



You're invited... to an evening of good food, fellowship, and inspiring stories of how the Lord is working in the Philippines:

ANNUAL PAMI FALL POTLUCK DINNER
6:30 pm Friday, Oct. 12th at Emmaus Lutheran
8443 Second Ave. S., Bloomington, MN
Just bring a dish to share. Invite friends.
Call Mike Thorud at (952)975-3632 for more info.

This year's theme is "Legacy of Grace" to celebrate PAMI's 30th anniversary and remember field director Pastor Chito Mendizabal, who passed away from lung cancer on June 15th. The theme verse is "to live is Christ and to die is gain," from Philippians 1:21, which is the epitaph on Ptr Chito's gravestone. Mike Thorud will share highlights from his June visit. We'll also watch video reminiscing of the early days of PAMI.

Ministry Continuing Strong

Through the grace of God, the organizational changes described in the July PAMI News have been working well, and the ministry is continuing strong.



Ptr. Virgilio Fulo has been doing a great job of overseeing things as overall field director, while still being head of Bulan Church & its daughter churches, and teaching one day a week at Emmaus Bible Institute in Sorsogon. Bulan is where PAMI began 30 years ago, and remains a vibrant ministry center.



The Bulan Church has a nice number of experienced elders & deacons helping with Sunday school teaching, preaching, music, outreaches, bookkeeping, cleaning, etc., and meet for prayer before each Sunday service.



A highlight of my June visit was the lively young people of Bulan Church. It's a joy to see them lead worship & do tambourine dancing. They also help with kids ministry, like Felmar Guray (left, son of Pastor Pio Guray). He & two other Bulan y.p. are studying at EBI.



Starting the school year on June 11th, EBI continues strong under the leadership of Pastor Chito's widow, Ofel Mendizabal. There are now 28 students studying to become church planting pastors and Christian workers (8 freshmen, 8 sophomores, 4 juniors & 8 seniors). When the seniors finish in March, I'm hoping to return with a friend or two, to attend the graduation ceremony, discuss retaining a couple graduates, and touch bases with how the mission is progressing.





EBCI ministry comprises much more than Bible school classes. The campus serves as a center for 140 Compassion kids that come 6 hours each Saturday. There's a vision to see this expanded to 500 kids by 2020, if we could eventually add a 2nd story to the church building (above right). Compassion staff and kids recently marched in a parade. EBCI campus is also home to Emmaus Christian Fellowship Church, which serves neighboring communities, and includes 16 cell groups. These cell groups (named after virtues) celebrated their 2nd anniversary on July 15th with the theme "Christian Family" and had about 300 attend. This anniversary included games, Bible skits, & a Bible gift to those with whole families attending (see pictures below).



It's very encouraging that some cell groups & outreaches are soon ready to become house churches. Two of these include Capuy (right) and Sirangang (below), which also have large children's outreaches & feedings. Benches are needed at Capuy.



Jesus film showings and audio Bible listening groups (part of E2E program) also help grow these groups.



Other mission highlights include Christian radio programs in both Irosin & Allen. Computer classes are conducted in both Allen & EBCI. In Samar, Sister Lordy will begin church planting efforts in Catarmin in October. We could use monthly sponsors to cover her \$75 allowance, \$35 rent, and \$25 children's feeding.