



Dear Friend,

Coming off our 50th anniversary, we had high aims...And 2018 is a year of "breakthrough" thanks to donors and leaders like you! On several fronts, we are seeing substantive progress that encourages our hearts. It honestly feels like the book of Acts where the church grew so rapidly:

And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. - Acts 11:21

Everywhere we turn, God is bringing progress. Whether it be new growth in Japan, expansion into new countries and regions, empowering women and younger leaders, progress toward further sustainability, and even the Lord's provision for ministry, Asian Access is humming on all eight cylinders and it's exciting to see. Clearly, the 'hand of the Lord' is with Asian Access and we are seeing unprecedented ministry growth. This growth was so apparent to our board that they said things like this at our recent board meeting:

"Joe, clearly the Lord has anointed you. How else can we explain all this progress without seeing the Lord's hand of favor on your life, ministry and leadership!"

"The word acceleration comes to mind as we look at what God is doing through Asian Access. This is a time to invest in more growth. The harvest is ripe before us."

In this report, you'll get a taste of what God is doing through all of you, and I simply want to say 'thank you' for your part in seeing this good news. Know that you are helping to make a difference. Your prayers, teaching, partnership, and support are right there beside us every step of the way. And, we are grateful.

My prayer for you during this season of harvest is as follows:
And may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all people, just as we also do for you. - 1 Thessalonians 3:12

May the Lord's favor rest on you as you so faithfully partner with us in ministry. May you see the Lord's hand on your life, family and ministry in the coming year. May he abundantly bless all that you do and may you sense the same acceleration that we are seeing. I praise God for you.

For His Kingdom,


Joseph W. Handley Jr.

Breakthroughs...
thanks to you!

ASIAN ACCESS MINISTRY BREAKTHROUGHS

A Report To A2 Partners: Asian Ministry & Marketplace Leaders and Financial Partners Worldwide



Two new countries were launched in 2018—Indonesia and Country X (for security reasons we cannot name). Because of your support, A2 has grown from 11 countries to 15 countries in just two years—including. We are grateful for this rapid growth after several years of laying foundations, building relationships with leaders in-country, and much prayer from people like you.

The Faculty Development Task Force culminated several years of fruitful work with the first-ever Training Intensive for in-country faculty, October 23 – 24, 2018, in Bangkok. 34 leaders from 10 A2 countries were trained by Dr. Bob and Erlinda Betia, national leaders from the Philippines who served as missionaries in Cambodia and Thailand. Now semi-retired, they generously donate their time to train emerging leaders to become effective teachers and trainers. We are thrilled that they have agreed to invest into these emerging Asian Access leaders.

The Program Development Task Force has taken a lead role in developing the content for, and facilitating, our annual National Directors (ND) meeting, held each October. This is a working session where key issues are tackled together as a movement. At the 2017 and 2018 ND meetings, the entire event was developed and led by leaders from Asia.



Significant strides have been made in discussions with leaders in Thailand and Malaysia. We are also in significant conversation with leaders in South Korea and another potential new country that, for security reasons, we cannot name.



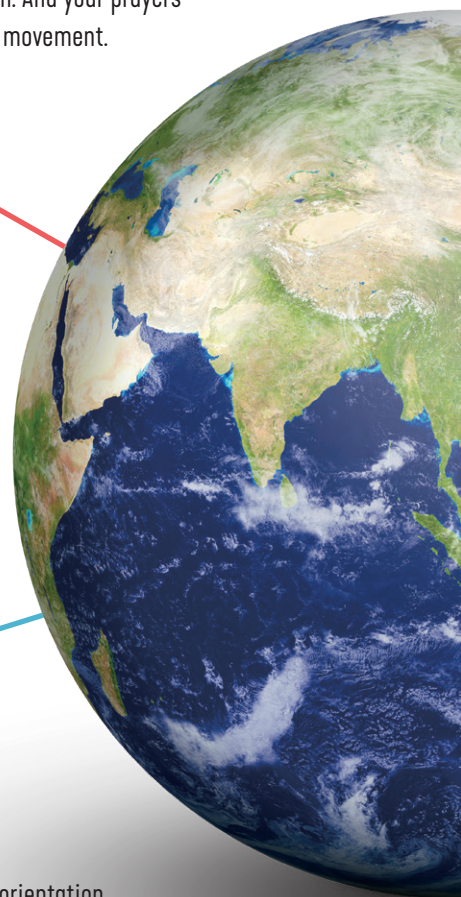
LEADER DEVELOPMENT

This increased capacity, from our leaders in the region, is a major boost for Asian Access' efforts to become a movement that can be sustainable for the long term. And your prayers are fueling this movement.

Asian Access India has three programs running concurrently—A2/India North, A2/India South, and A2/India West. They are hard at work toward expanding into two more regions, east and northeast.

Thanks to you all, the progress we are making in exploring new countries has encouraged us as we work toward our goal of expanding to 20 countries by the end of the year 2020.

Much of the increased energy and effectiveness of Asian Access has been realized through the efforts of special task forces—smaller groups of A2 national leaders who commit even more volunteer time to help Asian Access move forward.



The Pan Asia Leader Development (PALD) program is a brand-new multinational cohort initiative that launched in 2018 to develop Asian leaders to “lead the church across Asia.” Our first cohort, from five Asian Access countries, has ten alumni leaders, who are called and gifted to lead beyond their own national borders. These leaders develop together through on-site leadership experiences in each of their countries, through intentional relationships with each other and national level leaders, and on-going feedback to reach their maximum influence.



PAN ASIA LEADER DEVELOPMENT COHORT

The first cohort met in April for orientation and held their first in-country session in Japan in August. Participants are already excited about their expanded visions and perspectives and how God is developing them through this new experiential program.



Completed 1st A2.business cohort in India: After two years of building deep relationships with each other while learning from marketplace leaders from around the globe who served as faculty, nine business leaders finished the inaugural A2.business program in India. One faculty, a former senior vice president for Walmart described the cohort as “movers and shakers on one hand and seekers and humble servants on the other.” He went on to say, “The fact that they are already in positions of leadership makes the A2.business experience immediately useful to everyone.”

Singapore, Taiwan and Japan interested in starting A2.business: In each country a core leadership team has formed. They are exploring if and when an A2.business cohort might start in each country. These three countries represent key crossroads in Asia where business is conducted that reaches around the world. Amazing to see believers who are keen on breaking down the sacred/secular divide and influencing the important business sphere of society.

Completed 2nd A2.business cohort in South Korea: An innovative cohort of men and women entrepreneurs graduated from the second A2.business cohort in based in Seoul. Together they spurred each other on to Christ-like leadership while deepening their commitment to be missional in their businesses. Several are strategizing ways to be prepared if the Korean peninsula is unified.



Thanks to your investment and prayers, we are ready to open in Hong Kong: A leadership team is in place and faculty are all set for the first A2.business program session in Hong Kong which will take place in March 2019. Top c-suite business men and women are being mobilized now to be a part of this initial cohort. Based in Hong Kong, they will be strategically placed for extending their marketplace influence throughout Asia.



A2.business

Strategy for the future: A2.business program participants develop a strategic plan for what they will do after completing the two years together. One of the business leaders in India shared that coming out of what he learned he feels compelled to be an “agent for integrating the sacred/secular dichotomy” in the marketplace. Toward that end he intends to form a place for c-suite leaders to “hang-out” and do discipleship together. This kind of strategic thinking is what being a missional leader in the marketplace is all about!

A2.business graduates agree to lead future cohorts: Contributing to the sustainability of marketplace leader training in India and South Korea, graduates of these cohorts have stepped up to run the program for future cohorts. Having a core leadership team in a country is the most important aspect of sustainability. This along with contributions participants make to cover the expenses of each session result in a program that is self-sustaining quickly.



A2.business garners video from key business leaders sharing their lives for our cohorts in Asia: Mike Duke, former CEO of Walmart; Dan Cathy, CEO of Chick-fil-A; and Terry Looper, founder and CEO of Texon LP among others shared their thoughts on what is like to be a believer while leading large businesses. Their insights are providing important life-lessons for A2.business participants in India, South Korea, and soon Hong Kong.



In September A2/Japan graduated its first U40 cohort (all pastors are under 40) and also launched U30, a brand-new cohort for leaders under 30 years of age. As Japanese society changes and globalization grows, it needs hybrid leaders who can bridge multiple cultures with increasing immigration and the upcoming 2019 Rugby World Cup and 2020 Olympic Games.



JAPAN MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

A2 partnered with Kumamoto Mission Network after the earthquake in 2016, and we’ve seen progress in holistic outreach. This year, a new network launched with three A2 missionaries working with pastors and churches to help catalyze new church plants.

Nearly 100 key leaders across Japan gathered to focus on church multiplication, committed to seeing 50,000 churches planted.



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2018 MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Thanks to you!

ASIAN ACCESS MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

ORGANIZATIONAL FOCUS

"Asian Access understands leaders cannot be mass-produced. They are investing deeply in the lives of individual Christian leaders across Asia who in turn are reaching their nations for Christ."

DR. KEN SHIGEMATSU, SENIOR PASTOR
TENTH CHURCH, VANCOUVER



"The fact that they are already in positions of leadership makes the A2 business experience immediately useful to everyone and encourages them to go onto great things together."

EDWIN KEH,
LECTURER, THE
WHARTON SCHOOL,
UNIVERSITY OF
PENNSYLVANIA

In September, Asian Access added two high-caliber Board members to our team: Janice Munemitsu [ministry leader, California], and Francis K. Tsui [businessman, Hong Kong]

Asian Access is beginning to network with major groups focusing on the persecuted and pressured church. More than half of the countries we work in face pressure and over one third experience outright persecution.



Several countries are now seeing significant reproduction of A2's training model. These indigenous programs are proof that your investment is contributing to both Asian Access' sustainability and multiplying growth.

"Asian Access has been specifically meeting the leadership challenge by providing a forum to learn from common experience and deep expertise."

REV. C.B. SAMUEL

It was a successful breakthrough year for our advancement efforts. Through gifts from people like you, God provided contribution income of \$3.6M in FY2018. Pray for provision of \$4.2M to keep the momentum going in 2019.



"What sets Asian Access apart is a focus on the transformation of a leader's soul. A2 holds an integrated vision of life and leadership that refuses to separate a person's calling in the world from his or her communion with Christ."

SKYE JETHANI, AUTHOR,
SPEAKER, CONSULTANT
AND PASTOR

Asian Access started a new cohort for women in India, drawing from the experience of A2's Women In Ministry work in a restricted-access country.