

# MYANMAR

## The Issue:

Myanmar, previously known as Burma, was ruled by the Konbaung dynasty until the British took control after three Anglo-Burmese Wars in the 19th century. After gaining independence in 1948, Myanmar became a military dictatorship under the Burma Socialist Programme Party.

Ethnic strife has plagued the country, resulting in human rights violations and one of the world's longest-running ongoing civil wars. In 2011, the military junta was dissolved, and a nominally civilian government was installed, leading to an improvement in human rights and foreign relations. However, the country's treatment of ethnic minorities remains condemned.

In 2020, the military seized power again in a coup, leading to ongoing protests and political repression. Myanmar is a resource-rich country, but its corrupted leadership has resulted in poverty and persecution.

Approximately 87% of Myanmar's population identifies as Buddhist. With a history of oppression and corrupt leadership, Myanmar has become a closed country from the world. The people have been deprived of knowledge, information, training and leadership development and are still living in turmoil, hopelessness, oppression, poverty and fear.

Hence, the need to raise good Christian leaders for the future is critical.

## The Plan

### GLS MYANMAR

The GLS began in Yangon in 2009, then the capital city of Myanmar while under the military government. A room of leaders who were passionate for God and desperate for input and training were empowered and encouraged in their leadership.

Over time, the GLS in Yangon grew to 1,300 participants with 55 churches and organizations participating. It ran in seven other Myanmar cities reaching more than 4,500 leaders with attendees including pastors, businessmen, educators, politicians, youth and NGOs.

During the 2021 coup and COVID crisis, many lives were lost, villages were burnt down, Churches destroyed, and violent protests became a daily occurrence. People lived in fear, despair, hopelessness, and anger. Hence, in 2021 the GLS committee adapted the format from a live gathering to an online event. Many were encouraged and empowered but a digital event was not the best solution for Myanmar due to the tight military control of electricity and the internet.

In 2022, GLS Myanmar re-strategized from an online event to doing GLS Local. The strategy was to run 44 local GLS events in Churches, hospitals, drug habitation centers, Bible Schools and other organizations across nine cities.

The GLS is a beacon of light and hope for the people.



## The Possibilities

Myanmar has 14 major cities. We envisioned that GLS Myanmar will eventually reach all these **14 cities** with more than **100 GLS sites** in the coming years.

The GLS movement has become a well-received leadership summit throughout this country. It is empowering leaders and transforming cities into bringing hope and light to this nation that is so filled with turmoil and oppressions.

*"The Future of Myanmar is as bright as the Promises of God."*

Adoniram Judson

## The Need

The Global Leadership Network has empowered leaders, Churches and organizations and brought unity to the people in Myanmar. It has initiated many movements that is bringing transformation to the country, bringing hope and encouragement to the people in Myanmar.

### Estimated Cost for GLS Myanmar 2023

100 GLS Locals @ \$500 each	\$50,000
Translation and Voice over	\$5,000
Administration	\$15,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$70,000</b>

