



Faith Overseas Mission

Training Philippine Nationals

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Dear Friends of Christ,

Our prayer for each of you comes from Peter's last challenge to the Church in 2 Peter 3:18. "But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." This was written as a mandate, a command. We are to continue to grow, advance, and to seek the Lord more and more as we see the day approaching. Paul said that every believer's destiny is to be conformed to the image of Christ. (Romans 8:29) God's blessings abound as we walk in obedience to His leading.

This year's trip to the Philippines evidenced great blessings. Our team of nine enjoyed safe travels as well as being able to conduct conferences, hold basic medical clinics, participate in the camp, speak in several of our churches, and spend time in precious fellowship with our Filipino fellow-laborers.

In our Pastors' conference we had 26 men in attendance. These men were either senior pastors, assistant pastors, or youth pastors, as well as our Bible college students. The messages were instructional and spoke clearly to present issues relevant to today. The Ladies' conference was comprised of 26 ladies, either pastor's wives or Sunday school teachers, and our Bible college girls. The theme for the ladies was Prayer, using the movie War Room as a springboard, and it was wonderful to hear the women share their "impossible" prayer requests with one another and to pray together at the close of each day's session.

The conferences were conducted during our annual summer teen camp. Though 160 young people were expected, over 200 actually showed up! The accommodations are very basic, (they sleep on the hard concrete floors, or on the ground and eat mostly rice 3 times a day) yet Camp is the highlight of our church's teen groups and they especially love the music competition! 18 young people made a profession of faith in Christ and many others grew in their Christian walk. We are encouraged that so many of the faithful youth attending our 11 churches are growing in grace and knowledge.

Our pastors, along with their wives and families, are pouring their lives into their people. Our plan from the beginning has been to spend part of each year in the Philippines, serving in our churches, teaching in the college, and generally

overseeing the work of the mission. Though primarily we raise all the support for FOM, we need to be there serving alongside the pastors as well. Our hearts are fully committed to this next step of growth for our lives and for the continued growth of the ministry and we are praying and making plans to be in the Philippines early next year for several months.

We are asking our ministry partners to join us as we grow and as we continue to raise our personal support level from the 55% it is at present to at least 75% by December of this year. Our hearts are excited to see the Lord's provision and leading in this new step of faith.

Our requests for prayer are these:

- ◆ for doors of churches to open to us to share the work of FOM
- ◆ that all the details will work out for our moving to the Philippines
- ◆ for the needed funds for our trip to the field and for our personal needs while we are there

Thank you for your support of FOM and for us. 2 Corinthians 4:3,4,& 5 compel us to gather the last of the Church Age harvest for Christ and His glory.

*The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness;
but is long suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish,
but that all should come to repentance.*

Following Him,

Myron & Kim

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