

**Consider monthly sponsorship or a year-end gift for:**

- general support (where needed most)
- allowance for pastors, workers or students
- Chairs, Bibles, children's feedings, or medical help
- special projects (e.g. \$2000 to replace leaky roof over EBI library, bathrooms, dorms, staff residence and kitchen; \$500 for nipa hut for Sunday school classes of Castilla church)

One-time or auto monthly giving can be done via credit card on the *Donate* tab on our website with a modest fee.  
Checks can still be sent to our P.O. box with no fee.

**Much needed:** more attendees at monthly board meetings to hear exciting field news, discuss ideas, pray and assist.  
Can come without making a big commitment.

### PAMI TURNS 35!

How did PAMI begin? Let's turn the clock back about 41 years (to 1975) and take a look. Norval Thorud was 54 and his wife Ardelle was 52. Norval was working as an accountant and involved with a Minneapolis Christian Businessmen group. Since their kids were grown, they were open to how God could use them next. Then Norval felt God told him "this is your year" and directed them to take a one-year crash course at Bethany Bible College in Bloomington, MN. This was followed by serving five years at a Bethany Bible school in San Jose, Mindoro Island, Philippines from 1976 to 1981. Towards the end of this assignment Norval felt called to a different part of the Philippines that was more unreached, but Bethany did not want to spread themselves too thin.

When Thoruds returned to the States in July 1981, Norval approached four Christian Businessmen friends that shared an office on East Lake Street to see if they'd be interested in starting a new mission. Norval weekly visited their office to talk and pray about it between customers dropping by. In addition, two men from Bethany helped give advice at meetings in November and December. Then on December 28, 1981 the four men from the Lake Street office signed an Articles of Incorporation to establish PAMI as an official non-profit. John Krizan, Milt Burck, and Don Klostreich signed as incorporators and Don Raymond signed as notary. This was the birth of PAMI.

After this, monthly board meetings were held in homes or the office with these four, along with Norval and Ardelle (the first designated missionaries) and others. Norval's sister Izzy and her husband Howie Allen were among the earliest to be added. Others like Marvel Krizan, Murial Burck, David Thompson, Lois Kompelien, Joe and Nell Cooper, and Norval's nephew Mike Thorud joined within the next year or two as well.

A going away dinner was held on July 22, 1982 at Emmaus Lutheran Church and soon after that Norval and Ardelle left to start work in Bulan, Sorsogon Province, Philippines. It wasn't long before Bible studies and baptisms were happening, churches planted, a Bible school started (Emmaus Bible Institute), and the Roger Hines

*Izzy Allen Tidbit: "The light that shines from the humble manger is strong enough to lighten our way to the end of our days."*

family and Bruce Danielson added as new missionaries. By 1989 all the field work was in the hands of national workers, and the work has continued to thrive ever since. PAMI currently has 24 paid workers in 18 locations, and 18 EBI students. In addition to church planting and discipleship, other activities include Christian radio programs, film showings, children's feedings, and partnerships with Compassion, Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child, Operation Blessings, Matthew 18:14, and Vernacular Video Ministries.

For more info/interviews on the beginnings of PAMI you can watch *PAMI October 2012 Potluck Part 1: Legacy of Grace* at [www.pamimission.org/videos](http://www.pamimission.org/videos).

### BUHANG CHURCH DEDICATED NOV. 27



Ptr Leoneil & intern show flexibility by living in rafter loft & using simple bathroom in rear (Leoneil still needs \$80/mo sponsoring)

Buhang was mentioned in the *Sept. 2015 PAMI Bulletin* and the *Sept. 2016 PAMI News* (see [www.pamimission.org/news](http://www.pamimission.org/news) for past newsletters). It's a community of 3000 located between Barcelona and Bulusan, and been a place of revival, baptisms, and the birth of a daughter church of Ptr Pio Garduque of Barcelona church. Although started and supervised by Ptr Pio, recent EBI graduate Ptr Leoneil and intern Luis now live and serve there. Using \$2100 supplied by PAMI supporters, Ptr Pio, Ptr Leoneil, and Buhang residents spent two months helping to construct a chapel on a lot offered free of use by a local family. Prior to this, Buhang people were just meeting in homes, since the rented building was damaged too much to use or repair in the typhoon of Dec. 2015. Attendance in Buhang includes 12 adults, 15 young people, and 20 children.



**Buhang resident Jocelyn teaches dance to children**

**PAMI FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**January 1, 2016 – November 30, 2016**

**Receipts**

Mission Support	\$40,151.56	
Designated	11,435.00	\$51,586.56
Mabini Ministry	13,500.00	
Other	754.00	14,254.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>\$65,840.56</b>

**Expenditures**

Regular Budget		\$39,300.00
Mabini Ministry	12,100.00	
Other Field Expenses	7,537.00	19,637.00
Administrative Expenses		239.54
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>\$59,176.54</b>

**Receipts Minus Expenditures** **6,664.02**

Cash Balance Jan. 1, 2016 14,242.37

**Cash Balance Nov. 30, 2016** **\$20,906.39**

Prepared by David Steinmeier, PAMI Accountant



Bulusan Policemen were happy to watch VVM film "Who is Your Neighbor" shown by PAMI Ptr Lorenzo because they related with the story and all accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Ptr Lorenz is involved with NACPIL (Nat'l Auxiliary Chaplaincy Philippines), which seeks to fulfill the two Greats (Great Commandment and Great Commission) through implementing the Values Formation and Moral Recovery Program of the Philippine government with a Christian emphasis. Ptr Lorenz has worked with the police to do film showings and ministry to recovering drug users. Ptr Lorenz also does at least one film showing a month for regular citizens with pastors in different towns. Below is a film showing done in an outreach location of Bulan church.



PAMI NEWS--DEC. 2016

**CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS BY ARDELLE**

Ardelle Thorud is 94 yrs old & still attends board meetings

I put up my small Christmas tree this afternoon. Just in time too! Snow, wind, and falling temperatures are doing their best to knock down our hope. Aren't we glad bleak weather can't spoil Christmas, the wonderful time to remember the birthday of God's son?

If I remember right, December in the Philippines can be blustery too--with a lot of wind and rain. Since a few of our Bible school students come from far away or remote places, the home-sick young people sometimes have a hard time getting home for Christmas.

*The boat has no roof. The motor smells bad and is very noisy. It's hull is shallow. Wind blows water into the traveler's faces. But the trip is worth the effort.*

Christmas in the Philippines means "family." Just having everyone home is the important thing.

Jesus' birthday? "Oh yes, that too, I suppose," might be the attitude of many with misplaced or little faith.

Is that what Christians also think? I hope not. Something bigger and better happened a long time ago. God became a human being--the creator became flesh to make new creatures of His fallen children. That kind of love is what's really worthy to celebrate!



Christmas celebrations of Emmaus Christian Fellowship at EBI (above) and Bulan Church (below)



On Dec. 3rd 14 PAMI workers completed the first year of Christian Leadership Foundations continuing education masteral classes that they attended at EBI every Friday afternoon, taught by guest teachers from BCCL of Legazpi. We're also thankful for other trainings by Matthew 18:14, Compassion, OCC etc.

December 17, 2016

Hi Bro Mike, PAMI Board and Supporters,

Greetings in Christ Most Precious Name! Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year to come! Since yesterday, we are suffering from so much heavy rain and moderately strong winds due to a low pressure area in Sorsogon. EBI staff and students are planning 4 nights of caroling, starting this night. We are praying that God gives us good weather. EBI students leave for Christmas vacation on Dec 21.

About getting Operation Christmas Child boxes again this year, according to Logistics, there will be one container truck of boxes for Sorsogon Province. Praise God that ECF, Bulabog and Capuy Community Outreach Ministry can avail this blessing--80 shoe boxes for each church. Our churches in Barcelona, Buhang, Irosin and Patag will also avail these OCC boxes. So there will be 560 OCC boxes for PAMI churches all in all. ECF will share some of the shoe boxes to some children of Penafrancia/Pamurayan VIC children or VIC students in Basud.

We are praising the Lord for His continuous provision for the Church of EBI, Emmaus Christian Fellowship. One of the alumni of EBI, Sis Judy Jeniebre, is blessed by God financially in her travel working agency that sends domestic helpers abroad. She is supplying P41,920 = \$850 to buy tiles for the rest of ECF (the front stage already has tiles). But we need to supply labor, which will be about P20,000 = \$400. If possible, we ask for half counterpart of 10,000 = \$200 for labor from the discretionary funds and the remaining 10,000 = \$200 can come from Church offerings.

Another thing was that our Library, Girls and Boys Dormitories, Staff Parsonage, Toilets and Staff Kitchen have leaks in the roofs and need to be replaced with new GI sheet, good lumber and gutter. They are depreciated due to typhoons and rainy seasons. We pray funds for this will materialize. About improving security, we have now 2 pet dogs that help us guard the compound at night. We thank God that Janet and Joseph Wong supplied funds for a new tricycle (motorcycle with sidecar). This will be a great help to our ministry, especially in Bible studies and outreaches.

Personally, I just want to say thank you for all the prayers and supports for all of us, especially for the past 4 or 5 years since my husband, Ptr. Chito passed away. It is a joy for us to be part of this blessed Ministry for the Lord. Our heartfelt gratitude and we really appreciate all the things you've done for us and EBI partition family. Thank you to our sponsor, Greta and David, to Auntie Izzy, Auntie Becky, Janet and Joseph Wong and PAMI Board, Supporters and churches. We thank you for always including us in your prayers; it makes us stronger spiritually knowing that we are always covered in prayers. May the Lord God return in manifold blessing what you have done for my family and the rest of the EBI family! Once again, wishing you all a happy Christmas season and a Prosperous New Year!

By the way Bro Mike, last December 7 is a sad day for us. Sis Luz Ortega passed away in the age of 79. She was hospitalized on December 4 and went into a coma. But rest assured that she is with the Lord now. She always told me to remain faithful in the Lord till the end. That's what she was telling me till her last breath. EBI people attended in the four night funeral. The family was all grateful for having us in their mother's funeral.

Recent Activities	Prayer Requests
Oct. 21 – The Bulabog Church baptized three young people Nov. 19 – COMPACT (Christ Organization of Ministries & Pastors for Authentic Community Transformation of Sorsogon City) election of officers. I'm voted Treasurer. Nov. 30 – Jesus Reigns over Phil. Celebration (some Compassion and EBI girls/young women did tambourine dance, including Sis Espie, and my daughters Nicole & Shelley) Dec 3 – CLF graduation in Legaspi City Dec 5 – Dedication of Ptr Winston & Sis Espie's baby, Princess Brenda in Mabini Dec 9 – OCC training Dec 14 & 17 – Compassion PADABA Child Development Center Christmas Party, with "You and I for Jesus" theme and cute Jolibee mascot; Fellowship Dec 18 – Bulabog Church 3rd Anniv. and Christmas Party; ECF Church Christmas Party Dec 21 – Imee's Wedding (Villa Celeste Bulusan Sorsogon) Dec 24 – Sis Ofel's 50th Birthday; Glory to God Dec 23 – PAMI Pastor & worker family Christmas gathering Dec 31/Jan 1 - New Year service and celebration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Financial to replace the roofs of the dormitories, toilets, library, staff parsonage and kitchen.</li> <li>- Partnerships: Compassion Phil, Matt 18:14 Ministries, Operation Blessings, Samaritan Purse Christmas Child</li> <li>- Campus Ministries (Values Instruction Classes in public schools): Pamurayan, Guinlajon, Basud and Capuy</li> <li>- Good Health/Wisdom and Knowledge for all PAMI pastors and workers</li> <li>- More souls to win for Christ</li> <li>- Engineering Board Examination (my son, Matthew) April 2017</li> </ul>

Your partner in God's vineyard, *Sister Ofel Mendizabal ( EBI Partition head)*