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# ABWU ECHOES

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## “Beacon of Hope... in the midst of crisis”

Greetings to all our beloved sisters in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

The year 2021 brings in new hope after a year full of sorrow and despair due to Covid 19 Pandemic in 2020. Many countries rushed to give vaccines and tried to open up their borders to rebuild the battered economy.

For the first time in history, BWA and BWAU held its first virtual world conference from July 7-10th,2021. ABWU is blessed to be able to participate and also proud to sponsor more than 150 candidates to attend the conference. It was a blessing for many women around the world to meet and share and pray together. Hallelujah!

Unfortunately, at that time Asia was seeing a resurgence of Covid 3 rd wave starting from India, Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, Phillipines and Myanmar followed by the rest of South East Asian countries. A new Covid 19 delta variant which is highly contagious with deadly affect created chaos and mayhem in many of our countries putting a heavy burden on our healthcare systems.

During the first and second wave of the pandemic, ABWU came out strong with “Women helping Women” project, reaching out with relief and support to the needy and vulnerable women and children. For this third wave, in addition to that, ABWU, with the support of International

IT IS DURING OUR DARKEST MOMENTS THAT WE MUST FOCUS TO SEE THE LIGHT.

Azizah Chuan



Ministries have come up with “ ABWU Covid 19 Community Management” project on health education emphasizing on prevention, early detection and early treatment to save many lives instead of rushing to look for a hospital bed for admission only when there is a drop in oxygen levels and other complications setting in ,ending with fatal results.

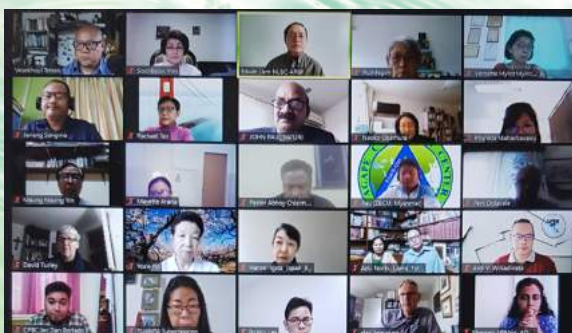


ABWU started distributing preventive kits which includes, masks, hand sanitisers, thermometers and pulse oximeters to prevent infection and early detection of fever and monitoring of oxygen levels. A basic medical kit with first line medicines and nutritious food like eggs and rice are also distributed to each household through churches and community leaders. This has brought a big relief to the anxiety and anxiousness of many families. A detailed health education pamphlet in local language helps explain the importance of washing hands, wearing masks and social distancing. The world including Asia is again thrown into darkness but ABWU is rising up again as a “ Beacon of Hope “to shine light in the midst of Crisis.

Let us continue to uphold one another in prayers and support for “I lift up my eyes to the mountains -where does my strength come from?”(Psalms121:1) Even though my country is wrecked with Covid and coup, I lift up my eyes to my Father to give me strength to encourage others in need. We all know that the Lord that watches over Asia never slumbers nor sleep and takes care of us both day and night. We the women of Asia Baptist Women's Union will always try to be the Beacon of Hope to others during these challenging times to overcome all obstacles for a brighter 2022. May God bless you all.

Dr. Vernetta Myint Myint San President, ABWU.

More than 60 friends joined the pray rally for Myanmar organised by APBF. Let us all pray for an end to the pandemic and peace in Myanmar.



▲ REV. Edwin Lam President of APBF

◀ ZOOM MEETING

# ABWU VIRTUAL Prayer Day for Asia Crisis!

Saturday, May 15, 2021 12 pm

**ABWU PRAYER DAY FOR CRISIS IN ASIA!**  
 "PRAY AND PRESS ON"  
 I press on toward the goal to win the prize.  
 Philippians 3:14

**REV. LESLIE TURLEY**  
 Area Director, Southeast Asia and Japan  
 International Ministries

**Saturday, 15 May, 2021** **ZOOM**  
 Meeting ID: 371 920 1043  
 Password: ABWU2021

9:00AM - Pakistan  
 9:30AM - India, Sri Lanka  
 9:45AM - Nepal  
 10:30AM - Myanmar  
 11:00AM - Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, Indonesia  
 12 NOON - Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines  
 1:00PM - Japan, South Korea

We conducted an Asia prayer service through Zoom on May 15 for the Covid19 surge in India and it's neighboring countries, Myanmar's serious military coup situation and the entire Asian region.

More than 120 brothers and sisters from 16 countries have joined ABWU prayer day for "Asia in Crisis".

We are so encouraged by good response.

Let's keep praying for Asia! (Let's continue to pray for Asia!)

## Welcome and Greeting

## The Sermon



Dr. Vernetta, ABWU President



Rev. Leslie Turley

Executive officers of each country prayed for crisis of Asian countries and ABWU officers presented Covid-19 situation in Korea, Malaysia and Thailand.

### Please Note

We have fixed the date as second Saturday of May each year to be ABWU Prayer day!

## ABWU IS READY FOR THE THIRD WAVE SUPPORT FOR ASIA!

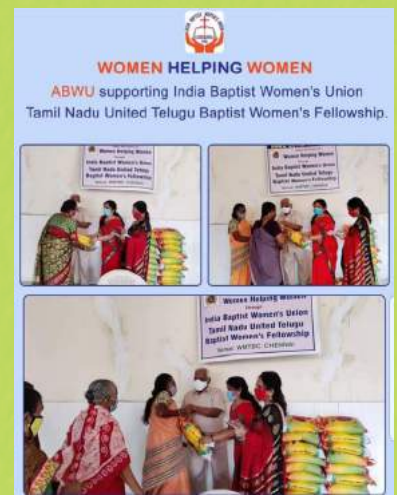
## "Women helping women COVID 19 food crisis"



▲ MYANMAR



▲ PAKISTAN



INDIA ▲



MYANMAR ▶

# BWA Virtual Global Conference

On July 7th, the Global Conference of Baptist Women hosted by the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance was held online. It was scheduled to be held in Brazil last year, but has been postponed for a year due to COVID-19. The Baptist World Alliance is made up of 47,000,000 members from 241 member bodies in 126 countries. BWA are uniting to impact the world for Christ. We gather together every 5 year. It has been conducted as the first virtual conference. We share with various cultures, testimonies and prayer concerns. This year it was also a time to gather hearts together by listening to the prayers of neighbors who are suffering from COVID-19, violences, and disasters such as Myanmar, India and other countries.



BWA Vice President



President of BWA



Rev. Dr. Gina Stewart



Ingrid Lydia Lopung of Indonesia

## ABWU SCHOLARSHIP FOR BWA GLOBAL CONFERENCE

For the BWAWD conference, ABWU provided scholarships to 150 Women from 18 countries. BWAWD supported 25 scholarships and International Ministries had given 50 sponsorships for ABWU women. ABWU, BWA, and IM donated a total of \$4,500, \$20 each to 225 people.



We would like to thank the world and our Baptist family for the prayers and support during these difficult times.

## ASIA PRESENTATION

The Women helping women project, run by the Asian Baptist Women's Union to support women suffering from COVID-19, played a big role in helping many Asian women provide food for their families. Dr. Vernetta San, president of ABWU shared the needs and ministries of Asian women with Baptist women around the world and thanked all the Baptists for their praying and supporting for Myanmar.

### 5 Speakers

We are grateful that five of the ABWU member bodies that applied for ABWU Covid Relief were selected so that women in those countries could benefit. They are Pakistan, India, Nepal, Philippines and Myanmar.

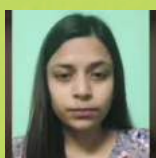
Representatives from the five countries came out as speakers at the BWA Global Conference, explaining the situation in each country and thanking BWA, ABWU families and president Vernetta for their support, Covid relief through women helping women.



Pakistan



India



Nepal



Indonesia



Philippines

### Special performance of ABWU



Thailand



Singapore and Myanmar



Korea

ASIA BAPTIST WOMEN'S UNION

RECEIPT & PAYMENT ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD : 1 SEPTEMBER 2020 TO 30 JUNE 2021

	SGD	SGD	SGD
<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>			<b>97,584.77</b>
<b>INFLOW OF FUND</b>			
<b>WDOP Offerings 2020/2021</b>			
Philippines Women's Mission Union, DOP 2019 USD 4,380	5,883.19		
Myanmar B Convention WD: DOP Kyats 1,700,000	1,700.00		
UIBC WD Indonesia : DOP USD 2,094.98	2,773.60		
Singapore B Convention WD: DOP SGD 1,760	1,760.00		
Singapore B Convention WD: DOP SGD 500	500.00		
Singapore B Convention WD: DOP SGD 300	300.00		
Taiwan C B Convention WD: DOP USD 3,387	4,435.78		
Malaysia B. Ladies Union: DOP RM 7,080 + RM200	2,372.00		
Thailand BWU: DOP THB 32,660	1,420.00		
Cambodia BU WD : DOP USD 100	132.80		
KBWMU, KOREA: DOP USD 10,000	13,210.54		
IBA Indonesia: DOP IDR 17,525,000	1,585.10		
Hong Kong Baptist WMU: DOP 2020 HKD 43,711	7,401.68		
Okinawa Baptist Convention WD: DOP 2020 USD 4,355.46	5,796.70		
Japan Baptist Women: DOP 2020 USD 2,684.93	3,573.31		
Philippines Women Mission Union DOP 2020 USD 147	183.50		
BWM Pakistan DOP 2020 USD 50	66.00		
Japan B Women's Union DOP 2020 USD 7,707.66	10,138.68		
	<u>63,232.88</u>		
Set aside 15% for ABWU AID FUND	(9,484.93)	53,747.95	
<b>ABWU Aid Fund</b>			
15% from WDOP offerings collected		9,484.93	
Elaine Khoo Ee Leei: Covid 2nd wave donation	1,000.00		
International Ministries: Covid 2nd wave donation USD 2,000	2,670.53		
Thailand B W Union: Covid 2nd wave donation THB 32,000	1,390.00		
Covid Aid Donation from Thailand THB 20,000	860.00		
Asia Pacific B. F: ABWU AID (Myanmar Relief Fund)	2,668.00		
International Ministries : (Myanmar Relief Fund) USD 2,000	2,607.65		
BWA: Myanmar Red Ribbon Project USD 2,000	2,569.72		
International Ministries: Myanmar Covid Fund USD 5,000	6,677.10		
Japan B. Women's Union: Women helping Women USD 932.49	1,219.95		
APBF: Emergency Relief Fund-Myanmar MBC USD 2,000	2,690.00		
Elon Church Okinawa: Myanmar Charity Clinic USD 3,000	3,385.88		
APBAid 2021: Myanmar Emergency response USD 2,000	2,690.00		
International Ministries: USD 3,675 Myanmar Medical Aid	4,870.68		
APBAid 2021-Myanmar Emergency Response MBC USD 2,000	2,653.00		
International Ministries-Myanmar USD 16,081.48	21,148.40	59,100.91	
<b>ABWU Sunday Fund: UIBC Women Indonesia SGD 1,000</b>		990.00	
<b>Special Contribution: Jennifer Naw</b>	100.00		
<b>Special Contribution:WSBAK Dimapur Nagaland</b>	350.00	450.00	
<b>Collections from key-chains sold</b>		934.00	
<b>Refund from BAWWD</b>		4,659.52	
<b>Bank Interest Received</b>		31.40	129,398.71
<b>TOTAL INFLOW OF FUND</b>			<b>226,983.48</b>
<b>LESS: OUTFLOW OF FUND</b>			
50% Remittance to BAWWD		27,014.73	
Administrative Expenses		3,417.89	
Aids: Myanmar/Cambodia/Philippines/India/Pakistan/Thailand/Malaysia/Sri Lanka		64,611.31	95,043.93
		<u>CLOSING BALANCE IN SGD</u>	<u>131,939.55</u>
		<b>CLOSING BALANCE SGD 131,939.55 equivalent to USD 92,357.69</b>	

Please donate to us...

Receiving Bank : Oversea - Chinese Banking Corporation Limited

Beneficiary Name : Lim Sai Mooi / Myint Myint San

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SWIFT Code : OCBCSGSG

Bank Code : 687

Bank Address : 65 Chulia Street OCBC Centre Singapore 049513

Baptist World Day of Prayer on Zoom.

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