

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. \$4000 construction of new Fabrica church; \$400 to replace Castilla parsonage holey roof for Ptr Redgie family; EBI Compassion kids kitchen finishing, parent waiting shelter, refurbishment of classroom Cottage #2, addition of 2nd floor classrooms; van or service vehicle for group transportation)

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.

Prayer alerts: Tropical storm Urduja currently passing across Samar. Hoping medicine dissolves brain blood clot from motorcycle accident of Compassion teacher Sis. Lianne Haboc. Comfort after death of 15-yr-old Nicky Fruto, and pregnancy loss of Sis. Michelle & Ptr. Michael Hista who were married in June.



We praise God for **two group baptisms** that happened **on November 4, 2017** (during the break between 1st and 2nd semesters). On that same day, 5 were baptized from the Bulan partition, and **19 were baptized from the Emmaus Bible Institute partition** (see above picture). **16 of the 19 were Compassion sponsored older kids**, who have been deeply impacted by years of help and teaching, and decided to publicly acknowledge their commitment to follow Jesus. It's truly touching that some of the young people that have been served themselves are now actively serving others. Several of these older Compassion kids are now assisting in worship services and outreaches.

FIRST YEAR OF PAMI, 35 YEARS AGO

When Norval and Ardelle Thorud were both about 60 years old, a PAMI send-off dinner was held at Emmaus Lutheran in Bloomington, MN on July 22, 1982. After moving to Bulan in the midst of a typhoon, they quickly started outreaches there. Here's an excerpt from their December 1982 Christmas letter:

We have found more openings here than we have time for if we are to study the language. Our plans had been to have maybe a couple of meetings a week while in this stage, but God had other plans. We now have three weekly children's meetings and seven for adults.

Two of our Bible studies are in homes, a mile or so apart but in the same family. One is in the home of Benjamin Homo and the other in the home of his son, Tabio. One of Tabio's seven children, Dennis, had a lung problem which the Lord healed. In turn, Tabio has become a very avid student of the Bible. He drinks in every word.

Tabio was one of the first baptized and later became a pastor. His brother Joel Homo also became a pastor, and is still with PAMI leading Fabrica church, the oldest daughter church of the Bulan church. Fabrica church will be celebrating their 25th anniversary in January.



Fabrica Church recently bought a lot (left) approximately a football field length away from the place they've been renting (right) for many years. Fabrica and Bulan Church members have covered the 120,000 peso = \$2400 cost of the lot themselves, but would like help with construction costs, which could be \$4000.



Older Compassion kids teaching younger kids in Sirangan outreaches



The above two pictures are in an elementary school near EBI, where kids received Operation Christmas Child gifts and color illustrated New Testaments earlier in the year. This was part of weekly Values Instruction Classes that PAMI workers teach in several public schools. We praise God that PAMI received **560 OCC boxes** to distribute **last Feb/March**, and will receive another **500 to give out this coming Feb/March**. Filipinos love an extended Christmas. It's nice how Samaritan's Purse not only provides OCC gifts, but also supplies discipleship booklets, New Testaments, and teacher training. Kids get awarded certificates and New Testaments after completing 12 discipleship sessions. PAMI is thankful to partner with other Christian organizations like Samaritan's Purse, Matthew 18:14, Compassion, Operation Blessings, Vernacular Video Ministries, The Bible League, and Bicol Center for Christian Leadership.

Izzy Allen Tidbit: "Perhaps the best Yuletide decoration is each of us being wreathed in smiles."

PAMI FINANCIAL REPORT
January 1, 2017 – November 30, 2017

Receipts

Mission Support	\$39,885.00	
Designated	7,905.00	\$47,790.00
Mabini Ministry	10,000.00	
Other	555.00	10,555.00
Total Receipts		\$58,345.00

Expenditures

Regular Budget		\$38,058.00
Mabini Ministry	11,000.00	
Other Field Expenses	9,734.00	20,734.00
Administrative Expenses		197.56
Total Expenditures		\$58,989.56

Receipts Minus Expenditures (644.56)

Cash Balance Jan. 1, 2017 17,295.43

Cash Balance Nov. 30, 2017 \$16,650.87

Prepared by David Steinmeier, PAMI Accountant



Here are 10 of the current 16 EBI students. 3 others doing a year of internship & a couple others are Compassion moms.

TESTIMONIES OF EBI STUDENTS

I'm **Janet Ruaza**, 36 years old from Surigao del Norte in Mindanao. Before I came here in EBI, I have a little business in Manila which is laundry service. I am a shy person even before when I was a little child. It's too difficult for me to speak in front of many people but I can speak in a group of people like in Bible studies in family homes and I am a friendly person even to strangers. My gift is serving or helping. It's my pleasure to share with others what I've received from the Lord.

I'm **Klynth Gamas** from Matnog Sorsogon. I was born and raised in a Christian family. They taught me the Word of God and to be a good son with fear of the Lord. But when I became a teenager, I want to explore life and learn how to smoke cigarette and drink alcohol. I am very thankful to God because of His love for me; He didn't let me continue the wrong doing I'd made. He caught me out of that sin. That's why now I dedicated my life to praise and serve the Lord. So here I am in EBI studying the Word of God so that in the future I will be a good and faithful servant of the Lord.

MISSION SUMMARY

PAMI is a non-denominational evangelical mission started in 1982 in Sorsogon Province of the Philippines, 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. The mission has 23 PAMI-paid Filipino workers in 19 places. Besides churches and pioneering works, there's a 4 year Bible school (Emmaus Bible Institute) with 16 students learning to be church planting pastors and Christian workers. Radio programs and milk feeding outreaches to children are also conducted. All this is accomplished with an annual regular budget of only \$60,000. Gifts are tax-deductible and 99% goes to the field. For more pictures and info please see *The PAMI Post*: www.pamimission.org/blog

CHRISTMAS GREETING FROM ARDELLE

Ardelle Thorud turned 95 on Nov. 11th

Ardelle says, "All my life I was hoping to reach 95 to be older than my dad got to, but now that I'm here, it's not much fun. (Ardelle cracked her kneecap when she fell after a PAMI board meeting in July and still feels weak.) But I look forward to a nice Christmas service at my apartment, and even more wonderful celebrations in heaven."



Above: Newly added Compassion sponsored kids (bringing the total to 175 that come to EBI every Saturday for 6 hours of Weekly Learning Activity and a good meal). If enough extra classroom space can be added, it's hoped that eventually 500 kids can be served. **Left:** EBI students help cook a meal for Compassion kids in the Compassion kitchen that was recently added, but still needs more funds to finish.

