



Ford Forum

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Mission Statement

*To minister to, to evangelize and to disciple the poor, orphaned and disabled;
and to equip churches and individuals in the Philippines and USA to do likewise.*

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CHURCH PLANTING

Some of you may remember that when we were living in Naujan Judy had an idea for outreach that we called the water jug outreach. (See Fall 2005 prayer letter) That project has born fruit in many ways over the past few years, most recently in a village called Laguna. We are in the process of planting another church. Our neighbors in Naujan came to Christ as a result of the water jug outreach and are faithfully attending, learning and growing in the first church Saved by Christ Church, Santiago.. They felt a burden for a village west of Naujan and with Pastor Wil Rio's blessing started a Bible study. Although there is a "witch doctor" there who controls many of the people through fear tactics several people have come to Christ. Some have accepted Christ and I had the privilege of baptizing 8 new believers this September 2009.



Our former neighbors. Fruit of Judy's water jug outreach. They are now leading Bible studies with hope of seeing another church planted.



A typical home in Laguna The potential location of our next church plant.



**Baptism of new believers in the village of Laguna.
It is typical that two pastors do baptism together.**

Dick, two Filipino pastors and an American who serves with the Master's Academy International gave a training conference for pastors at the Santiago church in Naujan.

The challenge is training ministers of diverse educational background and economic status, separated by many miles across a vast area.

It is reported that there are thousands of untrained ministers shepherding God's people in the Philippines. Many of these servants were moved in their hearts to respond to the overwhelming need for the gospel to be preached and the love of Christ to be lived out in their communities. They stepped up to address the need, and began to minister the best they could with what little they had.

They desire the training, but are hindered by the lack of finances or the scarcity of quality training in their geographic areas.

To those who support us financially, your support helped us provide food and lodging for those who attended our training in the areas of Doctrine and Hermeneutics. You also helped us provide a set of six books for each pastor.



Some of the attendees of the Pastors Training Conference.



Teaching at the Conference from left to right:
Pastors Ford, Bausin, Rio Ordiales and Sean
Ransom.

ADDITIONAL THINGS

Dick was in the Philippines during the flooding but left for Mindoro island the day before the flood in Manila. Below is a photo taken looking out the front of where he stays when passing through Manila. The car he uses there was totally submerged and he rode to the airport with no seats in the car since they were taken out to put in the sun and dry.

The plan to raise pigs as a livelihood project for the pastors did not work out. A consultation with a veterinarian confirmed that the four we purchased just could not produce young. Dick told the pastors the pigs were theirs and they could decide what to do with them. As a result one pastor sold his pig and got his motorcycle engine rebuilt as it had died completely. Another sold his pig and bought two so he could try again. The third sold his and bought his wife a washing machine. The pig that belonged to the church was sold and the money put in their outreach fund to help them with the travel to other villages and to buy Bibles to give away.



Flooding in front of Dick's sleeping quarters in Manila.
Note the man going down the street.

DISABILITY MINISTRY

In our last prayer letter we explained how we were reaching out to families affected by disability, by having Filipino pastors locate those in need. We then provide them with a wheelchair, a Bible in Tagalog and the Gospel is shared with them. The pastors follow up with these families and continue to minister to them. Below are two photos of Michal Basag and his mom. The first was in the previous prayer letter. It shows how Michal went to school. The second shows him being fitted for a wheelchair thanks to a gift from a friend at a supporting church. Note the smile on his mom's face in the second photo. This type of outreach touches the entire family not just the one who is disabled.



Through our association with Joni and Friends International Disability Ministry we were able to

help a Filipino friend in California use the JAF Harvest Project to reach out to other families in the same way. She has been able to distribute 8 wheel chairs so far. Below are two of those recipients.



The disability ministry accomplished so far has been mainly in Manila and another somewhat developed area known as Bulacan. We are thankful to God for these opportunities but we also desire to do more on the island of Mindoro. The less developed provinces have great needs that often go unaddressed by many ministries and government programs. Below are two children from the villages where churches have been planted.



This little girl is in Buhangin; the second church started. She was born with no arms but attends school and writes by holding a pencil with her foot. Pastor Rany ministers to her family and we are assessing what help she may need with her disability.



This girl is in a nearby village and was born with one leg. She is waiting for a wheel chair. She will be next to receive one when God moves someone to donate the funds for us to supply it.

Bahay Pag Ibig at Habag

Below is a concept drawing of Bahay pag ibig at habag. (House of love and compassion) We have long dreamed of making a group home for disabled children in the Philippines. We now feel along with Pastor Rio that it is time to move forward with this project. We want to work through some details before we begin a fund raising campaign to build the facility but we should soon be able to inform you in more detail regarding our plans. For now we need prayer! Pray that we can obtain land with a clear title, that God provides enough funds and that we can recruit and develop the right staff.

At this time we are asking God to provide \$2500.00 so that we can drill a much needed well for the village where Pastor Rio's church is located. There is limited access to safe water in the area. If we make a well for the church we will set it up so the whole village can access it. This will also be needed for the construction of the group home and its operation once the construction is complete.

Prayer & Praise

Praise God for our new granddaughter Molly born at 35 weeks but doing great.

Pray for effective evangelistic outreach of the four churches and the Disability ministries.

If you would like to help us in our work of church planting or if you would like to help us with evangelistic outreach and ministering to the disabled like Michel, please mail the form below to Central Missionary Clearinghouse.



Support Slip for the ministry of Dick and Judy Ford.

Please use this gift for the ministry of Dick and Judy Ford as indicated below.

Check one:

- Church Planting / National Pastor Development and Support.
- Disability Ministry. (This includes wheelchairs)
- Well project
- As needed.

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