



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

ANNUAL PAMI FALL POTLUCK DINNER
6:30 pm Friday, Oct. 21st 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 "Living Bread." Mark Paulson will lead singing and share about a Risen Savior trip to the Philippines, where he witnessed distribution of Feed My Starving Children meals. Mike Thorud will share pictures and video of amazing highlights from this last year, including a Will Graham crusade and distribution of Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

Ptr Chito's Health & Mission Status

We received bad news at the end of June that field director Pastor Chito was hospitalized with fluid in his right lung. First, we wondered if it stemmed from his diabetes or heart condition. But the news got worse when a scan showed a tumor. He was sent to a lung hospital in Manila for better care for 2 weeks. There they drained off a gallon of fluid, did talc pleurodesis to prevent more fluid build-up, and did a biopsy. Unfortunately, it looks like adenocarcinoma cancer.

The good news is that it's only stage one, and hopefully curable. So far he's been trying alternative therapy and medicines/diet supplements. Additional testing will be done in early October to check on progress, and help decide if chemo is needed.

This has posed a big challenge to PAMI. The cost is \$4000 so far. Pastor Chito is very limited in what he can do. Various people have stepped in to teach his classes and other things. Pastor James has deferred going to Mongolia to help out.

Here's what Pastor Chito and wife Ofel say:

I can still do some things that I love, like preparing Powerpoint songs and program in the Sunday Worship. I meet with Emmaus staff and church leaders, talk with visitors (until now, a lot of people come to EBI to see my progress and pray for me); but most of the time I stay at home to rest. Other than persistent aching of back, I am okay. Thank you for always lifting me to God in prayers; God is merciful...to give me extended life of serving Him.

As to the condition/status of ministry here, the mission is doing great in the grace of God. Emmaus church is gaining much influence upon many people in this locality. More people are coming to the church. Emmaus Bible Institute classes continue, as many workers are whole-heartedly volunteering.

Izzy Allen Tidbit: Here's one used by Clellan Card on TV. "Birdie with the yellow bill, hopped upon my windowsill, cocked his shiny eye and said...What did they do at the Boston tea party, Humpty?--dump tea?"

We celebrated the first anniversary of Virtues Small Groups and praise God for what He is doing upon the people here in Guinlajon and nearby barangays. Every Saturday, we have the Compassion children weekly



New kids building being used at EBI
(Minn. Valley VBS offering of \$578 will help finish this)

learning activity at Emmaus from 6am to 2pm. After that, we have Children's Bible Club and young people and adults Bible Study in Sirangan until 6pm. We organize too Women and Men's Monthly Fellowship.

About Will Graham results, We have here about 80 follow-up cards that we pursued and some are absorbed in the cell groups. We are planning to have water baptism this coming October.

After the March KAIROS training made by Asian Center for Missions at EBI, about 20 people passed the interview to start with the ACM Missionary Training Program. Some are EBI people and others are pastors and workers from other churches. Rather than doing MTP in Manila like Pastor James did, instructors will come from Manila to conduct evening classes at EBI from 6-9 pm starting in January.



Construction of 2nd story on parsonage of the Bulan Church is being supervised by elder Jun Palacio (above). We'd like to raise \$1000 to augment the \$2600 that he donated from his pension. This will provide more living space and a refuge during flooding, which has already happened 4 times.

Computer Outreach in Samar

Pastor Randy always surprises us with new avenues of ministry. His latest endeavor is to couple Bible studies with free computer literacy classes, which he announced on his radio program, and had 30 enroll. This is what he has to say about it:

Our local NGO group here in Samar received 7 personal computers, 1 LCD projector, plus tripod of LCD. Among our group I am the only one with knowledge to teach and train about basic or fundamental computer literacy. It is designed to help out of school youth, especially children at risk, adults and anyone interested to learn about computer. I announce it in my radio show and a lot of people come to enroll. We have 3 hour sessions, twice a week. It is three months program to get issued a certificate. Curriculum was furnished from the donors of computer, from MICROSOFT and the VISAYAN FORUM foundation. My son Jordan & I will run the said program. Jordan will teach a basic subject and set up all the units of computer. I'm in charge of computer fundamentals, including trouble-shooting. The program is all free. The biggest thing we can grab from this opportunity is sharing God's Word. There is a specific 30 minute time slot for spiritual enhancement. Sis. Lordy also helps. So it alternates between the three of us. We will be very busy these days, since we are still doing Bible Studies, and morning & evening daily radio programs.



Regarding other ministry in Samar, the San Isidro church plant is now assigned to a recent EBI graduate named Eduard Estrabella after Raquel Ongcal left for Manila. Since San Isidro is close to Allen, Pastor Randy helps mentor him, and he has been doing well. The Calbayog church plant was discontinued after Pastor Iso went home to recover from TB. Instead, we'd like to start a church plant in Catarmin (a big city east of Allen) with Sister Lordy. Sister Lordy has been volunteering with Pastor Randy and Nida in Allen for one and a half years. She has been an excellent help to them, and it's about time for her to get her own assignment and a full allowance of \$70 per month. Both Sister Lordy and Brother Eduardo could use sponsors to cover allowance, rent, and children's milk feeding outreaches in their respective church plants.

Other Highlights



Irosin Church members walking through a rice field on the way to a seaside baptism in June

Pastor Redgie from Castilla writes: *Thank God for all the blessings that He has given for our church. Our new church building provides space to accommodate more people in our services. This attracts more newcomers/sympathizers to attend. Our focus for this coming month is to maximize our contacts for Home Bible studies. Praise God for new Bible studies in Cagurong, Village, Pili and Panganitohan. Two of our members, Sis Minda and Bro Allan, help me conduct Bible studies. We keep on praying for more committed members to assist in the Lord's work. Despite the hard economic conditions of people in Castilla, The Lord is opening more doors for Bible study.*



This is the new Castilla Church built in March. Praise God for believers from Korea that provided \$16,000 for it. Irosin and other churches could use buildings like this too.