



Dr. Rey Taniajura
Outgoing Director

TURNOVER OF LEADERSHIP AT PMA



Dr. David Lim
Incoming Director

In November DR. REY TANIAJURA (left) turns over the leadership of Philippine Missions Association to Dr. DAVID S. LIM (right), after serving the association for three years. Dr. Taniajura has been invited to serve at Dallas Theological Seminary as missionary in residence and teach a class in mission for one school year. Dr. Lim, who is currently serving

as president of Asian School for Development and Cross Cultural studies, will serve for two years as per decision of the PMA board in a meeting held last August 24.

During his term as PMA national director, Dr. Taniajura represented the association in international fora where he also presented papers on the current missions movement in the Philippines. Among these fora were the missions commission conference of the Asia Evangelical Association in Indonesia and Thailand, Asia Missions Association triennial conference, also in Indonesia, Tokyo 2010 in Tokyo, Japan and recently, the third 4/14 Global Summit in Singapore. His paper on "Incidental Missions and the Overseas Filipino Workers Phenomenon" presented in the missions commission conference in Bali, Indonesia was included as a chapter in the book *Emerging Missions Movement, Voices of Asia* published by Compassion International and edited by Dr. Bambang Budijanto. Dr. Budijanto serves as missions commission director of the ASIA EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION. In the recent meeting of the ASIA MISSIONS ASSOCIATION held in Jakarta, Indonesia, Dr. Taniajura was also elected 3rd vice chairman of the association.

Accelerating Missions Seminar: What you and your church can do?

How can we accelerate missions for the next century? This subject was taken up by the founder of Accelerating International Missions (AIMS) founder, Dr. Howard Foltz Saturday of October 15, 2011 at the Crossway Fellowship, in the basement of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines Julia Vargas Ave., Ortigas Center, Pasig City. About 20 participants came to the event. Morning Worship was led by the Crossway worship team in the morning and emceed by the outgoing PMA Director, Dr. Rey Taniajura. Prior to the lecture was a devotion made by Bishop Ephraim Tendero.

With a few people in attendance, Dr. Howard Foltz put on his professor cap and proceeded to lecture the

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audience on Developing a Harvest Mentality in our churches.

Additional people came in after lunch wherein Malou Leyva taught them to worship in other foreign languages. By 3 pm, Dr. David Lim, incoming PMA Director, spoke concerning PM3 and what God is doing through the Filipinos.

At the close of the program, both Dr. Lim and Dr Taniajura were prayed upon by PMA Board members led by Dra Viola Martin as way of informal turnover for the PMA Directorship.



Dr. Howard Foltz teaching at the seminar

PMA Missions Director Attends 4/14 Global Summit in Singapore

On behalf of Philippine Missions Association, Dr. Rey Taniajura attended the third 4/14 Global Summit Conference in Singapore on September 6 to 9. The host for the conference was the Victory Family Centre whose pastor is Rick Seaward. VFC has about 9,000 churches in over 80 nations.

Close to a thousand participants, representing 91 countries attended the conference. Most of the delegates came from Africa, South America and Asia. Leading the conference were Dr. Luis Bush of Transform World movement and Dr. Bambang Budijanto, vice president of Compassion International for Asia.

According to Luis Bush, "It is crucial that mission efforts be re-prioritized and re-directed toward the 4-14 age groups worldwide. This requires that we become acutely aware of what is taking place in their lives. We must also endeavor to understand their nature and the essential means to nurture them. Only with this kind of informed awareness will we be able to reach them, shape them, and raise them up to transform the world."

Dr. Taniajura participated in the Academic and Theological transformation track facilitated by Dr. Dan Brewster. The academic track sought to provide theological and academic support for the child focused emphasis of organizations, movements and other initiatives such as Lausanne, WEA, and the 4/14 Window. It also provided new theological understandings about the significance of the child, and view Church, Ministry and Society through the lens of the child. Members of the Philippine delegation who participated in this track included the academic dean of the Asia Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary and the president of the Asia Baptist Theological Seminary in Baguio City.

The first 4/14 Global Summit Conference was held in New York, USA. A fourth 4/14 Global Summit Conference is scheduled to be held in Brazil in 2013.



Participants at the 4/14 Global Summit

PMA hosts BTM 2011

It's now the 10th year since the 9/11 bombing of World Trade Center, New York which has changed the world in so many ways. Remembering 9/11, Philippine Missions Association served as host in this year's prayer and fasting day also known as Bless the Muslims at the function hall of the PCEC bldg.

About 50 people and some newcomers from Grace Bible Church came to the 9:00 am to 3:00 pm prayer and fasting.

BTM 2011 was also done in various places in the Philippines like Dasmariñas, Cavite; Zamboanga, General Santos and Cotabato, GCF Manila U.N. Ave, and Baguio.

Please help bless the sons of Ishmael one people group at a time in these locations:

1. Batangas
2. Pampanga
3. Taytay
4. Pasay
5. Quiapo
6. Tandang Sora
7. Payatas
8. North Fairview
9. MVBLRAC (Kangkungan)
10. Baseco

New ministry sites where City churches can directly bless the sons of Ishmael can be found in Greenhills; Dasmariñas, Cavite; Masantol, Pampanga; PhilCOA/Luzon Ave. Quezon City; St. Francis Square, Mandaluyong City; Dasmariñas, Las Pinas; Sitio Victoria, Cainta, and Binangonan.

The Director's Reflection (continued)

If you think you're not a "disciple-maker" yet, join a cell group, or start one. You may ask a mature Christian to disciple you in the context of a small group. Discipling is best done in small group, so that you can grow spiritually much faster. The group should not be more than 12-15 members. Remember, disciples are made in small groups, never in big meetings. What you need to learn from your discipler(s) are: (a) how to experience God and grow spiritually, (b) how to do friendship evangelism, and (c) how to lead effective disciple-making cell groups.

Then pray with your discipler that you'll be able to lead your own "discipleship group" within 3 years (if you have more spiritual gifts, just a few months of discipling will do). While maintaining close relationship with your discipler, you can start to disciple your own disciples to listen to God and then release them to lead their own "discipleship groups," too!

Actually this was how our Lord Jesus planned to win the world to Himself – through this simple disciple-making strategy: He called 12 ordinary people (rural folks, except for urbanite Judas!) After discipling them to do what He did, He sent them out two by two to make 12 disciples each (Matt. 9:35-10:16). They succeeded so that he was able to send out "72 others," not the original 12 (Lk. 10:1, 17). If the 12 and "72 others" were sent out two by two, that's 42 pairs going forth to make 12 new disciples each, they made 504 new disciples in all! We read in 1 Corinthians 15:6, that after the resurrection, our Lord appeared to more than 500 brethren! If these 500 were to pair off, that's 250 making 12 new disciples each, they would be able to disciple exactly 3,000 new converts! And that's exactly what happened on the birthday of the church at Pentecost: all converts were baptized *immediately*, since the apostles knew they would all be followed up and disciplined in at least 250 house churches in Jerusalem ("from house to house," Acts 2:41-47). No wonder their numbers increased DAILY!

As a missionary recruiter, may I also add that if you do become an effective disciple-maker, God can call you to go abroad and become a *tentmaker* (a cross-cultural missionary who practices his/her profession overseas)! With just a bit more training on cross-cultural issues, you can do disciple-making among other non-Christian peoples! After all, that's what our Lord Jesus told each of us (not just full-time ministers) to do: "to make disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28:19).

So let's go ahead, and just do it! Join or start a disciple-making cell group. Get training on how to do "friendship evangelism" and how to "lead effective cell groups." May God mold you to be an effective disciple-maker in our generation! Let's all be victorious Christians in the e-world!

PMA at Manila International Missions Conference

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Philippine Missions Association (PMA) participated in the 2nd Metro Manila International Missions Conference organized by the Phil Council of Evangelical Churches and The Elijah Global Missions School last August 17 to 20, 2011 at Taytay, Rizal.

About 540 delegates representing 14 countries came to the 4 day whole day event with 10 plenary speakers and 14 workshop presenters covering various missional topics. Bishop Ephraim Tendero was the inaugural speaker.

PMA set up a table to promote missions resources, especially the *Muslim Peoples* book as well as Dr. Joy Tira's *Scattered to Gather*.

PM3 Executive Director Ptr. Nono Badoy was one of the hosts.

MV LOGOS HOPE to visit the Philippines

Here is a bit of news from OPERATION MOBILIZATION! MV LOGOS HOPE will again come to the Philippines with a visit by the first quarter of 2012.



Containing the largest floating bookshop in the world, MV LOGOS will first berth in Cebu on January 10 to February 14. Then to Manila on February 16 to March 14, and finally to Subic on March 15 to April 4 before dry docking repairs. It will finally have its bookstore opened in Batangas on June 6 to 25. While in Manila, the schedule for the book shop is as follows:

Mondays: CLOSED

Tuesday – Saturday: 10am – 9:30pm

Sundays: 1pm – 9:30pm

About the incoming PMA Director

David S. Lim, Ph. D. is President of the Asian School for Development and Cross Cultural Studies (ASDECS) Quezon City, Philippines. He holds a brilliant academic record: M. Div. from the Asian Theological Seminary (1977), Th.M. from the Asian Centre for Theological Studies Seoul, South Korea (1981), and Ph.D. Theology from the Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, CA, U.S.A (1987). He previously served as academic dean at the Asian Theological Seminary (1978-92) and Oxford Center for Missions Studies (1993-94). He has been a lecturer at Haggai Institute since 1999.

He also serves as President/CEO of China Ministries International-Philippines and serves other board positions in 20 other mission organizations.

He is the author of four books published by OMF Publishers (*Transforming Communities* and *How to Share Gospel Tracts*) and New Day Publishers (*Speaking in Tongues and Christian Patriotism*), and of journal articles on transformational development, theological contextualization and missionary training. Some of his articles are found in his blogspot , davidlim53.wordpress.com

New Director's Challenge: A Victorious Christian Life in the e-World

How can Christians live a spiritually victorious life for Christ in our post-modern world? We live in a *fast-paced* world. And an ever *fast-changing* e-world! It's been a couple of years since they said that our knowledge is doubling every 18 months. How can we keep our priorities right, so as to live for Christ victoriously in this world?

In order to be victorious, we must be focusing on the top priority of Christian living, and that is, to be a *faithful disciple* of Jesus and to become an *effective disciple-maker* for Him. The Apostle Paul instructed his disciple Timothy thus: "You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others" (2 Tim. 2:1-2). Verse 1 tells him to "be a disciple," and verse 2 for him to "become a disciple-maker."

Paul continues by giving three illustrations of Christian living: like soldiers preparing for a spiritual battle (vv. 3-4), athletes competing in a spiritual marathon (v.5), and farmers laboring to reap a spiritual harvest (v.6). In all these, "winning" requires the discipline and concentration to gain the victory (in winning a war, a race and a good harvest). Like Paul, Timothy (and all of us) should be able to echo, "I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me, the task of

testifying to the gospel of God's grace" (Acts 20:24). At the end of life, we should be able to say like Paul "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" (2 Tim. 4:7). That's the final "victory cry" of a *faithful disciple* of Jesus and an *effective disciple-maker* for Him!

Sadly, many Christians live defeated lives. Instead of living as victorious witnesses of Christ (read: disciple-makers), they remain immature baby Christians who need to be constantly cared for by others. They are still self-centered and self-focused, when in fact they should already be serving the Lord and reaching out to others. They fail to enjoy the "abundant life" that Jesus promised: that we should become fruitful, reproducing Christians: "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others" (Phil. 2:3f).

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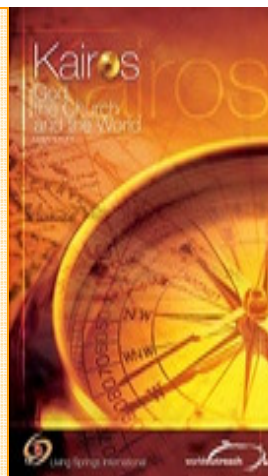
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