DAI Training
Helping to Shape
the Future of Myanmar

Students and Local Staff
Share How They Are
Impacting the Next
Generation of Leaders
DAI Ministry Center Director, Go Chin Zam, explains why Myanmar leaders need your support.

Myanmar held elections in 2015 and emerged from 50+ years of military rule. The isolationist policies and economic mismanagement of previous governments left the country with poor infrastructure, endemic corruption, underdeveloped human resources, and inadequate access to capital. These challenges facing the nation are huge, but the freedom and opportunity to finally take on those challenges brings hope.

The long isolation of the country resulted in limited training opportunities and leaders are now hungry to develop their leadership. One of the biggest needs is to provide a biblical perspective on culture and ethnicity, as ethnic division dominates the international media coverage of the country and permeates every area of life. For Myanmar to experience true transformation, the division and conflict among ethnic groups must be addressed, and Christian leaders are in a great position to help bring the healing and restorative powers of Jesus Christ.

The next greatest need is to help develop a culture of mentoring to enable the current senior leaders to raise up and develop the next generation. To this end, DAI offers mentoring courses throughout the country and is working to establish a mentoring network among Christian leaders in ministry and in business.

We are presented with the amazing opportunity for DAI to come alongside these leaders and encourage them to be exactly who God is asking them to be.
DAI's Culture, Ethnicity & Diversity course helps to build understanding and cooperation across cultural boundaries.

Michael, a 2017 DAI Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership (MAOL) graduate shares, "The MAOL has been very good for my life because it has really broadened my worldview of leadership." Michael is currently a pastor ministering to a village of Bamar Buddhists in one of the poorest communities in Yangon.

Michael was born into the Chin tribe, a primarily Christian people group, that was once oppressed by the Bamar. He shares, "Culturally we are very different than those we serve, but I chose to be here because I want to help them as much as I can. I want to share the gospel so they have the hope in a living God and their life will be changed."

"I decided to do this ministry because many children and their families do not know Jesus. We've had about 40 convert from Buddhism and 150 children (many Buddhist) participate in our weekly children's ministry."

"If it were not for the MAOL program I do not think I would be serving where I am today."

MAOL GRADUATE BRIDGES CULTURAL DIVIDES TO IMPACT FUTURE GENERATIONS

Hannah, Michael's wife, shares, "I am not an official student of DAI's MAOL program but I studied the materials Michael brought home. The materials were so applicable, practical and really helpful and effective for me. It has really improved my teaching and mentoring skills."
DAI has been working primarily in Yangon, Chin State and Kachin State, with partners in other areas of the country using DAI curriculum. We plan to offer workshops in additional states later this year.
LEADERS SERVED IN MYANMAR IN 2017

505 WORKSHOPS & TRAINING

22 MAOL STUDENTS

Leadership Workshop for Kachin Pastors

Marriage Workshop in Yangon

RELIGIONS

87.9% Buddhist

6.2% Christian

4.3% Muslim

0.8% Animist

0.5% Hindu

0.2% other

0.1% none

Statistics from CIA The World Factbook
Sandar is the Centre Manager at Myanmar Vision Education Centre, where she fulfills her passion to mentor young teachers and provide a good education for the children of Myanmar.

“The Servant Leadership course gave me all the things I needed to help me lead at this fast-growing centre. It has also given me the understanding of how to raise up other young leaders. I now know that my role is not just to lead, but to support them so they can realize their potential. I want them to understand how we can work together to make a bigger impact for the Kingdom of God,” says Sandar.

She has a special passion for underprivileged children and believes that by providing them with a good education they will be able to escape poverty and have a brighter future. As a result, the Centre offers scholarships to orphan children who otherwise would not be able to attend.

Sandar adds, “We currently have 65 preschoolers and 42 primary students, of which about 25% are Christian and 75% are Buddhist. However, their status and religion do not matter to us; our goal is to show our Christian love to whoever comes to our centre and to give them the best education we can.”
DAI Marketplace Ministry Coordinator, Yawng Ku, shares why the team is focused on equipping young professionals with much-needed leadership training and spiritual mentoring.

Myanmar has a significantly large youth population, with 55% under the age of 30. As the country grows both economically and spiritually, many of the young people are finding they do not have the proper training or experience to be effective leaders.

Additionally, because Myanmar is predominately Buddhist, many young Christian leaders find that they are the only Christian in their office and struggle with how to live out their faith at work. The goal of DAI’s Marketplace Ministry is to create a community for these leaders so they can grow together in their faith, leadership and identity in Christ.

We believe once they are empowered and equipped with the right knowledge and experience, they will influence many people in their churches, workplaces and within their families.

It is our privilege to help the young professionals develop their integrity and leadership skills to establish a new culture of leadership in Myanmar.

**REACHING YOUNG PROFESSIONALS WILL HELP INFLUENCE CHURCHES, WORKPLACES AND FAMILIES**
In our newest free online course, instructors Dr. M.D. Kinoti and Dr. Paul Borthwick help students to understand their multicultural and global environments and offer ways to build understanding and cooperation across these boundaries.

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THE SCOPE OF DAI IN 2017

33,065
LEADERS SERVED

82
COUNTRIES

31
MINISTRY CENTERS

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