVID-19 Pandemic and economic difficulties in Laos for Christ's glory.
- For new National Director of ARDA to replace Jeff Jaquith. Jeff has served in an outstanding manner.
- Pray for Ian and Sue Jennings as they prepare to serve at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Vientiane.

**NEPAL**



## ORGANISATION AND HR PROFILE (JAN-DEC 2020)



**3** Parishes

**106** Churches

**10,712**

Total Baptised  
Members<sup>1</sup> (*Indigenous /  
International*)



**1**  
Kindergartens

**7** Education Staff  
(*Teachers & School  
Admin*)



**3**  
Indigenous Admin &  
Support staff (*Church /  
Other Ministries*)

**2**  
Missionaries

**11** Indigenous Clergy | **112** Indigenous Pastoral Staff

## FINANCE PROFILE (SGD) (2019)

Total Income In Country (Total Income Received by Indigenous Entities)	Overseas Donations	Total Expenditure	Surplus/ Deficit	% of Local Income / Total Expenditure
<b>\$178,077</b>	<b>\$322,145</b>	<b>\$473,494</b>	<b>\$26,728</b>	<b>38%</b>

## PRAYER NEEDS

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to inspire our clergy and pastors, as they continue to care for our members, and to provide spiritual food through online teachings and services.
- Pray for the faith of the people to arise & to be strengthened amid this very difficult time. And Pray for God's protection over the church in Nepal.
- Pray that the Church in Nepal will continue to reach out to the poor and the needy especially as they prepare for new waves of covid infections.

**THAILAND**



## ORGANISATION AND HR PROFILE (JAN-DEC 2020)



**1** Parish

**11** Churches

**735/115**

Total Baptised  
Members (*Indigenous /  
International*)



**4** Kindergartens/  
Schools

**61** Education  
Staff (*Teachers & School  
Admin*)

**3** Social Development  
Ministries (*e.g. vocational  
centres, children's home,  
language centres, etc*)



**13**  
Indigenous Admin &  
Support staff (*Church /  
Other Ministries*)

**4/4**  
Missionaries (*DOS /  
Mission Partners*)

**3** Indigenous Clergy

**17** Indigenous Pastoral Staff

## FINANCE PROFILE (SGD) (JAN-DEC 2020)

Total Income In Country (Total Income Received by Indigenous Entities)	Overseas Donations	Total Expenditure	Surplus/ Deficit	% of Local Income / Total Expenditure
<b>\$544,434</b>	<b>\$407,997</b>	<b>\$866,081</b>	<b>(\$86,350)</b>	<b>63%</b>



INFRASTRUCTURAL PROJECTS

- Project:** Phase 1B involves the construction of 3 buildings consisting of
- The church building with a seating capacity of 400 pax as well as offices, ministry rooms, and smaller halls.
  - ACT HQ office and Training Centre with accommodation for 50 pax.
  - Kindergarten with a capacity of receiving 200 kids.

Budget Required (SGD)	Funds in hand	Balance Needed (SGD)
<b>\$3.5 million</b> (THB 78,000,000)	<b>\$397,000</b> (THB 8,969,000)	<b>\$3.103 million</b>

PRAYER NEEDS

- Pray for the ACT family as we continue to live out the values of Family, Rootedness, and Missions until the whole land is filled with the glory of God.
- Pray for the churches to be focused and committed towards evangelism and discipleship. Pray that they will establish a clear structure for discipleship and find keys to open doors to reach out to their communities.
- Pray for the church leaders for wisdom to pastor effectively and grow the church amidst the COVID-19 pandemic or the “new normal”.



**VIETNAM**



ORGANISATION AND HR PROFILE  
(JAN-DEC 2020)



3 Churches

228 Total  
Baptised Members  
(Indigenous)



1 School

14 Education  
Staff (Teachers & School  
Admin)



2 Indigenous Admin &  
Support staff

1  
Missionary

2 Indigenous Clergy

2 Indigenous Pastoral Staff

FINANCE PROFILE (SGD)  
(JAN-DEC 2020)

Total Income In Country (Total Income Received by Indigenous Entities)	Overseas Donations	Total Expenditure	Surplus/ Deficit	% of Local Income / Total Expenditure
\$110,312	\$136,429	\$223,559	(\$ 23,182)	49%

## INFRASTRUCTURAL PROJECTS

**Project 1** (*Church planting at Halong City (Church of The True Light):*

Rev Jacob and CTTL started a church planting work at Halong city in 2019. Currently, we are renting a house for use as a church and an office. There are 20 regular church members. We plan to purchase land to build a property to be used as a church and retreat training centre. We hope to buy 500 square metres of land at about SGD 2,200 per sq.m

**Budget Required (SGD)**

**\$1,100,000**

**Funds in hand (SGD)**

**\$86,500**

**Balance Needed (SGD)**

**\$1,013,500**

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**Project 2** (*Church premises for Church of Christ our Hope at Ho Chi Minh):*

CCOH needs a permanent location for a place of worship, church office, teaching rooms, and community meetings. The landlord of the current rental 5-storey building (built-up area 238 square metres) is offering it to CCOH at SGD9,700 per sq. m. The foundation allows 2 more storeys to be added to the present building structure.

**Budget Required (SGD)**

**\$2,308,600**

**Funds in hand (SGD)**

**\$86,500**

**Balance Needed (SGD)**

**\$2,222,100**

## PRAYER NEEDS

- For the Lord to protect and preserve the congregants and leaders as they face a rampant rise of Covid infections in Vietnam, especially in Ho Chi Minh City during this time.
- For God's help to raise a younger generation in committed discipleship and godly leadership.
- For divine wisdom in Identifying, encouraging, and training the indigenous leaders for the deanery.



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