

PMA National Director Joins LSI Consultation on Mission

Dr. Rey Taniajura participated in a consultation hosted by Living Springs International (LSI) in Butuan City on July 13-15. Ptr. Don Barry of New Zealand was principal speaker at the consultation which explored a new approach on how to engage the Church fulfill its ultimate intention which is preparing the Bride for Christ. LSI is transitioning its ministry in the Philippines from its present focus of helping mobilize the Filipino Church to reach the remaining unreached people groups within the Philippines.

LSI's principal program, the Kairos Course (formerly called the Condensed World Mission Course), was instrumental in mobilizing 20,000 graduates for missions. The course is now being conducted in more than 36 countries and is translated into 20 languages. At the consultation, LSI presented a new philosophy in

mission called Interface. LSI, formerly called Philippine Aid Ministries, has been in the Philippines since 1976. It is headed by Max and Dorothy Chismon.



LSI Consultation participants with Max Chismon, extreme right

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PMA Co-Conducts Naga City Missions Conference



Conference participants having a sharing and prayer session

On July 9 to 11, PMA's National Director, Dr. Rey Taniajura, teamed up with Ptr. Greg Laureta of Oxon Hill Baptist Church Maryland, USA in conducting an evangelism and missions conference for some 78 pastors and church workers in Naga City. The conference was attended by the interfaith leaders in the area led by Ptr. Bong Credo, executive director of the regional pastoral fellowship of Bicol region.

Ptr. Greg Laureta led the conference participants in recognizing the need for leaders to surrender their lives to Jesus Christ following the Lord's admonition to "deny the self, take up one's cross and come and follow Him" (Matthew 16:24-26). Dr. Taniajura, on the other hand, addressed the topic, "The Role of the Church in Mission". He also gave an overview of World Evangelization based on a presentation of the Joshua Project organization. He also introduced the use of E-Cube as a tool for evangelization.

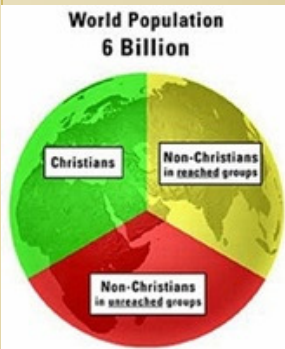
While in Naga City, Dr. Taniajura, together with Ptr. Andy Ducay, had a breakfast meeting with the chairman of Bicol region's pastoral fellowship, Atty. Ed Pilapil. Ptr. Ed who was once a congressman and secretary of tourism is now the senior pastor of the Greenhills Christian Fellowship of Naga City. They were joined in by pastors Bong Credo, Greg and Oscar Laureta.

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A NEW WINESKIN: THE FILIPINO GLOBAL MISSIONS MOVEMENT

By Rev. Bob Lopez

Some Christians ask, "Why be involved in missions? It's too difficult, too expensive, and we have our own problems right here!" This is a common sentiment that is not often verbalized but is conveyed by how we prioritize our activities and allocate our resources.



As evangelical believers, we believe that salvation comes only through Jesus Christ (John 14:6, Acts. 4:12). The sad fact is that most believers are not aware that over a fourth of the world's population (27%) do not have access to the gospel – there is no church in their area, they don't have any Christian friends, or the Word of God is not available in their native language / dialect. This means that unless the Church of Jesus Christ stops selective witnessing and outreach, 1.7 billion people in the world today are destined for hell without having been given the opportunity to respond to the message of salvation.

There are more people today who are non-Christian than there were last year. And there will be even more next year. Christian outreach has not kept up with the growth of world population and thousands upon thousands of communities of Muslims, Buddhists and Hindus have remained untouched by the gospel. In 2000, the world religions had the following number of followers out of the total of 6 billion people living at that time:

Catholics: 1.05 billion
 Evangelicals & Pentecostals: 734 million
 Islam: 1.19 billion
 Hinduism: 811 million
 Buddhism: 360 million

It has been projected that by 2025, when the global population has hit 7.8 billion, the adherents of the following world religions will be as follows:

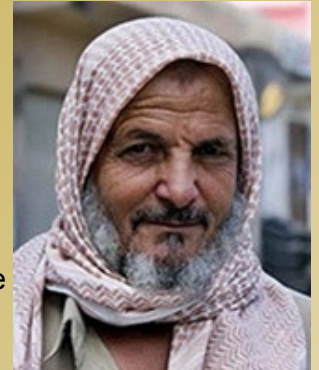
Catholics: 1.36 billion
 Evangelicals and Pentecostals: 1.13 billion
 Islam: 1.78 billion
 Hinduism: 1.05 billion
 Buddhism: 418 million

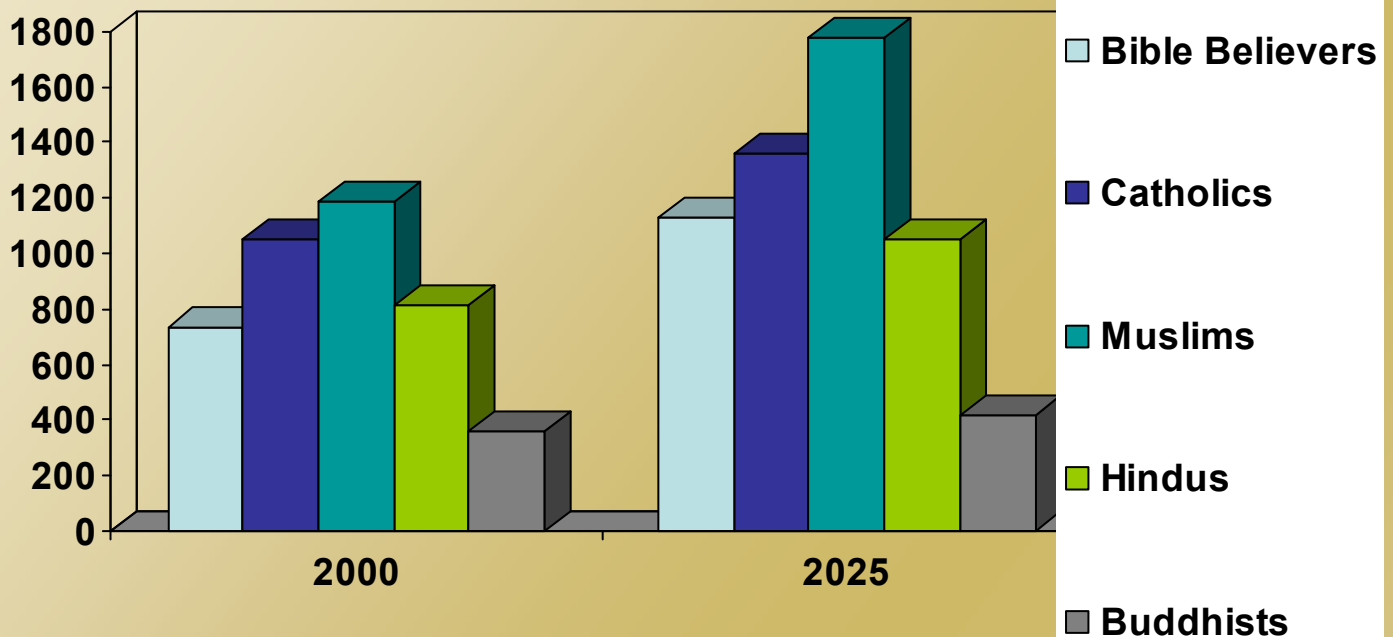
When one considers the numerical challenge of completing the task of world evangelization, we certainly have to compare this with the number of missionaries being fielded by the Church. As of year 2000, of the 140,000 Protestant and evangelical missionaries from all over the world, only 2% were focused on reaching the least reached peoples, while about 80% were serving Christianized peoples!

So what can the Filipino Church do to address this imbalance?



After four decades of weak economic conditions in the country, over 8 million Filipinos have either migrated or are now working abroad as expatriate contract workers in 197 countries. A recent study indicates that an average of over 3,300 individuals are seeking foreign employment daily. All over the world, Filipinos are working in technical, domestic, executive, information technology, medical, musical, educational, community development and commercial fields in mega-cities as well as remote rural areas.





Source: David A. Barrett, World Christian Encyclopedia, 2001, p. 4

According to the National Statistics Office and the 2000 DAWN (Discipling A Whole Nation) Survey, between 5% - 9% of all Filipinos identify themselves as evangelical or Protestant church members. This means that there are between 400,000 and 720,000 Filipino believers are in a strategic position to impact the spiritual landscape of many of the least evangelized cities and communities in the world. It is estimated that there are 60,000 Protestant and Evangelical congregations in the Philippines and thousands more abroad.

We, Filipinos have traits that make us natural missionaries. We are able to easily adapt to new cultures and have an above average ability to learn new languages. The Filipino's knowledge of English enhances our ability to interact in the global marketplace. Friendly and winsome, establishing relationships with members of other races can be done with relative ease. In fact, Filipinos excel in jobs that require personal interaction and friendly service such as nurses, teachers, care givers, nannies, hotel and restaurant workers. Many Filipinos are also able to persevere under adverse conditions in their places of employment. This unique configuration of character traits makes us effective as gospel messengers in cross cultural settings.

On the local front, the churches have been collaborating with mission groups to bring the Good News to Muslim communities from Luzon to Mindanao. Nearly a dozen strategic, consensus-based partnerships have been established with the goal of catalyzing an indigenous people movement to Christ from within these communities.

Missions mobilization courses such as the Kairos Course (formerly known as the Condensed World Missions Course) have been used to educate tens of thousands of believers about God's heart for the nations.

A National Youth Missions Movement (NYMM) was launched a few years ago to inform, inspire and involve the large evangelical youth sector in bringing their witness to the world. The NYMM is a partnership of campus ministries and church-based youth ministries that prepares their members for potential missions work in the future.



Another exciting development is the growing movement of intercessors for missions. More and more people in the prayer movement are seeing the need to direct their prayers for the Filipinos who live and work abroad. A website has been launched to service this need – <http://kairosprayer.wordpress.com>. {continued on p.4}

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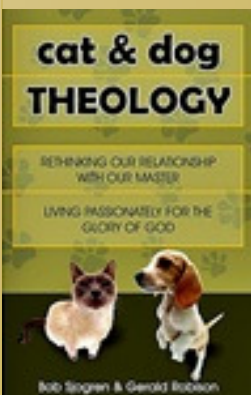
The Movement

Over four years ago, mission agency executives and denominational mission leaders crafted a bold plan to leverage the OFW Phenomenon and called it the Philippine Missions Mobilization Movement or PM3 for short. The PM3 seeks to raise up hundreds of thousands of Filipino tentmakers and career missionaries to disciple the least evangelized peoples.

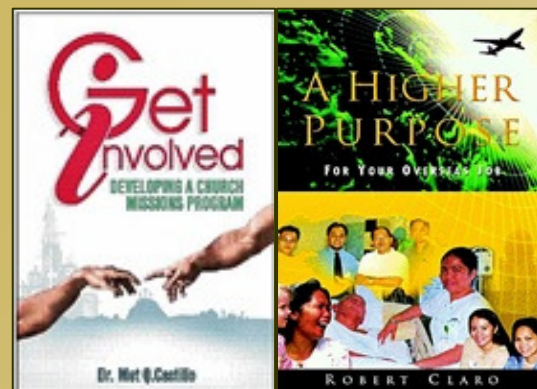
The plan calls for the strengthening and expansion of existing mission networks in order to meet the challenge of getting the whole Philippine Church passionately involved in the Great Commission. It aims to bring effective cross-cultural training to Filipino believers working in countries considered as key mission fields. The equipping of OFWs to become tentmakers is the key strategy in accomplishing the goal of raising hundreds of thousands of Outstanding Filipino Witnesses. The missionary trainers in the country have decided to coordinate and complement each other's ministry and have formed the National Missionary Trainers Network. A concrete example of this network's collaboration is the farfromhome.info website, which was designed to keep the Body of Christ informed of the various seminars, conferences and missions courses happening during the whole year.

PM3 inspired initiatives have produced new training materials both in video and print format. Among them are the *Higher Purpose for Your Overseas Job* by Robert Claro (both in video and book form), *Worker to Witness* workbook by JoJo Manzano, *Storying and the Acts Principle* by Johani Gauran (video), *God's Foot Soldiers* – a devotional book about Filipino missionaries compiled by Joy Solina and *Get Involved: Developing a Church Missions Program*, a book written by the founder of the Philippine Missions Association, Dr. Met Castillo.

Partnerships with foreign ministries have also been forged. Specifically, the *Revealing His Glory seminar* (formerly known as *G3 seminar*) has proven effective in helping believers develop a healthy, God-centered passion for world missions. Another tool we have found to be most helpful for believers to develop a lifestyle of witnessing is the *Evange-Cube*, an ingenious picture cube that tells the story of the gospel message in as short as 5 minutes. This tool has been effectively employed even with Muslims and Buddhists.



PM3 also connects the Filipino missions body with the Philippine Council of Evangelical Churches (PCEC), the Filipino International Network (FIN), and many other mission and church groups within the country and all over the world. Major consultations between hundreds of churches and missions agencies have already been conducted across the Philippines and in several countries.



Though the world continues to see increasing hostility and violence from religious fundamentalists, we must continue to celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit in opening doors of witness among the least evangelized communities. God has given us Filipinos a tremendous privilege to serve where many Western missionaries cannot go. May we learn to do this with great faith, cheerfulness, perseverance and humility knowing that our labor in the Lord will bear fruit. We believe one day we shall meet multitudes from many tribes, nations and peoples before the throne of the Lamb because Filipino believers were obedient to the heavenly vision. May His Name alone be praised!

Doors of God-given opportunities in OZ !

By Terese Magsalin

I am so thankful to our great and awesome God for allowing me to spend some vacation time with my immediate family members here in OZ (short for Australia). The highlight of this trip is Inay's 80th birthday celebration which we, the Magsalin clan, held last June 20, 2009. It was a joy for me to give a tribute to Inay on that occasion among family and friends.

This nearly two-month vacation here in New South Wales is also made special by these God given opportunities to minister and declare His glory this side down under:

- A. RHG seminar for immediate family members and close family friends --- It's one thing to facilitate the RHG seminar to churches and various groups, but it makes it extra special if one does it among his/her very own family members. Last July 18 and 25, 2009 the Lord gave me the joy of facilitating RHG Sessions 1, 2 and 3 to people who are close to my heart. The group totaling 17 people in all, included my mother, some of my brothers and sisters, in-laws, nieces, nephews and four family friends. Praise God the message was highly appreciated and accepted by everyone! At the end of Session 1 some of the feedbacks were--- they were encouraged, delighted, enlightened and guilty of how at times cat attitudes creep in. A pleasant surprise was when after the sessions my ten year old nephew who sat down and listened for the entire Session 1 came up to me in his own initiative. He said he was surprised and guilty. Surprised because he didn't know there are cat and dog attitudes and guilty because of his very own cat attitudes. One of the friends who attended who goes to a Filipino church in Glendenning, said she wants to have RHG seminar brought to her cell group and maybe invite other cell groups from her church to join. Sessions 4 and 5 will follow on July 30 and the week after successively.
- B. I had the privilege of being invited to attend the worship service of Love of Jesus (LOJ) Church in Glendenning last July 26, 2009. LOJ is an Assemblies of God church attended mostly by Filipinos in Australia. After the service I was invited to join one of their active cell groups which meets every forth night (every two weeks). The group gave me a chance to speak and share personal testimony of God's working in my life. It was a cell group attended by married couples of the church. The church is a very vibrant church and one can really sense the presence of the Holy Spirit and the warmth of the fellowship of the believers there.
- C. Giving of message at a Filipino cell group of (LOJ) in Mt. Druitt - I was invited by a family friend I met during my first ever visit in OZ way back in the late 1990s to speak at her cell group last July 17, 2009. She and her brother are actually part of the high school B.S. group the Lord led me to facilitate then. It is a joy for me that she is still full on with her walk with the Lord and she has opened her home for cell group. She serves at LOJ as one of the Sunday school teachers for small kids, and her brother plays the piano for the Tagalog service. I shared from Isaiah 61 and highlighted the glory of God and how we are a planting of the Lord for the display of His splendor (glory).

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Dr. Taniajura discussed with the group how PMA might be able to have its presence in the region as well as possible tie ups with other missions organizations to equip potential missionaries from Bicol.

During the conference, Dr. Taniajura also had opportunities to dialogue with the chairmen of the pastoral fellowships of Iriga City and Nabua, Camarines for the holding of Kairos Courses and Asian Center for Missions' (ACM) missionary training program or MTP. Several of the conference participants have expressed interest in attending ACM's training program for missionaries. With the meetings and discussions that have taken place during the conference in Naga City, we could look forward to a promising interdenominational partnership in the region and the equipping of potential missionaries coming from the whole of Bicol region. (Ptr. Andy Ducay, assistant to Dr. Taniajura for PM3)



Dr. Taniajura (right) at a breakfast meeting with Ptr. Ed Pilapil (2nd from left), chairman of Bicol region's pastoral fellowship.

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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.

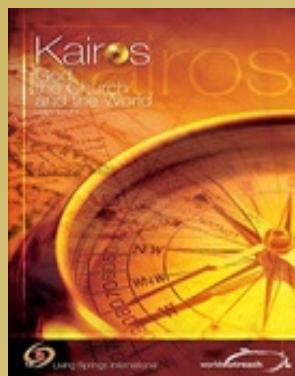
PMA in partnership with Living Springs International conducts Kairos Course

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...For personal feeding and refreshing, God favored me to attend the annual Hill Song Conference at the Acer Arena. One of my sisters who purchased a ticket to attend this four-day conference could not make it due to work commitment so decided to pass on her paid tickets to me. Praise God! The conference was attended by an average of 23,000 delegates from various countries globally. I even saw two ATS fellow alumni there--- a Filipino pastor who is visiting too and a Korean lady graduate of ATS also visiting from Korea! The best thing about the conference is one gets to really experience the presence and touch of God refreshing His people as great songs were sung unto Him. One can't help but to be captivated by who God is! The messages and sessions were very anointed and speakers/guest artists included: Joel Osteen, Louie Giglio, Craig Grouchel, Franklin Jentezen, Brian and Bobbie Houston, Darlene Szech, Cris Tomlin and others. Another bonus and favor is how I was blessed to be one of those among the 23,000 delegates to be given a free United Live CD (the latest release)! The compact disc is sold at a regular price of AU\$24.95. What a treat from God!

My visit here in OZ has been splendid so far! I am scheduled to return to Manila on August 15, 2009.

Wishing you all grace and good cheer in Christ from the land of OZ down under!



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