



Please consider a year-end gift to PAMI. It's extra gifts that enable special projects and tide us through months when income is \$1000 less than budget.

Monthly gifts are also nice.

Note that one-time or automatic monthly giving can now be done via credit card on the *Donate* tab on our website with a modest fee of 2.2% + 30¢. But checks can still be sent to our PO box with no fee.

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

Former PAMI missionary Ardelle Thorud writes:

Dear friends, greeting one another at Christmas time in Filipino is more difficult than you might think. While we usually say "Merry Christmas!", that's too easy for them. Try this: "Maligayang Pasko!" The emphasis is on "gay", which is pronounced guy." "Ang" sounds like "ung." Now put it all together and say it fast. I still can't.

Amid our happy celebrations, let's not forget to pray (and help if we can) for the millions who have so many needs.

Here's a poem written by Izzy Allen, a long-time PAMI board member:

Have you been to Bethlehem?

*Have you been to Bethlehem
and saw the cradle where
our Christ lay in a stable
Salvation started there.*

*Such a humble, meek beginning
with cattle at his feet,
But God was there that evening
where Satan knew defeat.*

*Were you upon the hillside
with the shepherds and their flock,
Did you hear the angels singing
did you also feel their shock?*

*Oh what a glorious message
what awe they must have felt,
Did you hurry off to Bethlehem
where at His feet they knelt?*

*Have you traveled with the wisemen
did you follow that bright star,
Did you know a King was born that night
that's why they traveled far.*

*You needn't bring a gift of gold
or a famous work of art,
He'd be so happy if you brought
the gift He wants--your heart.*

Izzy Allen Tidbit: "If you throw a cat out the window, does it become kitty litter?"

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS



Compassion kids are already using the new building at EBI. Although \$3200 has been spent so far, we pray for \$1000 more to finish it, including adding a bathroom. Improved facilities can result in 50 more kids included.



A sports fest was held for the Compassion kids.

Four big boxes weighing over 500 lbs were sent in time for Christmas distribution to needy families, including one whose house burned Dec 2. They contained clothes, hygiene & school supplies, toys, Feed My Starving Children meals, and Christian books. Thanks for all who contributed (Girl Scouts, businesses, & churches).



As part of our E2E partnership with Faith Comes By Hearing, many Jesus film showings have been done, with hundreds attending, 50-90% praying to accept Jesus, and over 30% participating in follow-up weekly Bible listening/discussion groups using audio Bicolano New Testament Proclaimers.

PAMI FINANCIAL REPORT
January 1, 2010 – November 30, 2010

Receipts

Mission Support	\$33,327.64	
Designated	5,314.00	\$38,641.64
Memorials	1,460.00	
Potluck Offering	2,500.00	
Other	2,467.84	6,427.84
Total Receipts		\$45,069.48

Expenditures

Regular Budget	\$36,870.00	
Christmas Love Gifts	3,000.00	\$39,870.00
Compassion Kids Bldg	3,200.00	
Educational Assistance	2,145.00	5,345.00
Other Mission Field Expenses		2,651.00
Administrative Expenses		304.00
Total Expenditures		\$48,170.00
Receipts Minus Expenditures		(3,100.52)
Cash Balance Jan. 1, 2010		9,805.22
Cash Balance Nov. 30, 2010		\$6,704.70

Prepared by David Steinmeier, PAMI Bookkeeper

We praise God that our finances continue to be okay. With a slight increase in receipts, a new building was constructed at EBI for use by Compassion kids and our regular budget was increased another 10% (adding 3 new graduates as workers), getting back to a high of \$3400 per month that we had in 2008. Our reserve funds are similar to last year, with a current buffer of about 1 1/2 months, but still lower than 3 years ago. Some **year-end gifts would really help** to tide us through months with \$1000 less receipts than budget. If enough extra comes in, we can consider finishing the Compassion kids building by adding a bathroom, retain more EBI graduates for church planting, or buy a lot/building for an established and growing PAMI church like Irosin to have a place of their own instead of renting.

OTHER RECENT HIGHLIGHTS



Ptr Randy always finds new ways of reaching out. After a barber shop started listening to his radio program, he persuaded them to give free haircuts at an elementary school, and shared a gospel message at the same time.

At the Sept. 24th PAMI potluck, Kermit Titrud spoke of **partnering**, shared his experience as a Wycliffe Bible translator in the Philippines, and recalled his visits with Norval and Ardelle when they lived at the Bethany Bible School in San Jose, Mindoro about 30 years ago.



The CrossPoint Church Repeat Offenders led in lively worship. And Mike Thorud shared pictures and video.

The amount of **partnering** this last year or so has been astounding. Besides already working with Compassion, Faith Comes by Hearing, Operation Blessing, and ACM (Ptr James going to Mongolia in March), Ptr Chito keeps surprising me with new ones. The latest includes starting VOICE (values education in public schools), YWAM team from Manila, Christian Growth Ministries seminar (including book distribution), and preparing for a Will Graham crusade next spring in Pili Stadium in Camarines Sur Province.

See *The PAMI Post* for more news, details, pictures/video. Just click on the **News** tab at www.pamimission.org.

MISSION SUMMARY

PAMI is a non-denominational evangelical mission started in 1982 in Sorsogon Province of the Philippines by Norval & Ardelle Thorud, 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. PAMI now has 25 Filipino workers in 14 locations. Besides churches and pioneering works, there's a 4 year Bible school (Emmaus Bible Institute) with 35 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 \$40,000. Gifts are tax-deductible and 99% goes to the field.

DECEMBER 2010 CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM PAMI PHILIPPINES!

“But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of Him.” 2 Cor. 2:14

Praise God for His abundant mercy and grace that we may become an aroma, spreading the fragrance of Christ to all people. Thanks be to God, just recently, we’ve been a conduit of His grace, extending hands to Ptr William Thompson's family in their great ordeals – from hospital needs to arranging things at home (wife died after 3 days aggressive interventions in the ICU). Some EBI students stayed with the family to help in the cooking, arranging of Bible study every night for 7days, ushered guests; We too help in processing papers of insurance; preached at their Sunday service and officiated the necrological service. While we were at the hospital, we’re able to minister too to other patients (4 other rooms) mostly Christians (Divine appointment?) praying and helping. Two PAMI pastors’ wives were hospitalized too; one because of miscarriage and the other is due to severe stomach pain. While I’m writing this letter, we have 3 persons as guests (from Irosin PAMI church) because one of them would be having an appointment to his doctor tomorrow. And you had great part in those ministries of serving, because of your financial help and your constant intercessions for us.

Many people are coming to the knowledge of Christ through the Gospel film showing at different barangays. Thank God for our partnership with Faith Comes By Hearing and its program: The End to End (E2E) Program of Acclaimer (film) – Proclaimer (audio New Testament)– Bible (written Word) approach to evangelism and discipleship.

A result of that program is our **Emmaus Christian Church** “VIRTUES SMALL GROUPS.” That every person in our church, whether members, workers, sympathizers and new contacts will be a part of a small group. Establishing a house church based on geographical groupings of people, we’re able to set up 14 house churches with attending members ranging from 8-15, each with leader facilitator and an assistant leader. Large numbers of attendees are from **Compassion** parents. Neighbors became interested too and joined in the small groups. We are using the audio Bible in our Bible studies. Every small group is named after biblical virtues such as: Love Small Group, Humility SG, Meekness SG, Gentleness Small Group... Now, each small group is busy preparing for our Christmas/Thanksgiving program this coming December 19th; practicing song numbers, drama, skit and preparing too for a menu or two as food contributions.

We’ve been blessed too, to work with local sponsors in their feeding program to about a hundred children in a slum area of the city. They provided the venue and food, we help in caring for the children by teaching and showing them the love of God. And the joy of opening too for their parents for Bible study.

God also opens opportunities for us to do ministry with the greater church body. I was invited to a provincial pastoral gathering and was elected as member of the Provincial Pastoral Council and secretary of the City Council of Pastors. Wider service opportunities are provided like: Provincial Youth Camp, **Will Graham Bicol Celebration of Hope** (we’re selected as lecturers in the preparation of the event on April 2011), Christian Growth Ministries seminar held at EBI with book giving, working with YWAM, partnering with VOICE public school teaching of values and the recent ministry to the men in uniforms (policemen and traffic enforcer) as lecturers.

Still there are lots of on-going ministries with tremendous impact to bigger number of people like the radio ministries. Good Morning Allen (hosted by Pastor Randy Rivera in Allen, Northern Samar) which covers not only in Samar but also many towns of Sorsogon facing Samar like Matnog Bulusan, Irosin, Sta Magdalena and even Casiguran. In fact, listeners from Casiguran are now Bible studies of Pastor Rafael when Pastor Randy endorsed them to Pastor Rafael. Pastor Gumer has radio program too, but temporarily stopped because of higher charge rate, from P1200 monthly 30 minutes per week to P2000 for the same airtime. Radio ministry is very effective for finding new contacts for Bible studies.

On a weekly basis, about 1000 children are being ministered by all PAMI churches and outreaches. Ministries which mean teaching God's Words, feeding with milk and other nutrient foods; receiving boxes of FMSC in past months were great help to augment our feeding here. Children liked the taste of the rice/chicken meal, and its high nutrient contents which is hard to afford by many poor families in our place.

We deeply appreciate too, other expressions of love like giving of goodies and clothes. If you could just see the happy faces of both parents and children who received those gifts; might not be so valuable in your place but receive as treasure in some poor village here in our place.

Many other good things that God is doing here include the Bulan church continued growth both in church spiritual growth and in improvement of facilities. A sister who owns the church lot in Monte Calvario PAMI church donated the lot to the mission.

The same thing happened in Castilla church; the owner transferred the title to PAMI mission. And now, construction of church building (worth \$9300) is going on financed by a Korean mission as a grant or dole out.

Much more to mention considering that we have more churches to go such as Casiguran, Donsol, Bulusan, and the newer San Isidro and Calbayog...through constant communication with them, they're all well as far as reaching out people, fulfilling the great commission of Christ. I will report more of them in details before the year ends.

In the course of our spiritual mission/journey, however, the road isn't altogether smooth. Like in our place of rough roads and rugged terrain; we experienced too some low points like illness, bit friction, loneliness, death of loved ones and other discouraging circumstances; Nevertheless, realization always come that indeed "in all things God works for our good," primarily His way of building our character; stretching our faith and molding us in the likeness of His Son.

I would like to further note the positive response of Irosin PAMI church to the CHURCH WEANING PROGRAM. They are hopeful and expectant to eventually becoming a self-propagating/self-supporting church. This is a very good precedence in presenting the program to other churches, hopefully, by God's grace. Knowing that supporting their pastor or other church expenses means helping the mission in the furtherance of the gospel to other areas.

Finally, our deepest appreciation to all of you beloved and so faithful partners in God's mission for so long a time; our inspirations... our encouragers... we're so blessed to have friends who love at all times and brothers even in times of adversity.

GOD IS NOT UNJUST; HE WILL NOT FORGET YOUR WORK AND THE LOVE YOU HAVE SHOWN HIM AS YOU HAVE HELPED HIS PEOPLE AND CONTINUE TO HELP THEM.

GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU AND FAMILY SO JOYFUL CHRISTMAS AND MORE BOUNTIFUL YEARS IN CHRIST JESUS!

We love you in Christ,

In behalf of PAMI Philippines: pastors, workers, families, friends, members

Pastor Chito B. Mendizabal

EBI-PAMI Philippines

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