

## PMA Directors Commissioned

The Philippine Missions Association 26th General Assembly was held at Capitol City Baptist Church, last February 23 and 24. The ministries and resources of PMA and its members were presented. Action International Ministries Philippines Inc., North Hills Village Missions Inc., Carrascal Gospel Church Ministries Int'l., Philippine Campus Crusade for Christ (PCCC), New Tribes Mission of the Philippines, Joong Ang Presbyterian Church, OMF Philippines Inc., and Translators Association of the Philippines (TAP) presented their ministries while Operation Mobilization (OM) Philippines, Cross Train, Asian Center of Missions (ACM), ASDECS, and World in Need, Philippines presented their resources and training programs.



A sweeping sense of reverence awed every person in the house as the two leaders knelt and were prayed for by the PMA Board of Directors.

Pastor Bob Lopez, the outgoing National Director and International Director gave his 2008 report and his plans for the international mobilization of the Diaspora while the incoming National Director, Dr. Reynaldo Taniajura presented his plans and vision for PMA. Both were prayed for.

## PMA National Director Conducts Kairos, FT courses in Barbados

For the first time, the Kairos Course was conducted in Christchurch, Barbados on March 13 to 17, 2009. Dr. Clifton Charles who was seeking accreditation as Head Facilitator conducted the course. He was supervised by Dr. Rey Taniajura, Philippine Missions Association (PMA) national director. Dr. Taniajura is a course coordinator of Kairos and also serves as international course coordinator for the Caribbean. Earlier in September 2008, Dr. Charles, together with some 30 participants, attended Kairos in Trinidad and Tobago conducted by Dr. Taniajura. While in Barbados, Dr. Taniajura also

conducted the Facilitators Training Course for eight Kairos graduates who plan to team up with Dr. Charles in promoting and conducting Kairos all over the Caribbean.

The Barbados Evangelical Association (BEA) co-hosted the Kairos Course together with Worldwide Church of God Barbados. Dr. Charles who is a professor of economics at the University of West Indies is also the senior pastor of Worldwide Church of God Churches in Trinidad and Tobago, and Barbados. Dr. Nigel Taylor of the BEA welcomed the Kairos Course participants. He was joined in

by Pastor Emerson L. Boyce, executive director of the Commission on Evangelism and Missions of the Evangelical Association of the Caribbean (EAC). Dr. Charles is also a member of the governing body of both the BEA and EAC.

At the graduation ceremony for the second group of Kairos graduates for the entire Caribbean region, Dr. Charles received from Dr. Taniajura a certificate of accreditation as head facilitator of the Kairos course. Now that there is an accredited head facilitator for the Caribbean, the Kairos course can now be conducted very easily throughout the region.



Dr. Clifton Charles hands over a graduation certificate to a Kairos Course graduate in Christchurch, Barbados). Other photos inside.

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**TO MAKE JESUS KNOWN . . . GLOBALLY**

By Bob Lopez

## PMA ON THE MOVE...



Dr. Clifton Charles giving a lecture on the Global Economic Crisis at ATS



Dr. Taniajura giving the closing remarks at the Easter Union Service in Baguio City. . .



. . . and giving keynote address at the Missions Festival in Urdueta City



Meeting with Curtis Hail of E3 Ministries



PMA Staff Keith San Luis in a small group prayer session at the DNA Forum in HongKong

The Philippine Missions Association through its new national director, Dr. Rey Taniajura, together with its staff has been involved in several missions related activities and events early in the year. In January, together with volunteer staff Ptr. Rex Olandesca, Dr. Taniajura represented PMA in the strategic planning meeting of the Philippine Council of Evangelical Churches. Dr. Taniajura also took part in the first Filipino-Korean Easter Union Service held last April 12 at the Baguio Convention Center in Baguio City. The event was highlighted by a declaration of a covenant participated in by Filipino pastors in the area and their Korean counterparts. Some 2000 members of different Christian churches in Baguio City attended the event.

Together with some evangelical leaders and Korean missionaries in the Philippines, the PMA national director also witnessed the

### ...In Visayas too!

"We praise and thank the Lord for bringing Jim Thurber to the Visayas last February! The process of arranging his itinerary and schedule, the promotion, the provision etc and most importantly the outcome were wonderful testimonies of how God was behind it all every step of the way.

The brethren in Living Word Dumaguete church said that Jim's hard-hitting message during their Feb 15 Sunday service was what they

needed to hear. Sure, some felt like going out of the door mid-way or melting in their seats but God's message compelled them to stay until the final "Amen". To date, the Dumaguete church has been RUNNERS' (Reaching Unto Nations Now Empowered by the Risen Savior) constant partner and encourager in our endeavors to mobilize for missions.

signing of a memorandum of agreement between the Philippine Council of Evangelical Churches and the Christian Council of Korea. The MOA signing was held last April 21 at the EDSA Shangri-La Hotel in Mandaluyong City. Dr. Taniajura, likewise, gave the keynote address at a Missions Festival in Urdueta City on April 13 to 15. The event, which was held at the Church of the Nazarene, was sponsored by Global Partners Philippines and the Presbyterian Central College of Missions and Theological Seminary.

Meetings were also held between the national director and Jim Thurber of Unveiling His Glory and Curtis Hail of E3 ministry to look into future partnerships in promoting their respective ministries in the country.

PMA also served as host on April 11 to a lecture/forum on the "Global Economic Crisis: Its Implication for

the Church". Dr. Clifton Charles, board member of the Caribbean Council of Churches and professor of economics of the West Indies University of Barbados was guest lecturer. The Asian Theological Seminary served as venue for the event. Together with PMA staff Keith San Luis, Dr. Taniajura attended a forum on May 13 to 16 on Biblical Worldview and Holistic Transformation. Disciple Nations Alliance hosted the forum in Hongkong. At the DNA forum Dr. Taniajura explored networking possibilities with Like Minded Ministries (LMM) and the Humanitarian International Services Group executives.

Lastly, on May 20 Dr. Taniajura was the guest speaker at the worship service honoring Ptr. Paul Lim's 20<sup>th</sup> year of missions work in the Philippines. The celebration was held at the Holy Grace Christian Church in Navotas.

with around 200 brethren from different churches in Cebu as well as a few from Bohol and Agusan del Sur! While a very few had to leave to attend to some concerns, the huge majority stayed on and finished the seminar. Another testimony of God's favor upon Jim's teaching was Rob Boswell, of World InTent and PM3 proponent. He was so encouraged by the outcome that he re-convened PM3 Cebu and set up the PM3 Visayas Facilitation Team after the event.

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## TO MAKE JESUS KNOWN . . . GLOBALLY

By Bob Lopez

Vancouver is one of the most beautiful places in the world to visit. I have heard much about its fabled parks and mountain resorts. The postcards and posters spoke volumes about what these tourist's delights would be like in reality. Yet I knew my schedule and pressing responsibilities would not permit me the luxury of visiting any of them on this trip. What lie ahead of me as soon as I arrived in Langley, British Columbia was a hectic round of meetings at the Trinity Western University where the World Evangelical Alliance Missions Commission was holding CANADA 2003, the gathering of national mission leaders and mission executives of global networks to address issues that affect the way the worldwide Church does missions. The theme of this consultation was *"The Impact of Globalization on Mission."*

Wow! What a big word – GLOBALIZATION. I looked forward to the meetings since admittedly; I had been struggling with its ramifications on the Filipino missions movement.

As I suspected, I was not the only one mentally wrestling with this problem. 51 nations were represented during that consultation, each one with a distinct and unique national church context. Yet each one is linked in a way to each other not only through the spiritual bond but in a more pragmatic though nebulous sense through globalization.

Globalization is often thought of in terms of economics. This is the most visible though not fully understood face of globalization. The free flow of goods and services internationally has been the objective of those who espouse globalization

arguing that it will lead to more equitable distribution of wealth among the nations. However, in real terms, this means unhindered access of manufacturing powerhouse countries' goods and financial services to the more agricultural-based economies and markets of the developing nations. This translates to reinforcing the status quo among those who provide and those who purchase. The stream of Global money continues to flow from the East to the West despite the establishment of thousands of factories and manufacturing facilities in developing countries.

National leaders from poorer countries and their economic management teams are prone to see the advantages of adjusting their country's policies to accommodate the requirements of those who hold the world's purse strings. Many left-leaning "cause-oriented" groups see such actions as a betrayal of the trust of the citizenry who put these leaders in power.

The Church in general, has kept to the sidelines, content in sporadically engaging in the task of spreading the Good News among people who have already become numb to bad news. But not many have realized the seriousness of the corrupting effects of materialism on the individual believer as well as on the Church as a whole. Methodologies and approaches to spiritual concerns have become increasingly business-like and corporate. The Lord's people have joined the mad rush to acquire more goods like trophies believing this is to be the true measure of success. The sad outcome of this is the spirit of competition that is so rife among churches and denomi-

nations. Not a few churches have embraced the business paradigm of "bigger is better."

It is not uncommon to hear leaders pontificate about the plight of the poor and yet not commit or challenge their constituency to allocate available resources to address the needs of "others." Sadly, today it is difficult to find a Christian who has chosen the simple lifestyle in order to free up more resources for the spread of the gospel. Too many so-called followers of Jesus Christ have been hypnotized by Mammon and spend most of their waking hours trying to "get ahead in this world" forgetting that their citizenship is of heaven – supposedly. It would be healthy to recall that, in the Bible, the offer to rule over all the world's kingdoms and therefore control all the world's resources was part of the Great Temptation of our Master in the wilderness. I dare not imagine how many in God's household would actually welcome such once-in-a-lifetime "opportunity" or "breakthrough."

The word "sacrifice" used to be associated with worship. The standard set forth by the Old Testament with regards to the manner in which we approach God meant that all who acknowledged His majesty and rulership should come with an offering. The greater the relative value of the thing given was the barometer of one's devotion. Nowadays, "sacrifice" does not figure in ecclesiastical concerns except when it comes to church building projects. So often, a building serves as a monument of a congregation's material accomplishment and level of activity or a testimony of a pastor's leadership and vision but not necessarily of the church's spirituality. (Continue on p. 4)

**"The spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions. The nearer we get to Him, the more intensely missionary we become." -- Henry Martyn, missionary to India and Persia**

### Kairos in Barbados...



*A Facilitators Training Course was conducted for Kairos graduates of Trinidad and Tobago, and Barbados*



*Dr. Nigel Taylor of the Barbados Evangelical Association exhorts Kairos Course participants of the importance of missions*



*Dr. Charles receives a head facilitator's certificate from Dr. Rey Taniajura, international course coordinator for the Caribbean*

The challenges that face the Church with her mandate to send forth her best sons and daughters to be Christ's witnesses have been raised several notches with the spreading gangrene of violent religious fundamentalism. My thoughts race through the numerous incidents of senseless violence against our brethren, both Filipino and Westerner, in Mindanao. Across the globe, most Christians have dragged their feet or looked the other way when the opportunity to minister to Muslims has been raised. The threat of physical pain and even death has proven to be an effective deterrent to the spread of the Living Word among the most religiously zealous yet spiritually needy communities. One might arrive at the conclusion that the possibility of persecution carries more weight than the promise of eternal life for the average believer.

The greed that fuels globalization has also been the force behind quantum leaps in commercial technology. Whereas technology used to be the exclusive domain of scientists, today, thanks to globalization, it is available to all.

Ironically, technological advances have both helped and hampered the spread of the gospel as guardians of non-Christian faiths have utilized the latest gadgetry and software to track down identities, locations, and activities of missionaries who, likewise, use the same mediums to help spread the message of salvation. Technology has helped everyone, including the Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, New Agers and Atheists; project their ideas faster and farther.

As I see our young people

## To Make Jesus Known... Globally. Continued...

succumb to the allure of being "wired up" to the virtual world of the Internet and cyberspace, I shudder at the thought that people of tomorrow will prefer to connect to and through machines rather than with Homo sapiens. And yet, the reality that stares us in the face is – Technology rules! It has been the prime determinant of the way we communicate, plan, schedule, travel, work and even relax today! The need for direct human interaction is being subverted by the convenience of using cellular, broadband, and satellite communications. Watch out because

*Intimacy* has gone digital!

The Christian world is continuously being challenged not only to leverage technology to attain the ends of evangelism, discipleship and missions but also not to depend on it more than on the Holy Spirit. We must continue to stand firmly on the truth that it is God who touches lives and makes people whole – not the products of Silicon Valley! Therefore, though we must use all that the Lord puts within our disposal as good stewards, we must never lose sight of the fact that these only provide more channels through which God makes Himself known to men. And channels are merely delivery systems that, unless there is something put in, nothing will be coming out on the other end.

Post-modernity is another phenomenon that has taken over the Northern hemisphere and is quickly making inroads south with the help of global communications. Generation Y, and to a smaller extent, Generation X, reject the concept of absolute good and evil. To them, everything is relative according to one's own per-

ception or conviction. They refuse to be categorized or classified as a group because they value individuality more than group identity. They remember the hurt of being on the receiving end of the Boomer generation's obsession with ambition and power at the expense of relationships. This generation of young people in the West is at an identity crossroad and this sense of "being neither here nor there" is spreading rapidly in all directions. The Eastern Church is in danger of being counted out as "irrelevant" like what happened to our European counterparts if she fails to make changes that speak meaningfully to the young, restless crowd.

The Filipino Church, like everyone else in planet Earth, is swimming in this sea of globalization. How do we navigate its waters and bring justice to our calling and mandate?

The potential of the Filipino Christian community to make a global impact is far greater than many realize. You can find Filipinos serving in corporate headquarters of multinational conglomerates, hospitals and clinics, colleges and high schools, merchant marine ships, airlines, banks, shopping malls, restaurants, NGOs, and homes ALL OVER THE WORLD! Nearly 8 million Filipinos are scattered in over 190 countries as immigrants or Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) occupying positions of from top management to rank and file. The Filipino *Diaspora* is made up of businessmen and women, corporate executives, entrepreneurs, professionals, highly skilled workers, and household helpers.

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The presence of *Pinoy* evangelical congregations in nearly all countries in the world are already positioned to bring the light of the gospel to places that Western missions cannot penetrate. As a global tribe, the Filipino is firmly entrenched in almost all levels of social strata of many of the world's unreached peoples and "under-evangelized" communities. These churches can serve as launching pads of the gospel in countries where they have been planted and bring in a new dimension to the meaning of missions.

The question is, "Will we be effective?" How do we best leverage our strategic position globally through Christian (OFWs) and OFW churches? How should the Filipino Church respond to the challenge of globalization? Are we prepared to face the increasing possibility of persecution and martyrdom at the hands of fundamentalist terrorists? More importantly, what are we communicating to the adults and youngsters of this world through our lifestyle, the choices we make and the goals we pursue? Are we representing our Lord and living out His will for our lives faithfully? How do we prepare our young people today to be righteous witnesses and wise leaders?

**PMA at The Church of the Risen Lord, U.P. Campus by Terese Magsalin**

One positive thing resulting from doing a book table for a missions celebration of a church is that of the case of the Church of the Risen Lord (CRL) inside the U.P. Campus. After the book table, the Missions Pastor of CRL, Dr. Viola Martin, talked to one of our PMA staff inquiring about seminars and trainings. That paved a way for us PMA to conduct "Higher Purpose Seminar" and RHG sessions with them.

sage to their entire congregation! They also expressed desire to complete all five sessions of RHG as a church.

February 28, 2009 --- Our CrossTrain partner, Robert Clark conducted "Higher Purpose" training with CRL. Again, the response was very positive. CRL even planned to invite back Bro. Robert and his wife, Dianne, to minister to their couples.

February 21, 2009 --- RHG Session I for the 1<sup>st</sup> group of CRL was conducted. It was back-to-back with Evange-Cube or Ecube training. There were 19 CRL brethren present with key leaders of the church attending as well. The leadership of CRL and the attendees liked the message of RHG so much that they wanted to have the congregation and its various ministry groups to undergo RHG seminars as well. They wanted to get the mes-

March 20, 2009 --- To accommodate more CRL brethren to experience RHG, we again conducted RHG Session I at CRL. This time we had it in their Friday prayer meeting so more got to hear the message. There were a total of 40 plus participants at that time. The session went well and we had very good responses again.

March 21, 2009 --- We had RHG Session I exclusively for

CRL's choir members. 19 choir members of CRL attended this session.

March 28, 2009 --- We moved on to conduct RHG Session 2. There were only 11 attendees. Nevertheless, we had great responses and the attendees were asking their missions pastor to make sure that the next schedule for RHG will be one where many can attend because they really appreciated the message.



*CRL workers and other graduates of UG Kids Development Seminar with Margie Marsh*

Because of the great response to the RHG sessions and the Higher Purpose seminar we have so far conducted with CRL, the church sent five of their ministry workers to the UG Kids Teachers Development Seminar Training with our UG Trainer Ms. Margie Marsh. They were part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> batch trained last March 30 to April 01, 2009. We give all glory to GOD for how He is at work at the Church of the Risen Lord!



*Margie Marsh of Unveiling Glory with PMA Staff Terese Magsalin and Roselyn Kuizon*

**In Visayas too... continuation**

Jim also got to do the Guarding His Glory Seminar for two successive nights (Feb. 17-18) to an average crowd of 60 attendees. This was still a very good turn-out especially as this was a last minute accommodation on his schedule.

The RHG Facilitators Training also went very well with 15 participants from the CAMACOP and Living Word camps. More actually wanted to participate but the number of attendees had to be limited.

We are looking forward to Jim's next visit here as well as more God glorifying materials from his ministry through UnveilingGlory. Lord bless! "-- Penny Arriola Cebu and Dumaguete RHG Coordinator

**PMA offers KAIRIOS Course**

PMA will regularly run a Kairos Course at the PMA office. You may register with the office at **Philippine Missions Association** G/F, Evangelical Center 62 Molave Street, Project 3, Quezon City.

Once we get at least 12 interested participants we will schedule a course. For more information about Kairos please contact at Tel. No. 911 2491 or 913-4469

**Registration Form**

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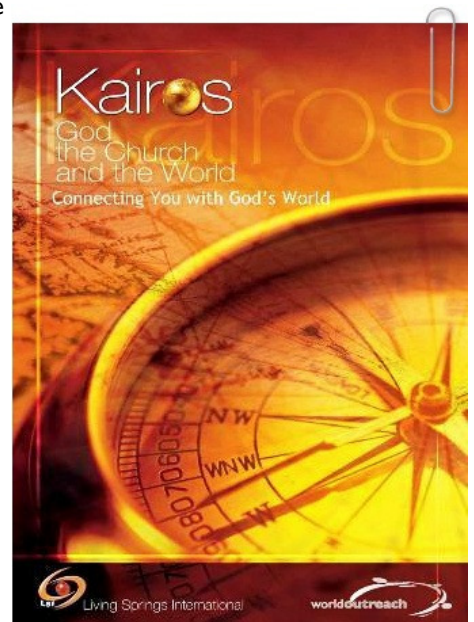
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**Philippine Missions Association** is a partnership of evangelical mission agencies, local churches, denominational missions commissions, and cross-cultural missions training organizations.

We invite you to you to PARTNER, NETWORK, COOPERATE WITH and SUPPORT, PRAY FOR and ENCOURAGE these missions bodies in completing the task of making disciples of all nations across this country and the world.

#### Our Vision:

Filipino Christians are contributing significantly to the evangelization of the whole world in the most effective, strategic way possible, focusing on tentmaking, transformational development, and multiplication of churches.

#### Our Mission:

The Philippine Missions Association exists to mobilize the global Filipino Church in evangelizing the world's unreached peoples, including our own.



UnveilinGLORY is expanding overseas, producing more worship and more worshippers worldwide!

**UnveilinGlory partners with PMA in conducting seminars.**

Revealing His Glory Seminar for adults is being conducted by UnveilinGlory's International Director, Jim Thurber.

Margie Marsh, UnveilinGlory's Director of Children's Ministries also conducts training for teachers of kids.

Contact us for their next stop in Philippines!

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## Creating Global Impact through tentmaking!

### PMA Resources

#### Evange-cube

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*Evange-cube* is a new tool to help believers effectively share their faith in a non-confrontational manner. This *E-cube* is a seven-panel witnessing tool that ingeniously and clearly presents the Good News of

salvation.

PMA is the main distributor of *Evange-cube* in Luzon. There are several *Evange*-products like *E-cards*, *E-ball*, and *The Big E-cube*.

#### Higher Purpose for Your Overseas Job

Planning to go abroad???

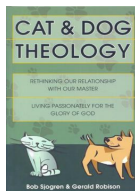


Do you know any OFW's at home? In church? Friend? Then check this out!

The book "A Higher Purpose for your Overseas Job" gives OFW believers an understanding of becoming successful tentmaker missionaries. With very easy and reproducible approaches to witnessing and discipling, an OFW believer may be a potent cross-cultural witness and church planter.

#### Cat & Dog Theology

This book points out differences on cat and dog attitudes and compares it with some theological attitudes we have of God. It aims for a reevaluation of one's



relationship and view of God, so that we can live passionately for His glory.

#### Worker to Witness: Becoming an OFW Tentmaker

This workbook covers matters that concern a prospective OFW. It deals with the spiritual and practical preparations needed by every individual who desires to make an impact in the global marketplace. W2W tackles family relationships, finances, and psychological conditions – even providing a professional diagnostic tool for psychological assessment.

This workbook aims to help Overseas Filipino Workers become Outstanding, Faithful Witnesses.

