



It's appropriate to highlight Bulan, since that's where the mission began when Norval and Ardelle Thorud started a church there in 1982. 35 years later, Bulan is still a thriving major ministry center of the mission and includes daughter churches in outlying parts of Bulan (Fabrica, Lapinig, and Monte Calvario), church plants in other parts of Bulan (Abad-Santos and Butag), and several other home Bible study outreach sites. This church does well because of the dedicated pastors, elders, deacons, members, and especially the active Young People.

Ptr Felmar leads the Young People as their president. The 1st Sunday afternoon of the month is their Bible study schedule in different areas in Bulan, divided in 4 groups. 2nd Sunday afternoon is their youth gathering in the church, 3rd Sunday is discipleship, and every last Friday is general cleaning of the church building.

PAMI Pastors of Bulan in 2015 photo Left to right: Joel Homo in Fabrica, Pio Guray in Lapinig and Togbongon, Virgilio Fulo in main church, Jun Palacio in main church, Letty Fulo in main church, Catherine Licican in Abad-santos, Felmar Guray in Butag (Felmar is Pio's son). Not shown is Ptr Nonie Polo in Monte Calvario. Virgilio, Letty, Catherine, Felmar, and Nonie are all full-time (the last 3 supported half by the mission and half by Bulan church); Joel and Pio are supported part-time by the mission (Joel is also a photographer and Pio a fisherman); and Jun is a volunteer. Virgilio is not only senior pastor of the Bulan church, but also overall PAMI field director. He was in the first graduating class of Emmaus Bible Institute. His wife Letty has been a PAMI worker and EBI teacher ever since EBI started in 1984. Catherine and Felmar are also graduates of EBI.



Bulan Young People having fun on 2nd Sunday of the month



Sunday service. Besides, I also wanted to check if the repair of the ceiling and painting was made properly. (His daughter adds that God was watching over him to prevent anything bad from happening while he drove the motorcycle to MonteCal).

Suddenly, I felt the cardiac arrest. I could hardly breath. The tightening of my breath was reaching up to my neck and my heart beats fast. I felt as if something very heavy was laden on my chest. I told my young person companion to inform Pastor Vir to right away send the information to my daughter to get me by car in MonteCal. Everything was in God's plan because it happened Sunday when all Christians were in the church praying together for my protection.

It was August 4 at 10:00 am when the angioplasty procedure was done. Thank God it was a successful operation. Our prayers were granted once again and I was so blessed. That very night at 2am after my operation I call my daughter's attention because of dizziness and after that I vomit so hard that my heart beat drops to 32- "the patient was bradycardic" was the last word I've heard from the doctor. I'm dying - I felt I was drowning. I remember Peter who attempted to walk on the water with the Lord but dropped under the water. On that moment, I raised my hand and I said Lord help me. I feel Gods presence by then, he held my hand and pulled me up. And 10-15 minutes my heart beat raised up.

It was all for Gods glory. He gave me another chance to live. I believe that everything happens for a purpose. And to test the faith of my family and brethren. I believe the Lord still need my service in His vineyard. This time I'm already preparing for Gods message on the 1st Sunday of September and 3rd Sunday as well. I'm a Sunday school teacher for adults. It's my desire to serve freely and voluntarily. As church treasurer and administrator as well, God have given me the wisdom to put everything in control. And it gives me joy to be with the Lord, always serving him.

His daughter Cherry adds that he was the first to arrive at church on Sun. Sept 3 and said the congregation were all delighted to see my Daddy in the church and he was able to preach despite of his post-operation condition. Hoarseness of his voice was still there and from time to time He stop just to inhale and exhale. My dad keep on encouraging the congregation to do their part faithfully for God knows everything. He always says that if the missionaries from the US keep on helping the Filipinos in spreading the Good News so why can't we do our part too.

Jun Palacio is a retired principal that teaches adult Sunday school and preaches, administrates children's milk feeding funds, plans and oversees building expansion, and has given a lot of his pension to church improvements and ministry. He recently had a heart attack, followed by angioplasty and had 5 stents implanted. PAMI helped him with \$700 of his \$10,000 medical expenses, and he and his family are very appreciative of that. Even while staying in the hospital, he was sharing Christ with the medical staff. Here's part of the touching story recounted by him and his daughter:

It started when I was in Monte Calvario to deliver God's message. Though I'm not feeling well, I braved myself to be there because aside from conducting the early morning Sunday school for adults. I also have to conduct the Sunday

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