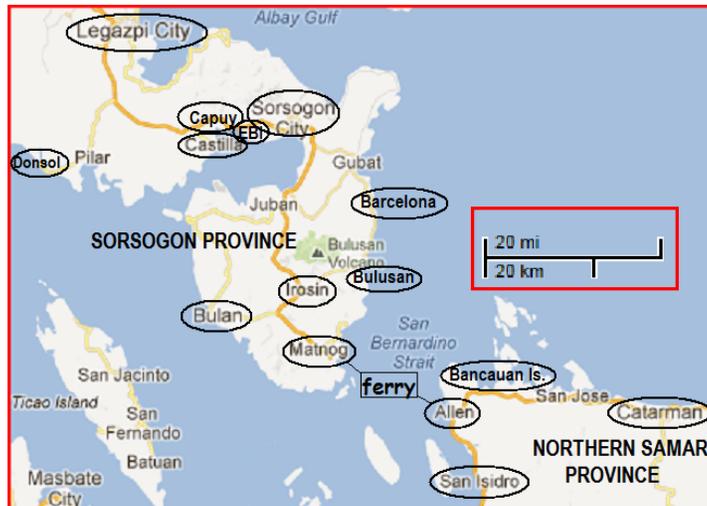


March 4 - 27 Mission Trip:

What a blessing to have long-time friends Ben & Pam Wellumson go with me this time. They were so fun, energetic, musical, flexible, and full of love & grace. Our three weeks were a whirlwind of activity, as we visited all the places circled on the map, conducting a 30-90 minute Kids Time 16 times (with ~750 total



attending), speaking and sharing music at 3 Sunday services, Bulan group baptism, Emmaus Bible Institute graduation, and twice on the radio. It was a mutually encouraging time for both us and the local people. And it was good to touch bases & make adjustments after the transitions of last year. Praising God for progress, *Mike Thorud*



Catching Pam the Fish with a net at one of 3 Kids Times done in Barcelona. Each Kids Time involved lively singing with actions & noisemakers, stories about catching fish & people (John 21), a pipecleaner craft, & giving a small gift (toothbrush, pencil, or toy).



Here is one of 5 people from Irosin baptized by Ptr Gumer on May 19. Another 14 were baptized in Bulan by Ptr Virgilio Fulo on March 16.

Met March 26 in Manila with Darwin Bayani (4th from L) of Vernacular Video Ministries (who gave us Tagalog dubbed videos to augment our film showings), and Raymond Francisco (1st) & Ptr Rey Lazo (5th) of FCBH/PBS (who gave us 320 pocket NTs). Ptr Rey brought 320 more NTs & 20 Tagalog Proclaimer audio Bibles, & conducted E2E orientation to 20+ people at EBI on May 24 (right).



Ptrs Lorenzo (7th) & Randy(8th) also attended



Sis Ofel Medizabal (EBI director), Mike (guest speaker), & Ben & Pam (special music) with the 6 who graduated on Mar. 19, including Marlon Gabion (center), who we'd like to retain at \$75/mo to help at EBI.

Please view *The PAMI Post* at www.pamimission.org/blog for more info, pictures, & video of PAMI & the mission trip.

Your support of PAMI through prayers & gifts is much appreciated. PAMI could use more sponsors of workers, students, feedings, etc. You can either send checks to our P.O. box or donate via credit card or Paypal at www.pamimission.org/donate.

IMPRESSIONS FROM PAM

Greetings to all of God's children! Thank you all for giving me and Ben the opportunity to be His hands and feet in the kingdom of Christ on this earth!

Christ is alive and well in PAMI Philippine people. It is displayed in beauty and love with extreme care for others. The gospel is being spread to the unreached, the needy and all of God's children in the Sorsogon and Samar areas. Christ's message is being taught daily and fervent prayers are ascending to the heavens. I don't know how many know, but Compassion International is housed at EBI with some PAMI workers being instructors and providing various support. I saw much love shown to this group of kids from the kitchen staff to the administration to the teachers and I smiled and thought, "Well done good and faithful servants of our Lord Jesus Christ!"

We had the most meaningful time getting to know as many workers as possible in a very short time! The love we all have for The Lord transcends the language barriers and it felt like one big family knitted together even though we live all the way around the world! I loved learning Tagalog songs even though I had a challenge with my accent and pronunciations. Music was a big part of the spiritual connection we had with each worker. It was amazing how many songs they knew in English when I only could learn three easy Tagalog songs. I also loved singing, "I'm leaving on a jet plane" for some strange reason. I know it sounds funny, but many songs led back to that silly song where we all knew the words to it and would laugh and smile and sing it again. Somehow that song also had a spiritual connection that transcended our earthly knowledge.

The Philippines is absolutely a gorgeous place. We were well taken care of with great food, safety and care were taken while traveling, and best of all, it was the most amazing hospitality I have ever experienced for a three week long venture!

Join me in praying for our brothers and sisters in Christ every day. I cherished the experience and Ben and I hope to be back as soon as we can make the next trip! Going there was a life changing experience of feeling a strong connection with a people group unlike our own yet our love for Christ and each other shown through all the difference to make us one in Him. Thanks and praise to our Heavenly Father.

Love and peace, Sister Pam

IMPRESSIONS FROM BEN

Who knew that when Pam and I decided to go to the Philippines we would be so challenged and blessed?! When we first arrived we were struck by how different things were. We came from cold and snow, but in the Philippines it was warm and green. The landscape was so vastly different. Here there were mountainous volcanoes clothed in countless coconut trees, and we were surrounded by the South Pacific Ocean. The roads were different. The vehicles were unlike anything we have in

the U.S.A. The homes were different. The culture was new to us. Even little things like kitchens and bathrooms were vastly different than anything we've seen so far. Oh, did I mention the wee bit of a language barrier?

Traveling through all this new variety was both incredibly fascinating and disorienting. It all went by way too quickly for my senses to catch up with all the information they were trying to perceive. But in spite of these feelings of disorientation, there were also great feelings of love and belonging!

When you go through such vast changes some things became very apparent. One thing is that our Creator was extremely... well... creative when He assembled this unique place surrounded by the sea and all it's incredible critters, beautiful lush, green mountains and fertile valleys. It was great to know that God had been here before us to touch this land with His great creative love.

Even more, God was here now. Constantly recreating. Most importantly, the Spirit was there filling His people with His love and peace, His compassion and caring!

Being with the folks involved with PAMI was being with brothers and sisters. The peace of Jesus, which surpasses all understanding, was there in their midst.

In spite of all the challenges we faced with all our differences, and all the challenges they face within their familiarity, there is no doubt that Jesus is alive and well in the Philippines, and is working in His beloved sisters and brothers there! There is no doubt that we have Spiritual bonds that connect us together as one family!

MISSION SUMMARY

PAMI is a non-denominational evangelical mission started in 1982 in Sorsogon Province of the Philippines by Norval & Ardelle Thorud, aimed at reaching the unreached, teaching and discipling, and assisting the suffering. U.S. missionaries stayed until 1989. The work has flourished with national workers ever since. PAMI now has more than 22 Filipino workers in 12 locations. Besides churches and pioneering works, there's a 4 year Bible school (Emmaus Bible Institute) with ~25 students learning to be church planting pastors and Christian workers. Radio programs and feeding outreaches to children are also conducted. All this is accomplished with an annual regular budget of only \$40,000. Gifts are tax-deductible and 99% goes to the field.

WAYS TO HELP FINANCIALLY

- **Help cover our regular budget of \$3400 per month, since sometimes \$1000+ deficit outgoing vs. incoming.**
- **Sponsorship of EBI graduates to become workers (about \$75 per month each) or EBI students (\$30/mo)**
- **More funds for once-a-week children's feedings (\$25 per site of 25/mo), Bibles (\$1 each), chairs (\$5 each)**
- **\$1000 seed money for livelihood projects**
- **\$15,000 for property/building for growing churches like Irosin, or \$10,000 for adding a 2nd floor on the EBI church bldg, so Compassion can add more kids.**