

# YANGON, MYANMAR

Gospel Community  
of Yangon (GCY)

Trip dates:

(Team A) 12 – 18 June 2024

(Team B) 18 – 24 June 2024

## Demographics of Christians in Myanmar

There are about 4.4 million Christians in Myanmar, making it 8% of the population of 53.8 million. In Yangon, there is an estimate of 250,000 Christians.

## What is Christianity facing in Myanmar

- Since the military coup, Christians and other religious groups have experienced intensified persecution.
- The military has been propagating the view that Christians are rebels of the state.
- New church buildings are not allowed to be built.
- In predominantly Christian states like Chin or Kayah, long-established churches have suffered from attacks by government forces.

# CULTURE OF MYANMAR

There are over 200 ethnic groups in Myanmar of various cultures and traditions yet to be found. Currently there's an ongoing military conflict in the country.

Respect for elders is important. Stoicism and patience are valued virtues, that reflect a person's honour. Hence, a modest and calm disposition is shown by the people. Smiling often and having fun are frowned upon.

Due to the ongoing conflict, people cannot gather in big groups.

There's a high level of mistrust among the people in Myanmar.

## What are the cultural barriers to the gospel?

People in urban areas are tired of sitting and listening to repeated gospel sermons.

They are losing hope and are busy finding ways to cope with the current situation in the nation, such as leaving the country for jobs.

Building relationships to foster trust through practical means including, job coaching, English classes, and psychosocial support because people are looking for hope.

Using the gospel to articulate hope in the midst of the conflict.

## What are the cultural pathways to the gospel?



# Ministry Photos

Prayer for a church member  
leaving the country for  
work



Sunday worship service

Fellowship meals



Teaching believers how to  
share the gospel through  
culture and current affairs



# Ministry Activities for this trip

- 1 Kickstart a career coaching workshop which includes faith at work.
- 2 Running intermediate level English language classes.
- 3 Be involved in culture readers sessions to learn how to share the gospel using pop culture and current affairs.
- 4 Visit church plants in the city and suburbs.

## Registration QR-Code for Myanmar Trip



### Team A

12 – 18 June

Estimated trip cost: \$1,229  
Looking for a team of 6  
people

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### Team B

18 – 24 June



## INTERESTED?

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