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National Director Attends IMPACT Conference

On behalf of Philippine Missions Association, Dr. Rey Taniajura was invited to take part in the IMPACT conference held on February 4 to 6 in Arlington, Texas, U.S.A. The conference venue was the First Baptist Church of Arlington. Dr. Taniajura was asked to talk briefly on the Philippines' unreached peoples group. He also facilitated a workshop on the "Overseas Filipino Workers Missionary Movement".

The leaders of the conference expressed a desire to help the missions movement in the Philippines reach the UPGs in the country by facilitating potential partnerships with churches in the United States who want to reach the people groups in the region. At the conference Dr. Taniajura also explored areas of collaboration and partnerships with some training organizations who wanted to introduce and promote their courses to pastors and leaders of churches in the Philippines.

The conference also focused on seven priority needs in the field related to mission. These are church planting, business as mission, member care, orality, prayer, students missions movement and UPG advocacy and adoption.

Kairos Facilitators Training Course held In Naga City

A Facilitators Training Course was held in Naga City on February 20 and 21, for potential Head Facilitators of the Kairos Course in preparation for the missions mobilization efforts in Bicol region. The course was hosted by the Bicol Region Ministerial Fellowship (BRMF) represented by Ptr. Oscar Laureta who also serves as Philippine Missions Association (PMA) liaison and point person for the region. Eleven pastors and church workers participated in the training facilitated by Dr. Rey Taniajura. The BRMF hopes to deploy at least one or two Kairos Head Facilitators in each of the six provinces of the Bicol region. In partnership with the Asian Center for Missions, the BRMF also hopes to host this year a Missions Training Program to train future cross-cultural missionaries from Bicol. Ptr. Choi Buenaventura, missions department head of the BRMF, is already involved in some cross-cultural missions work in Southeast Asia.

While in Bicol, Dr. Taniajura also visited the ministry of Global Missions Society in Legaspi City established by Rev. Nak Kim, a Korean missionary who now serves as PMA staff. Rev. Kim has taught in a Bible school in Bicol for three years and another seven years as church planter missionary in the region. PMA is in the process of developing a Filipino-Korean partnership ministry under the leadership of Rev. Kim.



2 PM3 Tidbits

PM3 Team Holds Strategic Planning Retreat

National Facilitation team members of the Philippine Missions Mobilization Movement or PM3 held a strategic planning retreat at the Christian Development Center in Tagaytay City on last February 11. The team gathered to discuss, among others, the vision, mission and strategic plans for the movement for next year and beyond. Newly designated PM3 Executive Director Nono Badoy presided over the meeting. He was assisted by NFT chair and co-chair Drs. David Lim and Rey Taniajura, respectively.



Others present at the meeting were Meg Alag (Asian Center for Missions), Noeh Vios (Diliman Bible Church), Ana Gamez and Lollette Calingasan (Tanauan Bible Church and G3), Gigi Lucero, Robert Clark (Cross Train), Amor Ibanez (IRM Bible College Foundation) and Andy Ducay.

Dr. Lim also spoke on the Filipino missionaries and the need to pattern their activities based on Luke 10:17, which models a successful missions effort. Ptr. Nono talked on the long term goals of PM3 and its direction for the next five years. Other topics discussed included the raising of a million tent-maker missionaries by 2020, pathway to becoming a tent-maker missionary and the biblical criteria for becoming a missionary.

The second day of the retreat was devoted to discussing some organizational matter related to PM3. Dr. Taniajura explained the operational relationships between the Philippine Missions Association and PM3, as the latter is considered as the flagship program of PMA. The details pertaining to the holding of the annual conference of PM3 in Davao in May was also covered on the second day of the retreat.

Meet the New PM3 Executive Director: Rev. Lalano Badoy

Fondly called “NONO”, he is a Registered/Licensed Civil Engineer by profession but responded to God’s call to work full-time as a pastor.

Ptr. Nono was born on April 28, 1963 in Cotabato City, Southern Philippines. On January 1, 2005, he was appointed as the Continental Director of Evangelism Explosion (EE) for Asia and the Middle East (covering 44 countries and territories) for Youth EE and Kids EE. He previously served as the Regional Director of EE Philippines for the Visayas and Mindanao since 1993. His ministry is based in Cagayan de Oro City, Southern Philippines. Beginning January 2010, he was asked to serve as Executive Director of the Philippine Missions Mobilization Movement or PM3.



Nono is a graduate of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. He has completed his academic units in Masters in Business Administration (MBA) but needs to work on his thesis. He is also currently taking courses leading to a Masters in Divinity degree.

An international leadership clinic teacher of Evangelism Explosion International Ptr. Nono has taught nearly 300 EE Leadership Clinics and Workshops in the Philippines, Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Cambodia, Singapore, United Arab Emirates, India, Myanmar, HongKong, Egypt, Jordan, Palestine, Vietnam, South Korea, China, Mongolia, Qatar, Fiji and the United States of America. He lectures and trains in Adult, Youth and Kids EE.

Ptr. Nono attended the Haggai Institute Special Leadership Seminar #329 in 2000 in Maui, Hawaii, U.S.A. He has also completed the Faculty Development Seminar in 2003 of the Haggai Institute in Maui. He is one of the few Filipino International Faculty of Haggai Institute with Global Training Centers in Singapore and Maui, Hawaii. He lectures on Biblical and Contemporary Models in Evangelism, Training Leaders to Train Others and Next Generation (Youth/Kids) Evangelism.

Ptr. Nono is married to Angelina “Angie” Ocsio-Badoy, who is also an engineer. The couple is blessed with 2 sons, Larvi Jerrick (21) and Vianz Jestin (17).

The Next Frontier for Philippine Missions: The Missions Movement and Government

By: "Jose Navarro"

Interesting developments are taking place within the Philippine Government that would allow Filipino Christians to fulfill Acts 1:8 (*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*). In addition to churches and para-church organizations, God has been using government as an instrument (Luke 2:1-7, several instances as recorded in Acts), to fulfill His purposes in spreading the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ, even among the unreached people groups in the Middle East, Africa, Central and South Asia.

The Philippine Government actively pursues friendly relations with all governments, including the governments in the so-called "10/40 window" countries. The Philippines has what are known as bilateral agreements with many of these countries. These are in the areas of trade and investment, defense and security cooperation, agriculture, science, education and human resources development. Through such agreements, the Philippines is able to train civil servants and personnel from these nations, which look to the Philippines as the source of expertise in many areas including human resources development, IT-enabling, training curricula and management of educational institutions, and diplomatic practice.

It does not end there. The Philippines, because of such formal agreements, can send out trainers, instructors, lecturers and consultants to far-flung Asian and African nations to share their expertise and knowledge. As many of these Filipino experts are already believers, it gives them a special opportunity to share with their hosts, not just practical knowledge for nation-building, but the knowledge of salvation through the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ. It's an exciting new prospect – unique and surprising doors that the Lord is opening up. For example, a restricted country recently sent a group of

managers and teachers of technical and vocational training institutes from all over its territory (the first of more groups to come) to learn from the Philippines. They visited the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority or TESDA, U.P. Los Baños, and other private educational institutions. Some countries, like Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and others have also been regularly sending similar study groups over the past few years. The Philippines has a formal agreement with Saudi Arabia for the deployment of technical and vocational trainers through TESDA. The Philippine Government can also conclude formal agreements with other Islamic and Central and South Asian countries, allowing Filipino technicians, teachers, trainers and skilled workers, at the express invitation of these governments, to be deployed to these countries under official Philippine government sanction. However, much prayer is still needed for these agreements to be concluded. There is even a proposal for a Philippine version of the U.S. Peace Corps, to send out RP "development assistance experts" to help our neighbors in nation-building efforts.

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WHY WE EXIST

OUR VISION: To see the global church rise to her full potential as God's instrument for the healing, blessing and transformation of the nations.

OUR MISSION: To influence the paradigm and practice of local churches around the world, helping them:

- Recognize and abandon false beliefs, and embrace a robust biblical worldview—bringing truth, justice and beauty into every sphere of society, and
- Demonstrate Christ's love in practical ways, addressing the brokenness in their communities and nations beginning with their own resources.

DNA-Philippines was founded on the conviction that Jesus' blood was shed for the healing of all—things broken through the Fall (Col. 1:20). This healing is offered not only to individuals, but extends to communities and nations as well. We believe God's primary instrument for discipling nations that results in their healing is the Church (Eph. 3:10).

Our vision is to see engaged, credible, high-impact local churches affecting real transformation in their communities and in sufficient mass to disciple their nations. Our scope is global, but with a particular focus on the developing world.

Through our teaching and educational resources, we envision churches with a biblical worldview and equip them to practice a holistic and incarnational ministry affecting all spheres of society. Additionally, we provide simple tools to enable churches to begin the transformation process immediately with existing resources—no matter how materially poor they may be.

By: Dr. Rey Taniajura

Psalms 19:1 – “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the works of his hands.

One of life's essential questions is, “Why was I born?” Yes, why are we here on earth? What is our purpose for living? Have you asked yourself these questions? If you did, good for you. And better, if you asked them in the light of God's Word, the Holy Bible.

The eminent physicist, Albert Einstein once said, “God doesn't play dice.” What he meant was God always does things for a purpose. He never does things according to blind chance. This is not true, however, of us humans. Unlike God, many of us play dice. We go through life not knowing what our purpose is for living.

Having the right purpose in life right is of utmost importance. If we don't, we would be throwing our life away. And for our life's goal to be right it should be in harmony with God's very purpose for creating us.

God's Purpose for Man

The Westminster Catechism says, “The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy him forever.” The apostle Paul says it differently, “Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God” (1 Corinthians 10:31, the Revised Standard Version throughout). That in summary is what God says in his word as the purpose of man.

Glorify God. The pages of the Bible are filled with this one message. God's glory is the root and fruit, the beginning and the end, of all that God does. Did you know that the Bible mentions the words glory and glorifying more than 500 times? This is a good clue that the glory of God is an important theme in his Word. Notice the following:

- God is jealous of his glory. “For my own sake, for my own sake, I do it, for how my name should be profaned? My glory I will not give to another” (Isaiah 48:11).
- The Son lived his earthly life magnifying the glory of the Father. “For this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name” (John 12:27-28).
- The Holy Spirit glorifies the Son. “[The Spirit] will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you” (John 16:14).
- The angelic host in heaven gives God glory. “Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive Glory and honor and power” (Revelation 4:11)
- Even the very heavens “are telling the glory of God” and they “proclaim his handiwork” (Psalms 19:1)

- Finally, Christians are “destined and appointed to live for the praise of [Christ's] glory” (Ephesians 1:11). The prophet Isaiah was also inspired to write that God's children were “created for my [God's] glory” (Isaiah 43:6-7).

Yes, all these passages, and more, in Scripture confirm that God is committed to displaying and exalting his glory. All things exist for his glory. It is therefore imperative that we grasp the meaning of “God's glory” and what it means to “glorify God.”

What is God's Glory?

According to the New Bible Dictionary, both the Hebrew and Greek words for glory stand for wealth and riches, honor and reputation, splendor and magnificence. When applied to God, glory denotes the grandeur of his being, the beauty of his nature, and the brightness of his presence. God's glory is his awesome, unequalled, unparalleled worth and majesty. Glory is what God is. And God is what glory is. Wherever God is, there is glory.

God's glory therefore is everything that God is. It stands for God's very nature, his character, his works, his mind, his plan, his everything. To glorify God is to simply reveal all that God is. Briefly then, the glory of God is God expressed.

In the Old Testament it is interesting to note that God's glory has been manifested

primarily through the material world. God's glory was seen by his people through things created. Remember the Shekinah glory in the tabernacle and, later, the temple? It was a display of the presence of God. But when we get to the New Testament a new dimension concerning God's glory is introduced.

God's Glory in the New Testament

In the New Testament God's glory is manifested essentially in a Person. And that person is Jesus Christ himself. Notice what it says in Hebrews, “Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the world. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and sustains all things by his powerful words” (Hebrews 1:1-3).

The Westminster Catechism says, “The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy him forever.” The apostle Paul says it differently, “Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God” (1 Corinthians 10:31)

Yes, Jesus is the personification of God's glory in the New Testament. That is why Jesus can say to Philip, "If you have seen me, you have seen the Father" (John 14:9). Jesus is the embodiment of divine glory (Colossians 1:19). He glorified God by revealing, through his life, word and works, who God is (John 17:38).

Jesus Is God's Glory

In Jesus, God's majesty had a human face and God's love had a human hand. In Jesus, God's glorious character was focused and, at the same time, refracted to its manifold perfection – much in the same way as the beam of the sun is focused on a prism and then refracted to its beautiful colors.

There are at least two ways we can glorify God. One, we glorify God by delighting in him, cherishing him and embracing him as the Chief Treasure of our lives.

Two, we glorify God by revealing to the world his glorious nature and character.

And the wonderful mystery is Jesus did not come just to save the sinners. His ultimate purpose was to vindicate the glory and worth of God. Jesus' earthly life was a testimony that God is worth living for (John 4:34; Luke 2:49). His death means God is worth dying for (John 7:39, 12:23-28). His first and last breath were all for the glory of God (John 13:31, 17:5).

Sin, in its essence, is a disdain for God (2 Samuel 12:10). When we sin, we despise God, we belittle his worth, and we trample on his glory. When we sin, we are in effect saying to God: God, I find something more trustworthy, more valuable, and more satisfying than you.

And Christ came to destroy the power of sin by exalting God as most satisfying. Every step he took on the way to Calvary resounds with this victory cry: God is worthy, worthy, worthy –worthy of our complete trust, devotion and allegiance.

Our Purpose: To Glorify God

As it was for Christ, so it should be for his followers. Paul told the Corinthian Christians, "You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body" (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). He said the same thing later, "So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31).

Eating and drinking represent the most mundane things we do in life, yet Paul asked us to glorify God in them. How much more in the big things we do in

life! The Bible is clear: He who claims to be a Christian but does not seek to glorify God is not true to his calling.

Mission and the Glory of God

How is God's glory related to mission? Where else can we best glorify God but through mission. In fulfilling the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) God's people bring the glory of God to the nations. And in turn the nations glorify God as they see the expression of Jesus Christ through His sent out ones. True indeed is the saying, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things" (Romans 10:15, NKJV).

There are at least two ways we can glorify God. One, we glorify God by delighting in him, cherishing him and embracing him as the Chief Treasure of our lives. This is what Jesus meant when he counseled as to come to him to satisfy our thirst and hunger (John 6:35, 7:37). God is glorified in us when he is the center of our affections and when he is the object of our longing (Jeremiah 2:12-13).

Two, we glorify God by revealing to the world his glorious nature and character. Through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, God's people can show the world who God is. To reveal all that God is, is the very essence of glorifying God. By our presence and deeds, people who have not yet come or know God should be able to see Christ in us and, as a result, glorify our Father (Matthew 5:16; 1 Peter 2:12).

Christians are God's representatives to this darkened world. God's people compose the church which is Christ's spiritual body. They are Christ's hands and feet, performing the very work of Jesus which is no different to what Jesus did when he was on earth. Christians therefore have and awesome responsibility of reflecting to the world the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 4:3-6). And what better way can we do this than through mission.

Yes, people need to see, know and experience Jesus. They need to perceive and apprehend his majestic love. Our supreme purpose as Christians is to point people to Jesus by glorifying him. May God's beauty and majesty be seen in his people. And may the light of the glorious gospel, that is Jesus, ever shine so brightly upon the world. Are we hearing God's call for us to engage in world mission to proclaim his glory?

Philippine Missions Association, Disciple Nations Alliance–Philippines, International Graduate School of Leadership, Campus Crusade for Christ Philippines, Grace Communion International and other organizations are sponsoring a seminar on:

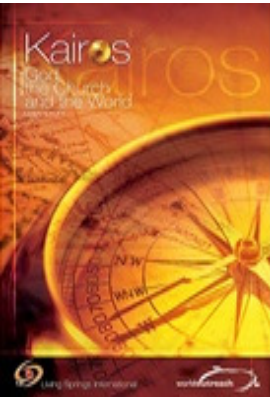
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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Annual Summit of the Philippine Missions Mobilization Movement (PM3) and the General Assembly of PMA will be held on the following:

May 3-5 and 6, 2010
at Davao City Independent Baptist Church located at Davao City Central Bank, Davao City.

Registration Fee :
PI,400 or PI,250 for early registrants for PM3, and P500 for PMA. Register on or before April 15, 2010. Included are meals, snacks & seminar materials. Meals will start lunch of May 3 up to dinner of May 5. Participants are free to make their own housing arrangements to save cost as there are many hotels and inns near the venue.