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CHRISTMAS & CRUSADE IN APRIL

The last few months have been astounding! They can be called historic. Never have there been events like these in the Bicol region of Southern Luzon.

April began with 15,000 Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes from Samaritan's Purse delivered to Sorsogon. PAMI qualified to receive about 1,000 of these, including 600 at Emmaus Bible Institute.



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Besides shoeboxes of gifts, Samaritan's Purse provided teacher training and *The Greatest Journey* discipleship booklets. While 2-7 year olds got gifts the first day, the 8-14 year olds got gifts after 5 days of discipleship. Each day started with plenary devotions & singing, followed by splitting into 15 groups of 20 kids to various places throughout campus. Groups met in the chapel, classrooms, new kids building, under awnings, and even under trees. It was also nice that several young people gained teaching experience.

Then on April 14th, the Billy Graham Evangelical Association sponsored a giant kids worship gathering, filling a 10,000 seat stadium in Legazpi, in the neighboring province of Albay. 160 kids plus 15 counselors from EBI attended via 3 buses from BGEA.

This was a prelude to the Will Graham Bicol Celebration of Hope at Pili Stadium, in the neighboring province of Camarines Sur. Will is the grandson of Billy Graham, and son of Franklin Graham. A total of 97,000 people attended this April 28 - May 1st crusade, with 20,000 responding to the altar calls (see below).



A few hundred people in and around PAMI churches attended the crusade via buses provided by BGEA Operation Andrew (including 220 from EBI, 120 from Irosin, and more from Casiguran). Over 30 PAMI people served as counselors, having been trained in February by BGEA Life & Witness workshops. Over 80 from EBI alone filled out response cards to receive Jesus as savior. Please pray for good follow-up--that respondees be integrated into Bible study cell groups, and that momentum and enthusiasm continue.

See Youtube video on *Christmas and Crusade in the Philippines*.

Izzy Allen Tidbit: "We don't change God's message; His message changes us."

CRUSADE COMMENTS

Pastor Chito: *Celebration of Hope with Will Graham was a success in terms of the great number of people coming to the Lord Jesus Christ. I can attest that The Grahams have been used by God mightily in presenting the Gospel with power and clarity. People from the seats raised their hands and moved almost like one person responding to the altar call to receive Christ as Lord and Savior. So, looking at that multitudes after they confessed Christ, instead of being an echelon supervisor (giving materials and getting the follow-up cards), I decided to do counseling (checking the response of the inquirer/or the need of guiding them again to the salvation message/getting all data about them for follow-up). I decided that way because time is so crucial. Many of them may go back to their seats without being counseled. It was a great experience, not only for me, but also looking at Emmaus people (I have 20 counselors with me from Emmaus) getting names and waving follow-up cards.*

Pastor Randy: *Will Graham crusade was so exciting. A lot of people came because the bus fare was free and many local TV and movie stars gave testimony of Jesus in their lives. Glory to God! A lot of people accept Jesus. We hope Will Graham comes back again.*

STORM FOLLOWING THE CRUSADE

Immediately after the crusade, a tropical storm went through the area and caused flooding. Water rose to 3 feet inside the Bulan Church, and strong wind knocked down a star apple tree and blew off some roofing at EBI. Fortunately, damage was minimal, and repairs quickly made. Nonetheless, it emphasizes the need to refurbish dorms and library/office/classroom, including replacing termite eaten rafters to strengthen roofs to resist storms that could be even stronger. We praise God for \$2000 from Emmaus Lutheran to cover this. Bulan Church also requests \$1200+ to cover half the cost to add a second story to the parsonage portion of the church (a church elder offers to cover the other half out of his retirement funds). Not only would this provide more space, but yield safe storage of things during times of flooding.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS



40 participated in a KAIROS missions/evangelism class held at EBI on March 25-30 (sponsored by ACM)



Six students graduated from EBI on April 4. The theme was *God's Mission in God's Way*. Janice Fuga is being retained as an administrative assistant.



16 people from EBI neighborhood cells groups were baptized May 20. Another baptism will be conducted in October after follow-up with 80 people from EBI that responded at the Will Graham crusade. 18 were also baptized in Bulan on March 12.

While EBI has been on summer break, other activities have included VBS, youth camp for EBI, musical training of youth in Bulan, and Ptr Randy giving various child protection seminars around Allen, Samar (including to government officials).

The new EBI school year will start in June. Pastor James is cleared by ACM to go to Mongolia in July.

Another praise is construction of a new church in Castilla this spring with funds from Korean Christians.

WAYS TO HELP FINANCIALLY

- **Help cover our regular budget of \$3700 per month, which is \$300 more than before. Part of this is \$200 per month of medicine and testing for Pastor Chito, who has irregular heartbeat with leaky valve & diabetes.**
- **Sponsorship of EBI graduates to become workers (about \$75 per month each)**
- **\$1100 for 200 more chairs at \$5.50 each**
- **\$800 more for finishing the EBI kids building (including adding a bathroom)**
- **\$1200+ for adding a second floor onto the parsonage portion of the Bulan Church**
- **\$1000 for a motorcycle for a pastor to better get around to different places to conduct Bible studies**
- **More funds for radio, milk feeding, & Bibles**
- **\$10,000+ for property and building for growing churches like Irosin**