



AMAZING WORK of GOD in Philippine Missions

The Philippines has 112 years of Biblical Christianity. The idea of putting together this timeline came during the June 4, 2010 PMA Mobilizers consultation.

Part of the consultation was to review the years 1990-1999 and 2000-2009: What was done in Missions Mobilization? What are the trends – positive and negative, events, highlights. What development took place in the Missions Movement in the Philippines as a result of Mission Mobilization? With these, one needs to look back from the Filipino timeline, what took place before 1990. We need to look at what have we accomplished and what is the task remaining on the national level or by ethnic groupings. From this, we can strategically plan for the completion of the Great Commission.

God is sovereign over all peoples, nations and in our own history. Reaching the Filipinos with the Gospel is of God. He purposes it from the beginning.

Here are the summary highlights:

16th Century – CATHOLIC MISSION:

The mission of bringing Christianity to the Philippines was first entrusted to the Spanish friars by King Philip II during the Spanish colonization, pioneered by Ferdinand Magellan on March 16, 1521. One of the motivations for the Spanish exploration was for God: “to Christianize the inhabitants”-bring the Filipinos to the knowledge of the Catholic faith. But, the friars failed in this mission. They got embroiled with economic greed, social, political and moral abuses. During the 333 years under Spanish friars, distribution and study of the Bible were prohibited. Friars claimed they were the only interpreters of the Bible. Their clerical excesses were so repulsive that it ignited revolts, reformist propaganda and demands for their expulsion.

19th Century:

Since God is serious in making His Word known, He had His way. Seventy years prior to 1898, trade routes were opened, British Bible Society in Singapore and others smuggled more than a thousand Spanish Bibles into the country. Many Filipinos who were able to read Spanish learned the power of salvation and shared with others in secrecy. Those caught were imprisoned in dungeons and died for it.

112 YEARS OF PHILIPPINE BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY TIMELINE

19th CENTURY

- 1898 - August 14, 1898- a day after American forces took Manila, Young Men’s Christian Association workers held a tent worship service.
- August 28, 1898 – first Protestant Service attended by Filipinos.
- The first Salvation Army arrived in the country
- 1899 – United Methodist Church. Evangelistic meetings for Filipinos were started in June 1899.
- 1899 – The American Bible Society (ABS) translated the Bible into Cebuano, Hiligaynon, Ilocano, Pampango and Zambal. The British & Foreign Bible Society (BFBS) translated the Bible into Bikolano, Pangasinan and Tagalog. The ABS established the Philippine Bible House and would later become the Philippine Bible society
- Presbyterian Church. First worship service May 7, 1899 .
- 1900 – Christian and Missionary Alliance

20th CENTURY

- 1901 – Missionaries Rev. and Mrs. David Hibbard opened a Protestant school with 15 barefooted elementary pupils. The school went on to become Siliman University
- 1901 – Church of the United Brethren in Christ –> La Union and Mountain Provinces
- 1901 – April – Evangelical Union of the Philippine Island. A Comity Agreement of the original groups (Presbyterian Mission, the Methodist Mission, the Young Men’s Christian Association, etc.) – to divide the country in “spiritual boundaries” territories were assigned to a particular missions agency to avoid overlapping and duplicating work
- 1901 – Disciples of Christ – concentrated in Ilocos, Cagayan Valley, Rizal and Laguna
- 1901 – Outreach to Chinese Filipinos led by Rev. Paul Ciong Hok Chu
- 1903 – Knox United Methodist Church – First ordained Filipino pastor Rev. Nicolas Zamora
- 1909 – February 21, 1909, Iglesia Evangelista Metodista en Las Islas Filipinas (IEMELIF) established and became independent of American administration.
- 1926 – September – Philippine General Council of the Assemblies of God.
- 1927 – Church of the Foursquare Gospel of the Philippines – A *balikbayan* from the United States, Rev. Vicente Defante, Sr. founded the Foursquare Church in Iloilo City in 1927

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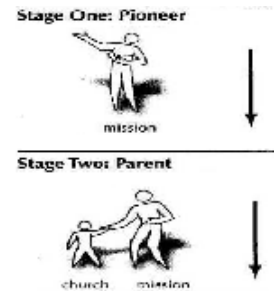
112 YEARS TIMELINE

- 1931 – Iglesia Evangelica Unida de Cristo
 1943 – Evangelical Church – established by the Japanese during the occupation
 1944 – Baptist Conference of the Philippines – was established after the 1944 revival of the Baptist General Conference
 1946 – July – Lutheran Church in the Philippines started by a young missionary *balikbayan* of the Lutheran Church, Missionary Synod
 1947 – Christian and Missionary Alliance of the Philippines, Inc. (CAMACOP) distinguished themselves from CMA, Philippine Mission. They pioneered work among the tribal cultural minorities so effectively that after 20 years their group was composed mostly of tribal people and lowland settlers. Dr. Met Castillo – “the Father of Philippine Mission” was groomed under CAMACOP.
 1947 – SEND International
 1948 – JULY – Far Eastern Bible Institute and Seminary (FEBIAS) started – Filipinos were trained to reach their own.
 1948 – Conservative Baptist Association of the Philippines, Inc. started by missionaries of Far East Broadcasting Company.
 1948 – Gospel Broadcasting began
 1948 – United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP): the Evangelical Church, United Evangelical Church, the Philippine Methodist Church, Ilocano Convention of the Disciples of Christ and the Evangelical Methodist Church and the Iglesia Evangelista Unida de Cristo merge together to form UCCP.
 1948 – JUNE – The Philippine Conference of the Free Methodist Church, Inc.
 1949 – The Evangelical Alliance Mission (TEAM)
 1949 – Gospel Recording Ministry
 1950s – Many other para-church ministries and other denominations began work in the country.
 1950 – Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary
 1953 – New Tribes Mission
 1953 – Philippine Crusades to Phil Challenge
 1953 – Summer Institute of Linguistics
 1953 – Intersarsity Christian Fellowship
 1952 – OMF International
 1954 – Intersarsity Christian Fellowship Philippines
 1954 – Philippine Missionary Fellowship: local missionaries organized the PMF to send Filipino missionaries to rural areas.
 1957 – First bookstore in RP – Phil Christian Literature –> PCBS
 1960 – The Second Vatican council and Pope John XXII allowed the Bible to be read by all – causing a spiritual revival nationwide
 1961 – Navigators
 1964 – Philippine Council of Churches established a network of denominations, churches, mission groups and para-church organizations nationwide
 1965 – Philippine Campus Crusade for Christ
 1966 – Philippine Council of OMF – send missionaries to Asia
 1967 – ABCOP

One friar in Pangasinan Fr. Manrique Alonzo Lallave got hold of one Spanish Bible which he condemned at first but found himself enjoying reading the life of Jesus in the gospel and shared it to his congregation with a promise to translate it into the Pangasinan language. Later, he was excommunicated but he translated the Bible into Pangasinense. His translation of Luke became the first Bible portion in the Philippine language to be freely distributed among Filipinos in 1898.

AMERICAN AND OTHER FOREIGN MISSIONS CAME IN

In 1898, when Americans took control of Manila after the Spanish – American war, open proclamation of the gospel began. Many American and other western missionaries were used by God to evangelize, disciple and bring Bibles to the Philippine which gave birth to the Filipino church.

**20th Century Missions:**

In the first 50 years, much of the mission work was done by expatriate missionaries. Their back breaking missions efforts paid off:

1950s – 1960s – From the older foreign mission efforts - churches /missions becoming more Filipino. Filipino indigenous leadership began to rise up (though some were much earlier). Filipino self-supporting, self-propagating churches began to develop. They began to wean themselves away from things foreign and later broke formal ties with the expatriate parent church / denomination /mission.

Phil Church history follows the ideal stages of Church planting

Expatriate missions and Filipino church have become partners in taking the gospel to the remote regions of the Philippines, targeted neglected tribal / cultural minorities

The Second Vatican council and Pope John XXII allowed the Bible to be read by all and caused a spiritual revival nationwide. Lay preachers, priests and nuns led Bible studies and prayer meetings - this is known as “the charismatic movement.” -> New churches mushroomed.

1970s – Filipino nationals were more convinced that they must take the responsibility to lead their own people and take on the task which God has given to the Filipino church.

Older denominations / missions were turning over more and more responsibilities to nationals workers. The Filipino church continued to grow across the country with the Filipino leadership

CHURCHES PLANTED:

1898 – 1968 - 5,000 churches were planted
 1968-1998 – 25,000 churches mushroomed

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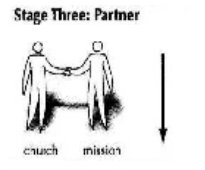
1969 – Asian Theological Seminary
 1968 – 1970’s DAWN (Discipling A Whole Nation) strategy idea by Donald McGavran and develop in the Philippines and implemented by Jim Montgomery of Philippine Crusades – mobilizing the whole body of Christ to evangelized its own people and discipling of the whole nation by working towards the goal of 50,000 churches by the year 2000.
 1970 – May – All Philippine Congress on Evangelism
 1972 – World Outreach Philippines
 1972 – Action International Philippines
 1976 – Philippine Aid Ministries – > Living Springs International
 1977 – Alliance Biblical Seminary
 1978 – Christ to the Orient Missions
 1966 – PACE (Philippine Association of Christian Educators)
 1980 – Youth With A Mission, World of Life and Philippine Home Council of the OMF
 1980 – New Tribes Missions Philippines
 1981 – World Team
 1983 – April – Philippine Mission Association was formed; an umbrella organization for missions – oriented groups and active missions mobilization of the Philippine churches began. PMA was led by Dr. Met Castillo “the Father of Philippine Mission” until 1995.
 1983 – Translators Association of the Philippines (TAP)
 1984 – Sultan Kudarat Philippine Gospel Commission
 1984 – Global Alliance Philippine Ministries send Filipino missionaries in Taiwan, Spain and former USSR
 1984 – Victory Christian Fellowship
 1985 – Tribes and Nations Outreach
 1985 – Biennial Conference of Ethnic Religion...
 1989 – Korea International Mission – > Phil Partners for World Mission – > Global Partners Philippines
 1989 – Philippine Evangelical Mission
 1989 – July – MANILA CONSULTATION ON MISSIONARY TRAINING
 1994 – September 21 – UMMAH FELLOWSHIPS
 1995 – PMA became the missions arm of PCEC
 1995 – Unreached Peoples Task Force / Mobilization Task Force / Philippine UPG Prayer Guide Published.
 1995 – Unreached Peoples Missionary Training Center
 1995 – China Ministries International – Philippines
 1995 – The First National Youth Missions Congress
 1995 – Asian Center for Missions
 1995 – 96 SALAM Ministries
 1995 – Launching of the Global Prayer Digest
 1998 – October 27 – 30, 1998 CENTENNIAL MISSIONS CONGRESS
 Strategic UPG Focus Partnership
 1999 – BOLFI
21st CENTURY
 2001 – Tentmakers International Exchange Congress
 2002 – Bless the Muslims Prayers Day

1970 – 2000 - 51,286 church by DAWN 2000 movement.
 2000 – 2010 – Projections based on field surveys done from 2000 to 2010

Evangelical/Full Gospel Churches	77,000
Barangays with at Least One Church	19,000
Barangays with No Church	23,000
People in Barangays with No Church	30,000,000
Percent Evangelical/Full Gospel	12%
Source: Philippine Challenge, Philippine Church Quick Facts, www.philchal.org	

Most receptive to the Gospel were lowland peoples and the animistic tribal cultural minority groups. They were the most ready for religious change.

(Overseas Contracts Workers ->OFW phenomenon began)



1980s up to these recent times - the Muslim people groups remain the most neglected ethnolinguistic people groups. From 1898 – 1980, there was very little record of ministry among the Muslim. There was only a handful of Filipino at work among them.

Consultation and consortium began to focus on neediest people groups. Mission awareness and active mission mobilizations were initiated by expat missions to raise up Filipino partners. Specialized UPG focus trainings began. UPG Profiling also began.

- Filipino sodalities (sending of missionaries outside of the Philippines) began to emerge during this time.
- Emerging Asian partner: Koreans came in

1990s – “Kairos” years began. Perspectives Classes came, Condensed World Missions Course introduced and continuing up to the present.

Celebration of the Centennial of Biblical Christianity in the Philippines: *Exalt the LORD! Spread the WORD! Tell the WORLD! “Bayanihan for [global] Mission”* strongly emphasized in reaching UPGs with the Gospel on to the 21st century.

Adoption of Unreached People Groups and formation of strategic partnership followed. Engaging next. MBBs fellowships began to form.

Tent-making tract began to surface.

Someone reported that, in the last 5 years, MBBs (M back-ground believers) in the Philippines have reached 300% and MBBs reaching their own people have reached 250%.

AIMS HARVEST CONNECTION held in Laguna and Bicol

Six pastors representing five churches and denominations attended a special Harvest Connection Seminar of AIMS (Accelerating International Missions Strategies) held on the first day of January, 2011. The seminar was conducted at the Greenhills Christian Fellowship in Naga City by Dr. Rey Taniajura, representing AIMS and Philippine Missions Association (PMA).

Ptr. Oscar Laureta of the Bicol Region pastoral fellowship and PMA liaison for Bicol led the participants. On behalf of AIMS and PMA, Ptr. Oscar will serve as missions advocacy team leader for Bicol. He will also coordinate all other AIMS seminars and trainings to be held in the area in the future. Those who completed the seminar are pastors Reuel Pamor and Domingo Trilles of Grace Communion International; Eduardo Laureles, Word for the World – Naga City; Antonio C. Camain, Assembly of God church; and Tito R. Reburiano Jr, Villa Grande Baptist Church of Naga City.

Earlier in December, 2010 another Harvest Connection seminar was held at the Grace Communion International church of Santa Rosa, Laguna. Ptr. Nomer Venus, the senior pastor of the church, is a graduate of Harvest Connection seminar conducted on November 9 to 11, 2010 by AIMS seminar and founder, Dr. Howard Foltz.



Graduates of the AIMS Harvest Connection seminar in Naga City led by Ptr. Oscar Laureta, second from left

KAIROS Courses held in Quezon City and Albay

A Kairos Course was conducted on November 24 to 27, 2010 at Victory Church of Asia (VCA) by Dr. Rey Taniajura and Ptr. Andy Ducay. VCA is affiliated with Victory Churches International, Canada. The church is located along Quirino Highway, Lagro, Quezon City. Recently the church has become a member of Philippine Missions Association (PMA). It has a Kairos Student Center and offers mid-week services to youth. Nine participants, mostly mission leaders of the church, attended the Kairos Course together with hosts Ptr. Ronald and Cynthia Castillo. The Castillo husband-wife team also manages the Kairos Student Center.

At the closing session, the participants gave encouraging testimonies and conveyed their appreciation for the broader understanding of what mission really is which they learned through the course. VCA has also expressed interest in hosting a facilitators training course early in 2011.

Another Kairos Course was held on December 6 to 10, 2010 in Legaspi City at the Bicol for Christ Mission Center. The event was hosted by Ptr. Shin, a Korean Missionary, serving under Global Missions Society (GMS). Nine Bicol pastors took the course and the sessions were facilitated by Ptrs. Andy Ducay and Nak Keun Kim, also a Korean missionary serving as staff of PMA. The training course was conducted as part of the program for the Filipino-Korean partnership in Mission (FKPM) department of PMA.

The participants expressed great enthusiasm for the course leading one of the pastors to request that Kairos be conducted too in Sorsogon. Others commented that the course was very enlightening and greatly enhanced their understanding of mission. The training ended with a happy note of praising God for what He has done to the participants. *(by Ptr. Andy Ducay)*



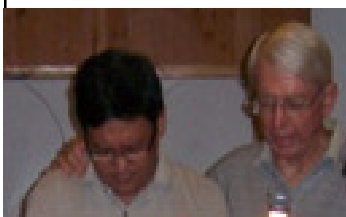
Kairos graduates of Quezon City



Kairos graduates of Legaspi City, Albay

Dr. Rey Taniajura, AIMS Philippine representative has designated Ptr. Ronald Hernandez as PMA liaison for Northern and Central Luzon. He will also be serving as AIMS national advocacy team leader for Accelerating International Missions Strategy (AIMS) seminars for PMA. Ptr. Ronald is a member of the pastoral team of his local church, Grace Communion International (GCI) in Baliuag, Bulacan. From 2006 to 2008 he served as the local church's senior pastor and chairman of the pastoral team. He is married to Zenaida Duka Hernandez with whom he has three children, Daphne, Charisse and Abigael.

Ptr. Ronald is a civil engineer by profession. He has completed the Foundation of Christian Leadership course (conferences 1 and 2) offered through International Graduate School of Leadership (IGSL) extension training program. He has also been accredited by AIMS as Harvest Connection seminar facilitator last November 2010.



Ptr. Ronald Hernandez being prayed over by Dr. Foltz, AIMS founder and president

Every day, thousands of people die without once hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ...



What will YOU do to reach them?

The **Harvest Connection Seminar** will help you discover God's intended purpose as a Great Commission Church.

- Look through the 10/40 Window to see the millions of people whom have never heard the Good News of Jesus Christ.
- Learn what the Bible says about missions.
- Discover your mission to share Christ with a world that desperately needs a Savior.
- Use resources you already have on hand to minister cross-culturally.
- Reach the world for Jesus Christ!

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Amazing Work of God (continued) 21st CENTURY

112 YEARS TIMELINE

- 2003 – Frontiers Philippines and Central Luzon Missions Movement
- 2004 – Hosted SEALINK – A UPG Focus Forum for South East Asia
- 2005 – The Birth of Philippine Missions Mobilization Movement (PM3):
- 2005 – Cat & Dog Theology introduced
- 2005 – Int'l Grad School of Leadership incorporated KAIROS into their curriculum
- 2006 – Phil. Missionary Care Congress – > Declaration
- 2006 – Davao hosted World Gathering of Indigenous People
- 2006 – PM3 Mindanao Missions Summit with Bro. Yun, Cebu and Davao
- 2006 – Sa Bawat Wika 2025 Launched
- 2007 – BTM, Deployment & Member Care Summit
- 2008 – KAIROS came to CAMACOP
- 2009 – LAUSANNE Diaspora Commission
- 2009 – Commission on Evangelical Unity –Filipino denomination and Korea Mission unity – Baguio
- 2010 – RISE UP PHILIPPINES I– Youth Evangelism and mobilization –Filipino and Korean led – Baguio – > 60,000 attendance

Note: Some significant events may not be included here simply because we don't have any access of any documentation or information about the event.

Stage Four: Participant



Cross-cultural Missions Mobilization continues to take center stage. Training for OFW Diaspora Mission given much attention. Tent-making tract overly emphasized and developed through the Philippine Missions Mobilization Movement. Missions Resources Developed: *Worker to Witness, Higher Purpose for Your Overseas Job and Scattered.*

The Philippine Church continues to partner with International Missions Network more.

Deployments of cross-cultural workers are increasing. The Philippines is now considered as one of the New Sending Countries

We are grateful to God for the countless men and women He sent to share to us the Gospel of Jesus. We are grateful too for their backbreaking work to disciple / train /nurture the Filipino church into full maturity. Much praise is due to our gracious and merciful God also for carrying the Filipino church to survive through difficult challenges throughout the 16th up to the 21st century. We are far from finishing the task. At home, many Filipino churches are still young and struggling to survive and there are still segments of unreached areas.

To the world, the Filipino church has become a missionary sending church, making much progress for the glory of God among the nations.

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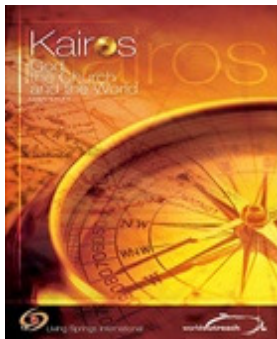
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2011 EVENTS



28th General Assembly

of the Philippine Missions Association

Wednesday
FEBRUARY 23, 2011

At the Church of the Risen Lord

Laurel Ave., UP Diliman Campus, Quezon City

Time: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

the
harvest
connection
seminar



the time has come...

the harvest is ready...are you?

**PMA offers a new course
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North Korea

Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea

Geography

Area: 122,370 sq km

The larger part of the Korean peninsula, with a more rigorous climate than in the south. About 70% of the land area is mountainous.

Population: 23,990,708 **Annual Growth:** 0.39%

Capital: Pyongyang

Peoples: 7 (57% unreached)

Official language: Korean

Largest Religion: Non religious

Religion	Pop %	Ann Gr
Christians	355,762	1.48
Evangelicals	246,400	1.0
Non-religious	16,625,557	69.30

Challenge for Prayer

The "Hermit Kingdom" is a repressive nightmare, where the populace are kept ignorant of the outside world and forcibly indoctrinated into the doctrines and policies of the "Dear Leader". He has made 70 bronze statues (total value over \$1 billion) – and literally tens of thousands of other monuments, towers and figures – of his father Kim Il-Sung, the Father in the twisted Cheondogyo trinity of Father, Son and Juche spirit. The nuclear threat of this rogue nation is only surpassed by the nation's great suffering and deprivation. Pray for the leader and his cadre, that the Holy Spirit might bring them to repentance and belief.

North Korea's economy and environment are in states of disaster, the former propped up only by illicit money-spinner ventures outside the country and by Chinese and South Korean generosity, which ebbs and flows with ever-shifting North Korean politics. Yet the cost of continually propping up North Korea will eventually tally up to more than the cost of rebuilding a crumbling nation after a regime change. Pray for a watershed moment in God's timing that will bring thorough change, freedom and complete transformation to this land.

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