



# PHILIPPINE MISSION NEWS

From R.G. & Sarah Hutchison

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Dear Friends,

It's about 7:15 a.m. as I'm writing this from a shady spot outside our house, and it looks like it's going to be another hot but beautiful day here in Pangasinan. Much has happened since our last newsletter, so let me see if I can "catch you up" on some of the high points of the past few months.

On April 12 we completed our final Ilocano classes at the Christian Language Study Center. On April 14 we loaded our belongings into a jeepney and moved from our apartment in Manila to the college campus in Pangasinan (the house where missionaries David and Christina Black lived before).

## Dedication of New Church Plant in Nueva Vizcaya

Shortly after our arrival in Pangasinan, I (R.G.) traveled to Isabela where I attended meetings and preached at the annual conference sessions for the churches in Joshua district. Following the conclusion of those meetings, I traveled to the nearby province of Nueva Vizcaya and joined with Rev. David Yucaddi in the dedication of a newly-constructed church in the town of Diadi. **The**

**young pastor who is planting this church is a recent graduate from the Banaue training center.** His name is Romeo, and they are praying that they will have funds to add a small parsonage onto the back of the church before he meets "Juliet." ☺



During the dedication service, **one of the new members stood and shared her testimony of God's saving grace that had changed her life.** We rejoiced

to see that God is already giving spiritual fruit in this brand new place of gospel ministry. Please pray that God will continue to raise up pastors and church-planters here in the Philippines.



## Summer Bible Camps in Pangasinan and Banaue

We just recently concluded the annual summer Bible camps. Two were held here this year – one on the college campus with delegates attending from Joshua, Jabez and Nehemiah districts.



**This year, they had a record-breaking attendance with over 630 registered delegates.** Some came from as far away as the northern coast of Cagayan (which is about a 12 hour bus ride from Pangasinan).



We were spiritually blessed by the biblical preaching of our General Missions Secretary, Tim Keep, along with Pastors Jon Earls and Deron Fourman. The theme of this year's camp was "Passion for God; Compassion for People." Time after time, God used the messages of both the American and Filipino pastors to stir and convict hearts.

Following this camp, we were also joined by our General Missions Treasurer, Monte Stetler Jr. and his daughter Abby for the trip up to Banaue. Abby has started a ministry

known as “**Cheer a Child**” which finds creative ways to help children in countries around the world. She was a great blessing to the children here during their visit and Bro. Monte also shared some very practical biblical principles on “Engaging in Business with Integrity” with the laypersons and pastors in Banaue.



The theme of the camp in Banaue was “Jesus, Our Holiness.” Throughout the camp American and Filipino speakers shared anointed biblical messages on subjects such as the holiness of Jesus’ love, obedience, humility, sufferings, faith, etc. In the final service of the camp, Rev. Tim Keep gave a convicting challenge from 2 Timothy 1:6 to “stir up

the gift of God which is in you.” Already Pastor Yucaddi has reported that many are testifying that they have received spiritual help from those messages. We rejoice in God’s grace which was poured out in both Bible camps! And **we also wish to say THANK YOU to every church and individual who contributed financially to make these spiritual ministries possible.**



Sarah is now getting things “settled” in our new home and I am setting up my office in the administration building next door. During the next few months we will be focusing on building friendships and getting better acquainted with the pastors and churches in each district. R.G. is already planning visits to pioneering works in Cagayan and Zambales provinces and is also looking

forward to teaching some theology courses here in the Bible Methodist Shepherds' College. Sarah is excited to begin cataloguing the books in the college library. She is also looking forward to planting flowers around the missionary house.

Please keep us in your prayers as we are learning the rhythm of life here, that God will give us physical strength, spiritual discernment and courage as we seek to establish the right priorities and precedents for ministry and leadership. There are other exciting things that I wish I could share with you now, but it will have to wait until one of our next newsletters. Until then, may God bless each of you with more and more of His grace.

Sincerely Yours and HIS,

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