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The Philippine Islands became a Spanish colony during the 16th century. The islands were ceded to the United States in 1898 following the Spanish-American War. In 1935, the Philippines became a self-governing commonwealth. In 1942, the islands fell under Japanese occupation during World War II. In 1946, the Republic of the Philippines attained its independence.

Located in Southeastern Asia, the Philippine archipelago is made up of 7,107 islands, between the South China Sea and the Philippine Sea. The climate is tropical. The population of the Philippines is 12th largest in the world, with approximately 95 million people.

The two official languages are Filipino (based on Tagalog) and English. The eight major dialects are Tagalog, Cebuano, Ilocano, Ilonggo, Bicol, Waray, Pampango and Pangasinan. It is estimated that 80 percent of the population is Roman Catholic and five percent is Muslim.

Baptist Bible Fellowship International has had a presence in the Philippine Islands since our inception.

Frank and Elsie Hooge had been serving the Lord in Colorado when they surrendered to go to the Philippines as missionaries. They arrived for the first time in February, 1948. Elmer and Daisy

Mae Gullion arrived as missionaries to the Philippines in October of 1949.

Both of these families became a part of the BBFI in 1950. Having very little financial support with which to begin, but with a pioneer heart, a dedicated spirit, and a biblical understanding of the Great Commission, the fruitful work of the BBFI in the Philippines had begun! Over the next few years many more families would go to the Philippines, having been sent and supported by BBFI churches.

Some great missionary families were approved by the BBFI in the 1950s:

- Joe and Marguerite Vella, 1951
- L.D. and Mava Lee Woosley, 1952
- Fred and Lorene Null, 1952
- Leslie and B'Etta Funk, 1954
- Bob and Helen Hughes, 1955
- Richard and Mary Schott, 1955
- Bill and Dona Anderson, 1956
- Howard and Eleanor Quinlan, 1957
- David and Uldine Steffy, 1958
- Lloyd and Edith Baker, 1959

Eventually, our contingency in the Philippines would be one of the largest we have anywhere in the world. We currently have 36 career mission-

ary adults serving in the Philippines. That number is second only to Mexico in terms of BBFI career missionaries. They are listed in chronological order, using as our reference the year of their BBFI approval.

Current/Active

- David and Uldine Steffy, 1958**
- Lloyd and Edit Baker, 1959**
- Boyd and Donna Lyons, 1964**
- Frank and Finettie Howell, 1965**
- Delbert and Lora Lee Hooge, 1967**
- Bob and Sue Phillips, 1970**
- Herb and Brenda Hayes, 1971**
- Paul and Ellen Byars, 1975**
- Dennis and Gloria Ebert, 1978**
- John and Pam Quinlan, 1978**
- Mike and Sandy Reap, 1982**
- Greg and LuAnn Lyons, 1985**
- Gary and Jeanie Phillips, 1985**
- Mark and Michelle Johnson, 1986**
- Ed and Joyce Butler, 1987**
- Mike and Lenore Mislán, 1991**
- Lance and Melanie Gotcher, 1999**
- Bob and Gay Woosley, 2000**
- Faye Woods - STEP, 2003**

FROM HERE TO THERE

The divine plan for world evangelization has always been for those who receive to share.

Those who learn must teach. Those who are saved must serve. Those who are found must find. If the gospel has arrived here, we must take it there.

In 2 Corinthians 10:14-16, the Apostle explains that the gospel has been preached "as far as to you" and that if it is going to be preached "in the regions beyond you" it will be because of your increased faith and faithfulness.

We can see this principle in a magnificent way when we look at the work of God through the churches and missionaries of the Baptist Bible Fellowship in the Philippine Islands.

Over the years, there has been a great spiritual harvest throughout the Islands. Many different missionaries with a wide variety of backgrounds, missiological theories, methodologies and personalities have been faithful to proclaim the Good News to Filipinos. Those who have heard and received and been disciplined have felt the same urgency to share the Good News with those beyond them.

We will hear from two key men in the development of the Asian Baptist Clearinghouse, missionaries Lloyd Baker and Paul Byars.

Lloyd and Edith Baker have been missionaries to the Philippines for more than 50 years. Lloyd was invited to preach a missions conference in Borongan Samar in October 1993 at Bible Baptist Church pastored by Peter Ayon. Peter had attended a mission conference in Cebu and met an Indonesian delegate, Pastor Tambunan. This pastor made a plea for Filipino missionaries to come to Indonesia. The Lord touched Peter's heart but he was not sure it was a call.

Peter and Lloyd talked and prayed a lot during the conference in Samar and it was suggested that Peter and his wife make a survey trip. That took place a few weeks later, and when he and his wife returned to the Philippines it was definite God wanted them in Indonesia. Peter Ayon resigned his church and by May 1994 he and his family were ready to start deputation.

American missionaries had been praying for 20 years that God would call Filipinos to the mission field and now that prayer was being answered. Baker knew that some sort of clearinghouse was needed and counseled with Bob Baird, the mission director for BBFI and Dr. Armie Jesalva, the president of the BBFI-Philippines.

They prayed and sought the wisdom of God in organizing an office that would be able to receive monthly support, process that support and send it on to their missionaries.

They all agreed and Asian Baptist Clearinghouse (ABC) was born with Peter and Rynn Ayon as its first missionaries.

Since 1995, Paul and Ellen Byars have been handling the business end and the Bakers have done the field work. The ABC was incorporated and registered with the SEC and BIR as a non-profit religious organization. In 2005, Lloyd Baker felt it was time to step down as director and the board of trustees asked Paul Byars to accept that position.

Q & A with missionary Lloyd Baker

GP: How many missionaries are serviced by Asian Baptist Clearinghouse and in which countries are they?

LB: ABC now has a total of 107 family units (87 couples and 20 singles, 194 adult missionaries) in 35 different countries of the world. Nine of these countries are Restricted Access Nations (RANs). In addition we have missionaries in the following countries: Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Congo, East Timor, Ethiopia, Ghana, Haiti, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Kashmir, Mexico, Mongolia, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Russia, Singapore, Spain, Taiwan, Tanzania, Thailand, Uganda, and Zambia.

GP: Are these all Filipino missionaries?

LB: Actually, among our missionaries we have two Singaporeans (one in Thailand and the other in Indonesian,) one Indonesian going to Hong Kong, one Cambodian in a RAN, and a Pakistani in Kashmir. There are some that have gone back to their own countries after being trained in the Philippines, such as Myanmar and Cambodia.

GP: What are the educational requirements to become an ABC missionary?

LB: All applicants must have graduated from a Baptist college or seminary. Many Bible colleges have been started by the Filipino pastors in the Philippines. However, the majority of our missionaries have come from the larger colleges like Bethany Baptist College in Manila, Asia Baptist College in Sta. Mesa, Bible Baptist Seminary in

Cebu City, Grace Baptist College in Tacloban and others.

GP: Tell us about your staff and how you operate.

LB: We have six full time ladies on the staff. Paul Byars and I serve as the leadership team. Terry Wiese also served on the leadership team for a few years. ABC is duly incorporated and meets all government regulations. We have both an internal and external audit each year. We are governed by a board of trustees, which includes three American missionaries and five Filipino pastors.

We are in our 16th year now and every year there has been growth in the number of missionaries we serve and the funds that we handle for them. The board of trustees meets twice a year, February and July, to interview candidates. Once



The ABC staff ladies: from front Angie Delos Santos, Ann Teresa, Maris Detera, Sol Dela Cruz, Joyce Banan, and Joy Rivera.

a year we hold a missionary training seminar for one week for those who are accepted. Each missionary must attend two seminars, one after their acceptance and the other a year later. In the 16 years there have only been 17 resignations from ABC.

GP: How many churches have been started through the missionaries of the ABC?

LB: A very conservative estimate now would be at least 400 churches started in the countries where the missionaries serve.

Q & A with missionary Paul Byars

GP: To what do you attribute the success of the ABC?

PB: As the challenge for world evangelism went forth in the churches, more and more men and women surrendered their lives for foreign

missions. The missionary family of ABC continues to grow. The financial giving has grown as well. In 1994 there was less than 30,000 pesos processed through the Clearinghouse. Now, several million pesos a month pass through to the missionaries using the Clearinghouse.

GP: Give us an idea of what the future holds for the Asian Baptist Clearinghouse.

PB: The Philippines is standing at the greatest door ever opened to them. The potential is unlimited in what the Lord can do with the Filipino churches and the missionaries they will send out into the harvest field of the world.

The vision of ABC is to serve the missionary and the local church, rally prayer support for the missionary, train and equip missionaries for their ministry, and assist in the sending of missionaries from the Philippines.

The purpose of ABC is to act as a clearing agent for financial support from the local churches to foreign missionaries. The Clearinghouse is simply a bridge between these two essential elements of the Great Commission. The Clearinghouse does not replace the local church as the authority or the commissioning and sending agent of the missionary. Our aim is to do the best and most efficient job possible with the most cost effective method.

The Philippines has made a tremendous step of faith in world evangelism. The local independent Baptist church movement has made the transition from a "receiving nation" status to a "sending nation" status. This is a true biblical view of the Great Commission - from your Jerusalem to the uttermost part of the world.



MISSIONARY REPORTS FROM



Jason and Valencia Goh, Singaporean missionary to Thailand

We've been on the field since 1999. After one year of language studies, we took over Saimai Baptist Church in Bangkok, the capital city, in 2000. By God's grace, it became indigenous after four years and it is still going strong under the leadership of a national, Pastor Noom (photo at right).

In 2005, the Lord led us to Baan Namkem, a fishing village in Southern Thailand to begin a ministry with the tsunami-hit victims. With the BBFI as one of our major donors, a Community Development Center (CDC) was built (photo at left). The sole purpose of the CDC is to use its programs as a platform for church planting. As a result, we started New Light Baptist Church in 2006 and, Lord willing, it will be indigenous by next year (photo at left).



The CDC is also home to MANNA Kitchen [a feeding program sponsored by MANNA Worldwide, U.S.A.] (photo below, left) and a Burmese Christian School (photo below, right). We offer free food and education to 100 children. Plans are being drafted to start a Burmese church through this outreach this year.

We want to thank God for the Asian Baptist Clearinghouse. It has been a great instrument in assisting the missionaries, not only in processing our support, but in being an encouragement and a voice for the ones on the mission field.



Eduardo and Joylet Tamayo, missionaries to Cambodia

I am an engineer by profession but the Lord has called me as His representative in Cambodia. The Lord has blessed us with two wonderful sons: John Edison and Edward John. I've been here in Cambodia for six years now (three years as Bible college dean and professor and three years as an official sent-out missionary). As of today, the Lord has given us two house churches. The name is Seckadaysrolayng Baptist Church (*photos of SBC's first mission conference at right, top and center*). The first house church celebrated its second year anniversary in October and the second house church was just started in August where we started as a student/youth center and eventually became a small group, and now as a very new house church (*photo of children's ministry at new house church at right, bottom*). Other ministries that I am involved with

are the following: Academic Dean and Bible college professor at Baptist Leadership Institute of Cambodia (BLIC), and professor in two other Bible colleges: Cambodia Baptist Bible College (CBBC) and Highlands Institute Cambodia (HIC).



ASIAN BAPTIST CLEARINGHOUSE MISSIONARIES

Eduard and Eden Calibayan, missionaries to Zambia

We have been in Zambia, Africa, for two years with our three children. At first we met in our home for one year, then the following year God blessed the ministry and we moved into our backyard and worshipped God under the shade of the trees. Even though our place is not comfortable for the people, especially during rainy season, souls are getting saved! Praise God for a new 60 x 60 lot where we have built a temporary church building.

Harry and Nenita Arana, missionaries to Indonesia

We are only one year and six months in Indonesia. We have two children, Stephen Jay, 19, and Zyhreene Mae, 18, studying in Manila, Philippines.

We live in Bandung, Indonesia, where we have started a Filipino ministry. We have five teachers attending our Filipino fellowship every Saturday. We just started also our Indonesian ministry few months ago.

Liberty Delos Reyes, missionary to Palau

My sending church is Bible Baptist Church in Cebu City, Philippines. I have been here in the Republic of Palau for almost two years. I am helping with the evangelism and discipleship ministries of Palau Baptist Church. I have led 31 people to the Lord and currently I have eight ongoing Bible studies every week.

German Ponce, missionary to Bangladesh

My wife, Hergenía, and I have five children, Ebenezer, Jemima, Gershon, Jenessah, and Ellah Grace.

After my graduation at Bible Baptist College Cebu City in 1985, I started in the ministry as an extension pastor under the ministry of Bible Baptist Church in Cebu City. I then served in my home church in Malaybalay, Bukidnon as a youth director and assistant to the pastor. And on July 1986, the Lord led me to start a pioneering work in Don Carlos, Bukidnon.

I served the Lord in this church for nineteen and a half years and then I resigned as a pastor to respond to God's call for foreign missions in the country of Bangladesh.

In July 2007, I made my first missionary journey to the country of Bangladesh for a survey. I continued my deputation in the Philippines while processing a missionary visa, and on January 2009 we were able to enter Bangladesh and started the ministry with the Team Bangladesh which is composed of three Filipino missionaries, namely the Manuel family, the Desierto family, and the Ponce family.

While doing the ministry, my wife's physical condition developed a problem. She was diagnosed as having stage III breast cancer and we decided to go home to the Philippines for further treatments. The cancer grew so fast that my wife was not able to survive, and she went to be with the Lord on December 31, 2009.

But God's call is still there. My burden for the millions of lost souls in Bangladesh is still there. I must go back to continue the ministry that has been started. I am scheduled to go back to Bangladesh soon.



Peter and Ryna Lynn Ayon, missionaries to **Indonesia**

We arrived in Indonesia in November 1996. Immediately we went to language school for a year in Bandung, West Java, in preparation for the ministry ahead.

On December 7, 1997 we started having services at our rented house in Semarang, Central Java. At present we have established a church in the city with a record of 110 baptisms. Indonesia has a population of 275 million at present and predominantly Islam, but we thank God for the open doors. Certainly the harvest is plenteous but laborers are few.



Hau Za Kap and Dim Zo Cing, missionaries to **Myanmar**

We started our mission work in March 2008. God has blessed the work with more than 60 people, including young people and children. I have baptized 15 converts in two years of ministry. You can also go to my blogsite at www.myanmarbbm.blogspot.com for some more pictures.



MISSIONARY REPORTS FROM ASIAN BAPTIST

Dr. Felicidad and Rhodora Felicilda, missionaries to **Congo**

Before we surrendered to become foreign missionaries, we were connected with the medical profession and had started medical ministries to assist pastors in the Philippines. In late 2001, we started a church in Talisay City, Cebu, which is now being led by my son, Roudini D. Felicilda, and his wife, Maricel. We also have a daughter, Rhea Faye, who is involved in the music ministry.

We surrendered as missionaries to Congo in answer to the prayers of Pastor and Mrs. Elmer Deal. We are now assisting the churches that he planted in several areas around the Katanga region as an evangelist. We have also started new churches.

Our ministry in Congo involves English language classes to interest people to come, and after the class, we incorporate Bible studies. Through this program, many souls have been saved and we started a discipleship class. Six months later, we started the Bible school. We translated the Bible school modules from English to French so that the students could have reference materials. In the first year, we had 51 students. Only 22 were able to proceed to the second year. We currently have 31 first year students (**2009-10 students pictured in photo at right, center**). The Bible school program involves evangelization, children's ministry, youth group, and music ministry.

We established the Jerusalem Baptist Church. After three years, we had our first mission conference sending out our first local missionary (**photo at right, top**) to Kinshasa, the capitol of Democratic Republic of Congo.

By the grace of God, we were also able to start the medical ministry. We started the Mission Smile ministry, wherein we provide free cleft lip and cleft palate surgeries (**before and after photos at right, bottom**). The ministry has created an impact in the region because congenital defects are considered as a curse to families. In fact, the governor of Katanga congratulated us for starting such a ministry. This program was televised and Shalina Hospital, together with the governor, sponsored some children for surgery. We are praying that the program can continue by training local doctors, if we can get donations or the medical supplies and anesthesia.

We also support local pastors in their ministry by doing leadership and soul-winning seminars. I am helping another church whose pastor died recently. For the meantime that the congregation has not chosen a local pastor to lead, I am the interim pastor. We are praying that this church can grow and someday, they will be able to choose a local pastor.



Juanito and Paz Manuel, missionaries to Bangladesh

We are living and serving the Lord in Dhaka, Bangladesh. We have been here since January 2008. Our ministries include a Bible institute, a weekly children's ministry, a literacy program for poor children, and helping the missions on the Indian border *(photo of border ministry below, right)*.



Jun and Merly Atiga, missionaries to Indonesia

We have been here in Batam, Indonesia, since April 2008. We started the International Bible Baptist Church (English) in 2008 and the Gereja Baptist Independent Indonesia (Indonesian).

Our current ministries are: training pastors and local leaders, evangelism through sports, teaching English in slums and mosques *(photo of children's mosque ministry above, right)*, a feeding program, and a Bible correspondence course.

CLEARINGHOUSE MISSIONARIES

Minda Gallarin, missionary to Thailand

I was sent out from Baptist Bible Church Sta. Mesa, Manila, Philippines, currently serving in Thailand. I've been here for four years

and almost seven months now. God gave me the opportunity to help two churches, Saimai Baptist Church under the care of a Thai pastor, Pastor Kittikorn Jaisirisuay, and Ram 2 Baptist Church under the care of a Japanese missionary couple, Hirrokazu and Ayoko Izumi. God is using me for the children ministry of Saimai BC. We

have started an English Sunday school where 18-22 children learn English through the Bible and are fed every Sunday *(photo at bottom, left)*. I am also involved in ladies discipleship and the tract and Bible distribution ministries of this church. Praise God for many who have been reached by the gospel through these ministries.

Also, God has led me to help Ram 2 Baptist Church every Saturday for two years now *(photo at bottom, right)*. In this church, I teach Bible and English language to 15-20 children and English class for 10-20 adults. Afterwards, we have a Bible study where learners have a chance to listen to the Word of God and watch Bible stories in their own language. We have also seen professions of faith through this ministry.



Thaug Ngaih Lian and Ciin Lam Ma'an, missionaries to Myanmar

My ministry now is preaching, teaching, church planting, and equipping leaders for the ministry in each mission churches. I trained the members how to do evangelism, disciple new converts (follow up), and teach sound doctrine and the old-fashioned truth. It is my vision that someday Burmese will evangelize their own people with the pure Gospel from the Word of God. This is my earnest prayer to our mighty God.

After more than seven years of laboring with much fervency of prayer, the Lord has blessed us and enabled us to plant three small mission churches. The pastors of these churches *(photo above, right)* are really struggling to support their families, but in spite of many hardships they are faithfully serving the Lord. What a privilege to work with these faithful men. They are bold enough to stand for God and reach the lost for His glory and honor.

The church that I am now pastoring is around 60 to 70 members. The ministry in Burma has suffered persecution throughout the years. In the 1960s, the government forced all the missionaries to leave including American missionaries. Please pray for us to maintain the ministry strong and more souls to be saved through our ministry.



Roy and Jovie Montero, missionaries to Cambodia

While I was working as an architect, the Lord moved in my life. I left my job, studied in Bible school, and was sent by my church to reach the Vietnamese in Cambodia. We arrived in Cambodia in February 2004. In 2005, we began the Living Hope Bible Baptist Church. We are reaching four main areas in Sihanoukville City.



Our ministries include a bilingual Children's Ministry – teaching Bible stories to two separate classes in the church, one in Vietnamese and another one in Khmer. We also have a youth ministry to the Cambodian and Vietnamese youth in Sihanoukville. It is

basically an evangelistic outreach.

Living Hope Bible Baptist Institute is training Cambodians and Vietnamese to reach their own for Christ.



Abcede and Jovie Garcia, missionaries to Indonesia

We have been serving the Lord here in Bandung, Indonesia, for almost nine years. Praise to our God who called us to a predominantly muslim area. Even though soulwinning in this part of the country is not as open as in other places, we are still reaping souls for Christ. We started our ministry in May 2003 and by God's grace we now have GBII Bethel (*photo above, right*). The Gereja Baptis Independen "Bethel" was organized in 2006 and is continually reaping souls for Christ. Our church is presently supporting two national pastors and one foreign missionary. Our main desire and prayer request is a place for our church.

MISSIONARY REPORTS FROM

Jojo and Nena Mirafior, missionaries to Cambodia

We came to Cambodia in 1997. We started a lot of English classes in different areas as we work with the government agency which is in charge of the welfare of children. Through this effort, a church was born in Phnom Penh.



God has allowed us to begin three churches. The first church was composed of people with HIV/AIDS (*photo below, right*). This church is now under the leadership of Pastor Saron (*photo below, left*), who we trained in our Bible school and Discipleship training.

In over 13 years here in Cambodia, there have been many great blessings that encourage us and some tests that teach us; but mostly we found God's hand moving miraculously and preserving us from time to time. In this time, God has allowed me to train 14 new students and seven men from this group became fulltime pastors. Three ladies who did not have much experience in school were able to graduate and are now working as teachers. Two other men are now employed as translators and interpreters in one big Bible school.

The Bible school that was started by faith had continually persevere and the Lord allowed us to have our third graduation this year having 12 graduates that are now serving the Lord as well in different areas of ministry.



Noriel and Jocelyn Guides, missionaries to Russia

Since our arrival in Russia in December 2009, we have been helping take care of two churches, camps, and a mission conference. We are involved in personal evangelism and teaching. The

Lord has blessed us amazingly. A few months ago, I had no knowledge of the Russian language. Today I am teaching the Word of God in Russian. The amazing work of God!

Michael and Catherine Pabillaran, missionaries to Thailand

We arrived in Thailand last May. We are presently studying the language. Learning the Thai language is very important to us. Thai has five tones that we need to familiarize ourselves with. It is sometimes hard and confusing.

We have begun to communicate, although in a simple way. Thailand is a strong Buddhist country with more than 67 million people. We want to learn their language so we can convey the message of salvation in Jesus Christ.





Jessie and Shalimar Tingson, missionaries in Tanzania

We arrived in Tanzania, Africa, in 2001. For the past 10 years we experienced the hand of God through the ministries He has entrusted to us in Dar es Salaam City.

The Bible Baptist Church in Kimara was organized in April 2004 (photo above, center). Then, other ministries were started out of this church.

In June 2008, the Huruma orphanage was started. We have now 16 children and a newly built home on two acres of property in Goba (photo above, right). Jovin Rwiza was called to the ministry in 2007. He and his family started a mission work in Goba Village located in outskirts of the city since January 2010.

Others ministries we are involved in are youth camps, Bible institutes, and school ministries.

Joseph and Jenny Vee De Vera, missionaries to Cambodia

We just arrived here in Cambodia last July 1. Right now, we are staying with Missionary Mike Valdez and helping in their



ministry here in Anlong K'ngan while we undergo language study in Phnom Pehn which will start soon.

We are handling the Sunday youth fellowship and youth weekly evening devotion in the church and in the orphanage. We also do visitation and soulwinning, and helping some Cambodian pastors by conducting seminars and teaching in their churches.

ASIAN BAPTIST CLEARINGHOUSE MISSIONARIES



Kit and Janeth Jamandron, missionaries to Cambodia

I had been in Cambodia for nine years. Three years in the city of Phnom Penh as a single missionary, then two years as a couple studying the language and now we are in Rattanakiri at Bethany Baptist Mission (photos at top). This place is in the northeastern part of Cambodia and near the central border of Vietnam.

We're presently dealing with the indigenous people like the Khmer, some groups of tribe, and some Vietnamese as well. The mission church was blessed by God with effective ministries in reaching these people for God's kingdom. The ministries were English, feeding ministry, prayer meetings, discipleship, Sunday school, language literacy, medical missions (photo above, bottom right), and evangelization.

Josue and Renelyn Satunero, missionaries to Uganda

We arrived in Uganda in 2001. By the enabling grace of God and our faithful supporters we have been here in Uganda. We have started nine churches and four missions. Our ministries focus on evangelism, discipleship, church planting, and training preachers through our Bible seminary. We also have the opportunity to teach the Bible in public and private schools, hospitals, and the prison.



Juanito and Rose Eden Genada, missionaries to Haiti

We have been in Haiti for 15 years. Grace Baptist Church in Gonaives was founded in 1995. Twenty-one other churches have been planted in many different villages around Gonaives.





Elijah and Aurora Rapada, missionaries to Papua New Guinea

We have been here in Port Moresby just a few months. We are helping pastor Tau Abary (photo at right) in the ministries of Shalom Baptist Church (photo at top, right). Already we praise God for His provision, protection, and for the souls who have been saved during our time in PNG. There have been 11 Papua New Guineans and three Filipinos saved.



Lomer Hope and Grace Ronquillo dela Cruz, missionaries to Cambodia

We were sent by Bible Baptist Church in Cebu City to Cambodia in 1997. We have been involved in the planting and establishing of 17 churches throughout Cambodia.

Some of these churches are house churches. Only eight of them have buildings and properties. We have a Roving Bible Institute that goes around to the five main churches along the main highway, Route 4. Our Bible students go to the different areas and help the preachers.

We have bus ministries and English classes. We have two primary schools.

The preachers and pastors that we have trained to lead the churches are graduates of Cambodia Baptist Bible College. Some of our preachers and pastors have graduated from the Rawlings Baptist Theological College.

Freddie and Lilian Arellano, missionaries to Australia

We have been in Australia since 1997, ministering through Bethel Bible Baptist Church (photo at bottom, right) in Glenfield, Southwest of Sydney. We have experienced times of joy in fruitfulness and increase, but also times of hardship, pain, and loss. Our church is very involved in world missions. Our family has been involved in different areas of ministry, including visitation, personal evangelism, Sunday school, youth group, AWANA, music ministries, home Bible studies, and anything the Lord gives as an opportunity.

We are currently supporting 10 missionary families around the globe. Some of them are Australian and some are Filipino missionaries.



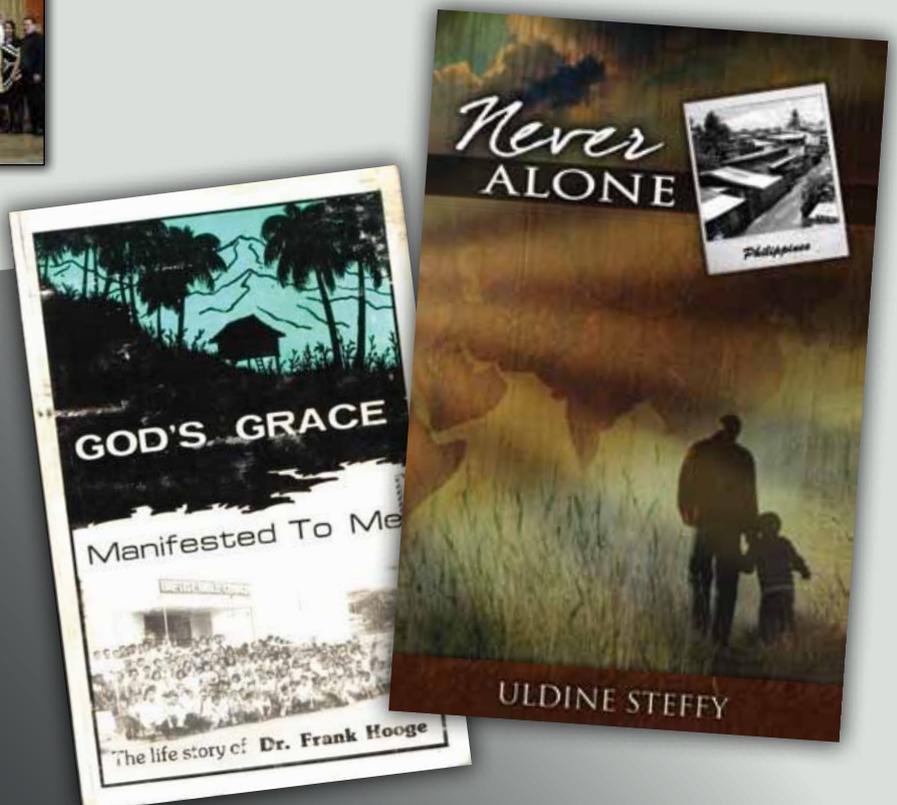
RESOURCES

To know of the pioneer work done by BBFI missionaries in the Philippines going back 60 years, we urge you to take advantage of the resources that are available to you. Look for Frank Hooge's two books, *God's Grace Manifested To Me* and *Kept in Perfect Peace*.

Uldine Steffy has also written a great little book on the experiences of her family in the Philippines, *Never Alone*.

Read updates from current missionaries on their websites, blogs, and on the missionary letter board at your church. Much information is available to our readers at our website.

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FROM EVERYWHERE TO EVERYONE

By James G. Smith | BBFI Associate Mission Director

In his introduction to the historical account of the work of the Holy Spirit in the early churches, Luke the physician quoted Jesus as saying right before His ascension, “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

TO THE REMOTEST PART OF THE EARTH

Our goal is ever before us. We have not accomplished the Great Commission until everyone has heard the Good News. It is an ongoing project. Those who are sent must see the importance of continuing the chain. We have always believed that the Lord of the harvest has chosen to use the planting of indigenous, self-governing,

and reproductive churches to get the gospel to “all nations, tribes, peoples and tongues.”

Second Corinthians 10:14-16 “For we are come as far as to you also in preaching the gospel of Christ...having hope, when your faith is increased, that we shall be enlarged by you according to our rule abundantly, To preach the gospel in the regions beyond you.”

IT IS A STRAIGHTFORWARD PLAN

You hear the gospel. You believe and receive the gracious gift of everlasting life. Your faith is increased and you proclaim the Good News in the regions beyond you. When the sharing of the Good News stops, it ceases to be good news.

The same principles that govern church health and church growth can be applied to a missionary movement such as ours. When people in the pew share the gospel with their sphere of influence, the local church grows.

When a church-planting missionary works in his area of harvest with an eye on the greater task of world evangelization, his disciples and trainees will see the need to carry the Good News to other cultures and places. Churches will multiply exponentially.

Our emphasis in this issue of *Global*

Partners has been to illustrate this pattern through the example of BBFI missionary activity to, and then from, the Philippine Islands.

As you have read through these brief testimonies and seen the precious families of these cross-cultural missionaries, we hope your heart has been blessed and challenged. It should bless our souls to think that we have had a part in this great missionary enterprise with our prayers and our financial investment.

To sit and listen to some older missionaries tell their stories of the early years really is inspirational. We think of what was accomplished for the cause of Christ as God worked through the courageous and faithful men and women who blazed the trail for the rest of us. What happened in the Philippines is not unique or unusual. It is certainly exemplary. Similar stories could be told by our global partners in Korea, Japan, Ethiopia, Mexico, Brazil, and other countries where we have long labored. It will take more than a generation or two in some cultures and places to get to the place where we can actually see similar results. We are convinced the plan will work because it is His plan!

KEEPING OUR FOCUS SHARPENED

Our challenge as pastors, churches, and missionaries of the Baptist Bible Fellowship International in our seventh decade is to not be sidetracked by other priorities or seduced by lesser projects! May we always hold high the goal and purpose to proclaim the Good News among all nations, even to the remotest part of the Earth.

By all means, let us continue pressing forward with the Good News. As our faith increases, let's take the gospel to regions beyond ourselves.

BBFI T.E.A.M. in the Philippines

Baptist Bible Fellowship International has a short-term missionary program that we call TEAM, Total Exposure Associate Missionaries. We have people married and single, ranging in ages from 20s to 60s who have been recognized by the BBFI Field Committee and are currently serving in eleven different countries. Our largest TEAM group is in the Philippines. We are listing our current TEAM/Philippines missionaries alphabetically and with the year of their BBFI recognition.

Isaac and Eunice Basilio, 2007
Perry and Mindy Hooge, 2006
Brent and Amanda Longenecker, 2009
Corrie and Jessie Lyons, 2008
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