



Consider monthly sponsorship or one-time gift for:

- general support (where needed most)
- allowance for pastors, workers or students
- Chairs, Bibles, medical help, or children's feedings
- special projects (lots, construction, motorcycles)

Note: Maybe replace old EBI motorcycle for \$1500 and/or buy a 2 acre lot for church and livelihood for \$6500

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. A secretary especially needed, but others needed too. Can come without making a big commitment.

FOLLOWING & SERVING JESUS

For those who love Christian history, it's especially interesting to read the first words of Jesus in Mark, which scholars say was the first Gospel to be written: *"The time has come. The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news! Come follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."* I like to think that reflects a major thrust of PAMI as well. Our pastors and Bible school are sharing the good news, calling everyone to repent, believe, follow Jesus, and become ambassadors for God's kingdom.

This newsletter has recent highlights of these ambassadors, including the April 1st graduation of Emmaus Bible Institute, follow up with recipients of typhoon aid and OCC boxes (mentioned in March PAMI Bulletin, which can be viewed in the *News* tab of www.pamimission.org), group baptisms, and more.



EBI held its 19th Commencement Exercises on April 1st, with theme of *Intimacy with God*. Four students graduated (Leah Gimena, Leonil Novino, Michael Hista, and Benjie Camar).

Leah may eventually be a Compassion and EBI teacher.

Leonil is working with Ptr Pio and Juvy Garduque in Barcelona, and helping plant a daughter church in Buhang, where we hope to construct a chapel for \$2000. Please consider sponsoring Leonil \$80/mo.

Izzy Allen Tidbit: "Suffering from truth decay? Brush up on your Bible."



The EBI school year began in mid-June with some Freshman shown above, and 19 or 21 students total. 3 new students include Compassion parents that want to enhance their talents on sharing the Word of God. One new student is Janet Ruaza, a 35 year old from Manila who felt God calling her to go to a Bible school, but was hesitant because her pastor said it would be costly and hard. But God's calling was so intense that she dreamed of Emmaus not knowing about it until she searched the internet and her sister from the area confirmed it existed. She checked out Emmaus by attending a Sunday service and was so blessed and felt it an answer to prayer (especially with free tuition, room, and board).



April and May were summer vacation, and included Daily Vacation Bible School (like above, Ptr Lorenz in Bulusan), staff training, musical instrument youth workshops, sports events (including Compassion kids who were Volleyball champs), and group baptisms in Bulan, Castilla, Irosin, Barcelona & Penafrañcia.

7 were baptized in Bulusan in January. One of them was Sister Judith. She & her husband opened their home to Bible study and became Christians after her husband was hospitalized for serious TB with vomiting of blood. Bro Boy and Ptr Lorenz visited and prayed for them and he gradually recovered.



Another is Bro Benedict, which started with an invitation to inter-church fellowship. Pray for strength, since his family persecutes him after baptism.

OTHER MISC. HIGHLIGHTS

Unlike the USA, there's not as much separation of church and state in the Philippines. Praise God the government has encouraged religious groups to teach Family Development Sessions to welfare recipients and Values Instructional Classes in public schools. Let's pray this continues even though a tough new president was elected in May. PAMI does both of these to better connect with the community. For example, EBI conducts weekly 20-30 minute VIC classes in neighboring Capuy Elementary, which includes Bible references and prayer. The principal, teachers, and parents there have appreciated milk feedings and distribution of Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes too. OCC was especially nice this year because of the additional follow-up available. Samaritan's Purse offered free color New Testaments to kids who completed a provided workbook in 12 discipleship sessions. Most PAMI churches did similar follow-up. Of more than 1200 kids who received OCC boxes via PAMI in February, about 25% opted to do this follow-up discipleship in March and April. Some of these kids also opted to be baptized. *Photos to the right and below show a Capuy discipleship session in a hut and kids holding up NTs after a OCC discipleship graduation ceremony.*



Kids with NTs at Capuy Public Elementary School

In addition to following up with OCC box recipients, PAMI has followed up with victims of last December's typhoon. Although most structures were repaired within the first few months, it takes longer for crops like coconut trees to recover. To encourage families still economically struggling, last spring we collected used clothing, toiletries, school supplies, toys, books, etc. and shipped a total of 5 big balikbayan boxes at \$100 each (*two shown below*). We're planning to send another 3 by the end of September so they arrive in time for Christmas.



High schoolers helped collect & pack boxes



Ptr Virgilio Fulo distributing balikbayan box items in Bulan

PAMI likes ministering to the whole person, meeting both physical and spiritual needs. PAMI also likes partnering with other organizations that help with this. One example is when Operation Blessings did a wheelchair distribution in Sorsogon City (*right photo*). PAMI has been doing follow-up Bible studies with the families of these recipients. Another partner is The Bryant Charitable Trust in Mabini, where weekly children's feedings and discipleship are conducted. This ministry is now expanding to include an after school study-help library (which can use laptops and more books). We'd also like Mabini to become a refuge for victims of human trafficking. Another partner is Dante Dancel and Meals-to-Learn.org, including children's milk feedings and a recent school supply distribution in Butag, Bulan with Ptr Felmar Guray. The latest partnership is with Luisa Castillo and Jesus Our Hope for the Hungry to help a couple families on Juag Island, Calintaan, Matnog via Ptr Randy and Ptr Gumer. This included diagnosing and treating 14 year old Necky Fruto (below left), who was found to have diabetes and needing insulin and liver medicine. She also needs cataract surgery to fix her blindness. Rebecca Huab, the wife of Ptr Jess of Patag, Irosin, is another needing medical help with diabetes and non-healing foot wounds from burns and rat bites (below right).



We are sad to report Ptr William Thompson passed away June 2 after diabetes/heart complications and more than a year of dialysis. He was in the first graduating class of EBI, and pastored in Matog first with PAMI and then 25 years with Joy Korean Presbyterian Mission, but still taught advanced classes like Hebrew and Greek at EBI. He had a WWII USA flag from his American father or grandfather.



25th anniv. of Matnog Joy Church in April



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 24 PAMI-paid Filipino workers in 18 places. Besides churches and pioneering works, there's a 4 year Bible school (Emmaus Bible Institute) with 20 students learning to be church planting pastors and Christian workers. EBI also is a center for 150 Compassion sponsored kids. Radio programs and milk feeding outreaches to children are also conducted. All this is accomplished with an annual regular budget of only \$50,000. Gifts are tax-deductible and 99% goes to the field.