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TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!

China Update & Philippine Graduation



I am actually writing this November newsletter from the Philippines in early May! It has already been a busy year and we are not even half way through!

Vicky, Sarah, and I took a week of vacation the first of April. I do not often take the time to totally get away from the work of the ministry. Usually, I try to squeeze a free day in every now and then. I must confess a week away was good for all of us, perhaps for me most of all as I returned refreshed and ready to believe God for greater things.

CHINA UPDATE

After spending a night in Beijing, I flew to a major city where my host was waiting to drive me to our village location. Twenty-seven students were waiting for me there to finish teaching "Book 1," the remainder of the first semester's material. There were originally 44 in this group. Several, however, were not willing to sacrifice the time and effort required to finish the course. The Apostle Paul rejoiced in knowing he had "finished his course"; a crown, or reward, was awaiting him. However, after the excitement of something new wears off, many will drop out of the race. Though I am disappointed that all 44 did not follow through, I am thankful for the 27 that returned, one of which came a great distance to complete this particular week of our China program. The student had missed those sessions due to the untimely death of his brother two years earlier. We had a good week of study, staying late to cover the material in order to complete their exams before Friday as a two-day prayer meeting was to be held where we were meeting. Among the prayer warriors would be new believers who did not know that a foreign missionary, busy training pastors, was in the area. Their knowledge of my presence could have endangered our efforts. After finishing early, I spent Friday writing quizzes for our CTC online program.

I had not been able to get much done at home the past month as 9 members of Vicky's family came to visit for a few weeks. There were 6 adults and 6 kids in our townhouse! On this trip I decided I would make every effort to get as far as I could in finishing the remaining subjects that no one else was working on. I am blessed to report that as of this writing, all the quizzes are finally completed. I must have written close to 200 quizzes over the course of this trip. I was seeing quiz questions in my sleep, what little of that there was!

Please pray with me that our students in China (pictured here taking exams) will persevere and not give in to the enemy's distractions. Most of the students are farmers and village pastors who desperately need



this training. I am sorry I cannot show their faces! They are holding their new copies of "Book 2," the nearly 500 pages of material they are to read, in 12 pt. font with no spac-

ing, before I return in October. These students need our prayers!

THE PHILIPPINES

It has been about 5 years since I have been in the Philippines. We have a good staff of teachers, some of whom are previous CTC grads, and good directors in Pastor Philip and Jemima Gonzalez. Cabadbaran, on the island of Mindanao, is the only place where we have raised money



to actually build a building for the CTC program. Completed many years ago, the building continues to be a place where young people are trained to go out and pioneer new churches or strengthen those in



which they are already a part. The alumni shared that over 60 of our graduates have pioneered new churches. One 15 year-old girl, from the other side of Mindanao, graduated high school early then came to our CTC program. She graduated from our program at 17 and is currently serving as the full time senior pastor of a church that is doing very well.

Pastor Philip seized on the opportunity of my visit to schedule



me to speak two times in the Agape General Fellowship Conference, held at Calvary Assembly out-

side of Bislig. Pastor Philip and I, along with a contingent from his congregation, loaded into a small bus for the 4 hour ride to Bislig. To say it was packed and uncomfortable was to put it mildly; there was no air-conditioning and only 2 small windows! The weather in the Philippines is always very hot and humid.



I spoke twice on the last day of the conference with the theme "Fan into Flame the Gifts He Has Given Us." In the morning session, I tried to target the younger part of the group, encouraging them to consider a life of service to the Lord. In the evening, I shared my favorite message on faith. I talked about how faith is a grace gift, with a measure being given to every believer. I explained that faith is to be used to empower our ministry gifts. We ended the evening praying for God to increase our faith so that our gifts would function in a way that would glorify His name. PTL!

We took a van on the way back to Cabadbaran. Philip drove for about 7 hours, showing me the rest of Mindanao so I would know where the students were coming from. Philip also pointed out where we have yet to reach and plant churches. I discussed with him the possibility of opening another branch of the CTC program closer to where students lived so they would not have to travel so far. Perhaps with a new branch, more students would attend the training.



I also spoke to the CTC alumni in Cabadbaran who were there to attend their reunion and the graduation on Saturday.

Many of these past graduates have pioneered churches in remote areas but do not have facilities. I discussed with them the possibility of putting together a project to build X number of churches at a cost of X \$ each. Those who want to participate must have clear title to the land for the church, put together all the pertinent information and detailed cost

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estimates, and send the information to me by mid-July. You will be hearing more about this in the future as I expect some of you may wish to invest in

this project! Saturday afternoon I spoke at the graduation of 19 young men and 12 young women who



completed the CTC program. The graduates are now beginning their ministries; all of them are pastors or are serving in their home churches. Several denominations are represented in each group we graduate from the Philippines. God is doing great things through our efforts!

As you read this Thanksgiving is almost here and we have so much for which to be thankful! I'm reminded in practical ways on each trip just how blessed we are to live in the USA. I am also reminded that we are merely pilgrims on our way to a home that is everlasting. With Christmas coming, there is always much to do. We feel the pressure of finances as we shop for one another. Our giving to each other is certainly an act of love and appreciation; it should remind us that Christ has given each of us the greatest gift of all in Himself. Let me encourage you as you begin your Christmas shopping to be thankful for what is most important, to have a giving spirit, to remember the work of the ministry, and in some way honor Christ, who we set this time aside to honor most of all.

Know you are important to this ministry! Without God's blessing on you, and through you, we could do very little. Thus we pray earnestly for you and your family. Thank you for standing with us and for the sacrifices so many of you make. If you haven't yet, consider partnership in Project Gideon; we are asking God for 300 to partner with us giving faithfully \$15 or \$30 each month; 100% goes to projects.

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