



THE PHILIPPINES 2013

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*The Philippine and American Ministry Team
outside the 15,000 inmate New Bilibid Prison in
Muntinlupa, 20 miles south of Manila.*

Our campaign theme is **Imparting a Spiritual Gift**, taken from *Romans 1:11 For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established.* To God's glory we trust that we accomplished this.

Our missionary partner in The Philippines is Pastor Noel Alberto, senior pastor of Arise and Shine Community Church. This church also runs a Christian K-12 school, of which Pastor Noel is Administrator. The hotel we stayed in is about 100 yards from the Pastor's home, and his wife Gina made many meals for us - breakfasts, lunches, and dinners - and every one was a taste treat, not to mention plenteous!



Following is a summary of our itinerary and ministry results:

Date	10/15	10/16	10/17	10/18	10/19	10/20	10/21
Morning	Travel	Travel	Calamba Jail (men)	Academy Teachers Devotional Children's Skit	Prison Volunteers Conference	2 Churches (3 Services)	Santa Rosa City Jail
Afternoon	Travel	Travel	Calamba Jail (women)	Cabuyoa Jail Cabuyao Police Precinct	Prison Volunteers Conference	Cabuyoa Jail Marriage Seminar	Bulacan Jail Visit Pastor's Mom
Evening	Travel	Travel	DasMarinas Jail	BJMP Awards Ceremony Flood Victims	Bible Study For Pioneer Church	Dinner Butchoy's	Bulacan Juvenile Center
Week 2							
# of Days	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Day	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri			
Date	10/22	10/23	10/24	10/25		Block Legend	
Morning	Los Banos Jail Water Baptism	National Bilibid Prison (maximum)	Corregidor Island	Travel		Relationship and Camaraderie	Administration
Afternoon	Binan Jail	National Bilibid Prison (medium)	Corregidor Island	Travel		Travel and Travel Preparation	Cultural Experience
Evening	Shopping Dinner Logan's	Dinner Celestine's Audit Flood Victims' Food Distribution	Financials Packing	Travel		General Ministry	Prison Ministry

Our ministry model is that all members of the American ministry team participate in all aspects of the jail and prison crusades. There are no "bench warmers" on a Prisoners For Christ international campaign!

We always seek to utilize a person's individual giftings within the context of the campaign. For all prison services we had the following roles, with each person rotating roles during the campaign:

- Emcee - opens the service, introduces the team and PFC, maintains the flow of the service, shares his testimony, and closes the service.
- Short Sermon - shares a brief Bible story, leads the prayer for healing at the end of the service.
- Long Sermon - brings the full-length evangelistic sermon, conducts the altar call.

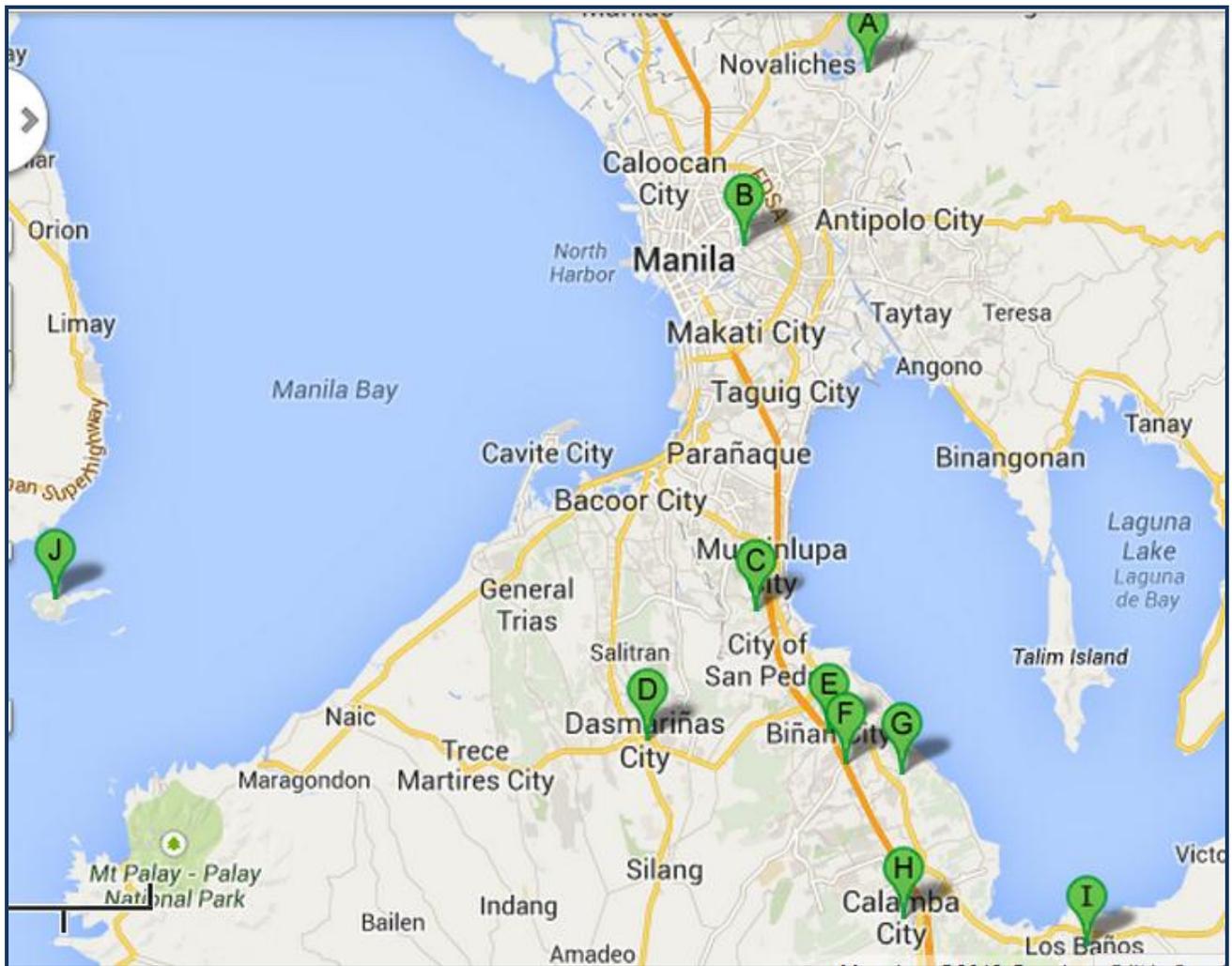
Jail and Prison Crusades

Service	Venue	Men	Women	Juvenile	Conversions	MC	Short	Long
1	Calamba Jail	113			50	Don	Mark	Bob
2	Calamba Jail		150		65	Don	Mark	Bob
3	DasMarinas Jail	320	40		200	Mark	Bob	Don
4	Cabuyao Jail	219	37		180	Bob	Don	Mark
5	Cabuyao Precinct	80	7		60	Bob	Don	Mark
6	Santa Rosa Jail	120	30		90	Don	Mark	Bob
7	Bulacan Jail	500			350	Mark	Bob	Don
8	Bulacan Juvenile			112	100	Don	Mark	Bob
9	Los Banos (Baptisms)	27			0	Bob, Don, Mark all Baptized		
10	Binan City Jail	200	19		150	Bob	Don	Mark
11	Bilibid Prison (max)	103			0	Don	Mark	Bob
12	Bilibid Prison (med)	80			70	Mark	Bob	Don
	TOTAL	1,762	283	112	1,315			
	OVERALL TOTAL	2,157			61%			

Note: Most services were done with inmates in cell blocks, with between 30 and 70 persons per cell block, and multiple cell blocks. We did the count as best we could.

Other Events

Event	Venue	Attendees	Speaker
1	Academy Teachers Devotionals	13	Mark
2	Academy Children's Skit	300	All
3	BJMP Awards Ceremony	200	Noel
4	Flood Victims - Teaching & Skit	275	Bob
5	All-Day Volunteer Conference	157	All
6	Home Church Bible Study	35	Bob
7	Arise and Shine Church (1st Service)	150	Bob
8	Arise and Shine Church (2nd Service)	100	Bob
9	Outreach Church Service	75	Don
10	Jail Marriage Seminar	265	Don, Bob
11	Flood Victims - Food Distribution	275	Mark, Bob
		1,845	



Our hotel, Pastor Noel's home, the Arise and Shine Evangelistic Association, the Academy School, and the Flood Victim's gymnasium housing are all at location "G," Cabuyao City.

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| A | Bulacan, Quezon City, Metro Manila, Philippines |
| B | Manila, Metro Manila, Philippines |
| C | National Bilibid Prison Hospital And Laboratory, |
| D | Dasmariñas City, Calabarzon, Philippines |
| E | Biñan City, Calabarzon, Philippines |
| F | Santa Rosa City, Calabarzon, Philippines |
| G | Cabuyao City, Calabarzon, Philippines |
| H | Calamba City, Calabarzon, Philippines |
| I | Los Baños, Calabarzon, Philippines |
| J | Corregidor Island, Corregidor Island, Manila, Phi |

For this campaign Bob Jordan was the team leader. He managed the finances, recorded the statistics of the various events, and maintained the official trip journal. Bob was responsible for all in-jail and in-prison team assignments. Bob is chairman of the Board of Directors for Prisoners For Christ, and is an International Group Leader. This was Bob's eighth foreign missions trip, and first to The Philippines.



Don Szolomayer was the co-team leader and is a veteran of nine international missions trips with Prisoners For Christ. Don is a member of the Board of Directors and is an International Group Leader. Don is a musician and more than once played the guitar and sang in various in-prison and general ministry events on this trip. Don led the all-day volunteer conference and the in-jail marriage seminar, arranging the teaching topics and assigning speaking roles to the team. This was Don's first trip to the Philippines for PFC (he has been here before, when with the United States Navy).



Completing the American team was Mark Havens. This was Mark's first trip to the Philippines and second international trip with Prisoners For Christ. Mark has been on other foreign missions trips before joining PFC and has much international travel experience. In addition to his standard roles of the jail and prison service, Mark often sang various special songs a cappella. Mark has professional-level training as a singer and pianist and the inmates and congregations where he sang thoroughly enjoyed this part of our team's ministry. Mark also saw to it that the team was kept stocked with special taste treats from many of the Philippine marketplace shops!



Days 1 and 2 - The first leg of the flight was the nine hour leg from Seattle to

1	2
Tue	Weds
10/15	10/16
Travel	Travel
Travel	Travel
Travel	Travel

to Tokyo. Our layover was lengthy, six hours, and then it was on to the Philippines. We had time to enjoy a nice Japanese meal before departing. There was a typhoon weather delay. The flight to the Philippines



was about 3.5 hour's total. Both flights were uneventful, other than the typhoon delay, and Mark pasted Bob in multiple games of electronic Yahtzee.



On the first leg we extended up to Alaska's Aleutian islands and could see ice floes in the sea. Though short in elapsed time we crossed the international date line and thus lost a full day en-route to the capital city of



Manila. However, we'd gain that time back of course on the return trip when we'd cross the dateline again.

We arrived in Manila just after midnight local time, met Pastor Noel and the team, and drove to the hotel for a good night's rest.

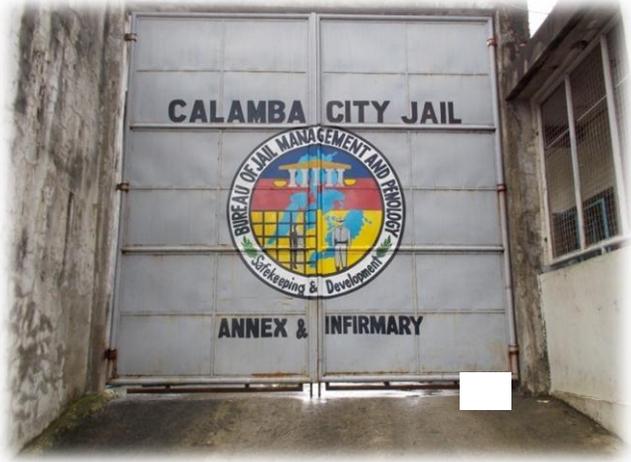


Day 3 - Originally we had scheduled to have the morning as a time of rest, and throughout the campaign we had rest periods scheduled. Yet there would be NO rest! Our local missionaries had the energy of horses and we entered right into ministry, beginning early out this morning, and as the schedule on page 2 shows every block of time - morning, afternoon, and evening - had one or more events to attend to.

3
Thurs
10/17
Calamba Jail (men)
Calamba Jail (women)
DasMarinas Jail

We started the day in the Calamba Jail. Bob preached the main message entitled

"Jesus, Friend of Sinners" using the biblical accounts of various persons ministered to gracefully by the Lord Jesus Christ. We were indoors at all services, and at this first service it rained very hard after we entered the jail, but stopped before we left the jail, and that was the last time we had rain the entire trip. The Lord was gracious; there were 113 men present, with at least 50 making a decision for Christ.



In the jails men come with their Bibles, but that doesn't mean they've made a commitment to Christ. We always do an altar call and invite men to receive Christ as Lord and Savior. Pastor Noel had brought a large box of Bibles, provided by the Philippine Bible Society, free of charge; New Testaments, paperback, in the native Tagalog language. We handed out many, many of these to the men. We also brought 126 complete New King James Bibles that were donated to Mark for this mission. These were used strategically where inmate leaders spoke English.

We are off to a great start!



Though not on the original schedule, Pastor Noel says we can do a service in the women's side of the jail, but we'd have to make it brief. We thus kept the same order of the service (Don emcee, Mark short sermon, Bob long sermon). This was the first time we'd preach in the hallways to persons in cell blocks. Bob preached about "Women in the Life of Christ" using examples of when Jesus

ministered to women and also when the women ministered to Jesus, such as Mary pouring perfume on Jesus' feet and the women at the crucifixion and the tomb.

We concluded the day by ministering at the DasMarinas Jail. Here we were treated to a number of entertainment events, including some solo songs by talented inmates, and an inmate choreographed dance by some inmate ladies. Mark then sang a gospel hymn and the inmates greatly appreciated it.

We then moved into the cell block for the main service, where Don picked up a guitar and led worship, then preached from the account of Blind Bartemeus and how he reached out to Jesus and Jesus met his need.



Day 4 - The day started early as we met with the Christian Academy school teachers and Mark brought a devotional study from Psalms 23. This was a great blessing and shows one of the aspects of how the Lord works with the team members on the mission field. We knew the day before we'd be having a devotional with the teachers, but Bob had not given the assignment of who would be leading the devotional.

4
Fri
10/18
Academy Teachers Devotional Children's Skit
Cabuyoa Jail Cabuyao Police Precinct
BJMP Awards Ceremony
Flood Victims



The school is within walking distance of the hotel, and on the way over that morning Bob looks to Mark and asks him to lead the devotional, feeling prompted by the Holy Spirit to do so. Mark accepts and tells how the Lord awoke him two hours early and ministered to Mark from the scriptures, and Mark was very prepared, thanks to The Almighty, for the devotional.

After this we went upstairs to the gathering hall and met with 300 children. All of the American team greeted the children, and then we proceeded to do a "David and Goliath" skit, with Don playing the bear, Mark the lion, and Bob leading the youngest, smallest boy we could find there in being David.

We got one of the older boys to play Goliath. The kids squealed and laughed as we carried out the skit, and Bob brought a short message to close out the morning at the Academy.



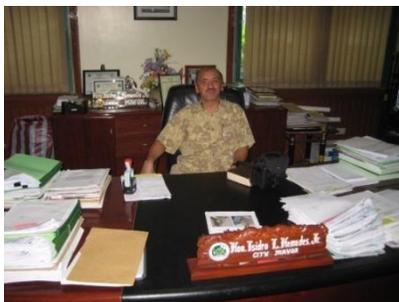
From here we went to the Cabuyoa Jail and with men and women in cell blocks again we preached the gospel of grace. This time Mark brought the main message, sharing on the Deity of Christ, the light of the world. From this point forward Mark would always sing a song, which always ministered to the inmates.

Outside of the jail and around the corner was a window opening into the detention center of the Cabuyoa Police Precinct. We hadn't planned on this service, so like our first day of ministry we again kept the same service order and Mark preached again and also sang. The responses to both services were excellent, with many making decisions for Christ. We again passed out Tagalog and English Bibles.



Since we were at city hall we toured the facilities and met with many administrators. There in the heart of city hall were large monitors with closed circuit TV monitoring of many parts of the city. We learned this tool is used a lot in proving crimes. Bob met with the city engineer and they enjoyed a brief visit together. Pastor Noel pretended he was the mayor, at least for the cameras... We often prayed with the

staffs of various parts of city hall who asked us to bless them.





This was a great blessing to be a part of. The Philippine BJMP officials, men and women, dress in very sharp and crisp uniforms, and carry out their duties with military precision. The event began with the presentation of the colors, a prayer by a BJMP chaplain, and continued with the mayor of Santa Rosa (Arlene) addressing the gathering. Then the awards were presented with saluting. It was very impressive and reminded us of the professionalism of the penal authorities in the great nation of India.

We capped the day by visiting the evacuees of a flooded district who have taken up residence in the academy school's gymnasium a couple blocks away from our hotel. It was a regular tent city, with 68 families (men, women, children, infants) sharing one bathroom and hard gymnasium floor. Pastor Noel asked Bob to share from the scriptures, and the Lord prompted Bob to share from *Matthew 8:20* *And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."* Bob spoke of Jesus being born in an animal stable because there was no room for them anywhere else, and even as a man He had no place to call home. Bob shared how Jesus understands what it means to have no home, and that He has not forgotten us nor will He. Before the American team left, we used resources saved from other planned expenses but unneeded and provided each family with a food basket. One thing we noticed in this gymnasium turned living rooms, is that not a single person we saw, adult or child, looked worried, or despondent, or sad - rather, all of them smiled, all were happy, and the children played with one another. Bob and Mark toured the area with Pastor Noel and with

Later in the afternoon we attended the 22nd Annual Awards Ceremony for the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP). At this ceremony, where many jail wardens and other officials received awards, our own missionary team of Pastors Noel, Allen, Louie, and Mark (the Academy School principal) received the award as top service provider to the BJMP (for the third straight year, and they have won this award in other districts as well).



nothing more than hanging blankets separating them from other families, families invited us in to sit and visit. Again, all smiles. What a testimony to God's peace and good hand upon these people in the midst of their suffering. And what a testimony to our missionary partners Pastors Noel, Allen, and Louie, who are helping to house and to feed these families. They have done so for a month now, and it will be many more weeks before the evacuees return to their home district.



Day 5 - The most important event on any international missions campaign is the volunteer conference. If all we did on a foreign campaign was hold evangelistic crusades in the jails and prisons it would be worth it. Winning the lost is a command of the Master. But our vision is greater than crusades on foreign campaigns, as precious and as wonderful and as fruitful as they are.

5
Sat
10/19
Prison Volunteers Conference
Prison Volunteers Conference
Bible Study For Pioneer Church

Prisoners For Christ has a successful model of jail and prison ministry that has been tried and refined in the fires of front-line ministry for over 20 years. Our Board of Directors and our International Group Leader Advisory Council are intent on exporting this model across our own national boundaries. We are determined to

recruit, inspire, train, and equip volunteers with the tools they need to be immediately useful and productive in the work of the ministry in the jails and prisons of their homeland. Our vision is to see year-round ministry in the jails and prisons with our missionary partners leading the way with their teams such as we do with our own teams here in America.



Don is the conference leader. He is gifted in management, leadership, interpersonal dynamics, and he compiled the materials from our arsenal of resources and prepared the manuals and gave the assignments for who would teach what, and on this day Don, Bob, and Mark were well-prepared to present our materials at this first-ever Philippines team

conference. Don also arranged for the American team to have embroidered PFC dress shirts for the conference.

Here is what we taught:

Open, About PFC	Don
Why Do Prison Ministry?	Bob
How to Start and Grow a Prison Ministry.....	Mark
What it is to be a Volunteer.....	Don
<i>Lunch</i>	
Code of Conduct.....	Mark
Group Leader Responsibilities	Bob
The Four Divisions of PFC	Don
Working with Staff at the Institutions.....	Mark
The Importance of the PFC Network	Bob
Prison Ministry, a Blessing to the Church	Don
<i>Reward and Recognition</i>	
Close, Prayer of Consecration.....	Don

This was our best ever volunteer conference. A part of the reason for this is that we are ever gaining more experience at presenting our conference materials and though the years we've refined it to where the materials are highly focused and applicable.

But another reason is the wise leadership of Pastor Noel and his team of pastors and elders. Everyone was on time, they all took notes, they all stayed even after an hour break for lunch, and during the reward and recognition part, where we ask questions about the conference subjects and give out PFC prayer pens or key chains, an astonishing 95+% of those answering got the answers right and they were all raising their hands to answer, with enthusiasm!

Further, when the invitation went out for those wanting to get involved in prison ministry, at least 150 (if not all) persons came forward for prayer and commitment (we had 157 at the conference). Not bad for a conference on a Saturday that started at 8:30am and ended at 4:00pm! We give God praise and thanks for this most excellent day of ministry! Our most important reason for being there was accomplished to our great satisfaction!



After a nice dinner we put on casual clothes and departed a few miles to the home of a future church-plant. A group of 35 gathers weekly on Saturday evening for Bible study, prayer, and encouragement with the intention, by God's grace, of beginning a new church in this neighborhood. Bob was asked to bring a message and he taught from John 3 on "Sharing the Truth," using the example of Jesus as he ministered to Nicodemus. Pastor Noel desired a teaching that would get men and women involved in the work of the kingdom and this is what the Lord laid on Bob's heart. Don emceed the evening and Mark sang another wonderful hymn. It was a good evening indeed!



Day 6 - Sunday should be a day of rest but for the PFC team it was once again a full day of ministry! Don left to preach at a new church associated with Pastor Noel. He preached on "But Then One Day" using a term in the Bible describing the events in the lives of many Bible characters, including Moses, David, Peter, and others. The message is a challenge to the hearer, and uses the theme of ordinary people living their lives, "but then one day" they are confronted with the call of God, and they answered that call! Pastor Eric of this church provided Don with an offering to bless the work of the ministry!

6
Sun
10/20
2 Churches (3 Services)
Cabuyoa Jail Marriage Seminar
Dinner Butchoy's

Mark and Bob stayed at Pastor Noel's church, where there were back-to-back services. Mark sang in both services, and Bob preached both services. The first service Bob preached on "Deal or No Deal" using the events of when King David numbered Israel (1 Chronicles 21) and had three choices from God as a result, all disastrous. There is a popular television game show in the Philippines called "Deal or No Deal" and that was referred to during the message. The point of the message was going the devil's way always



results in ruin, and that there are consequences to sin and disobedience, but God is merciful to those who call upon Him.

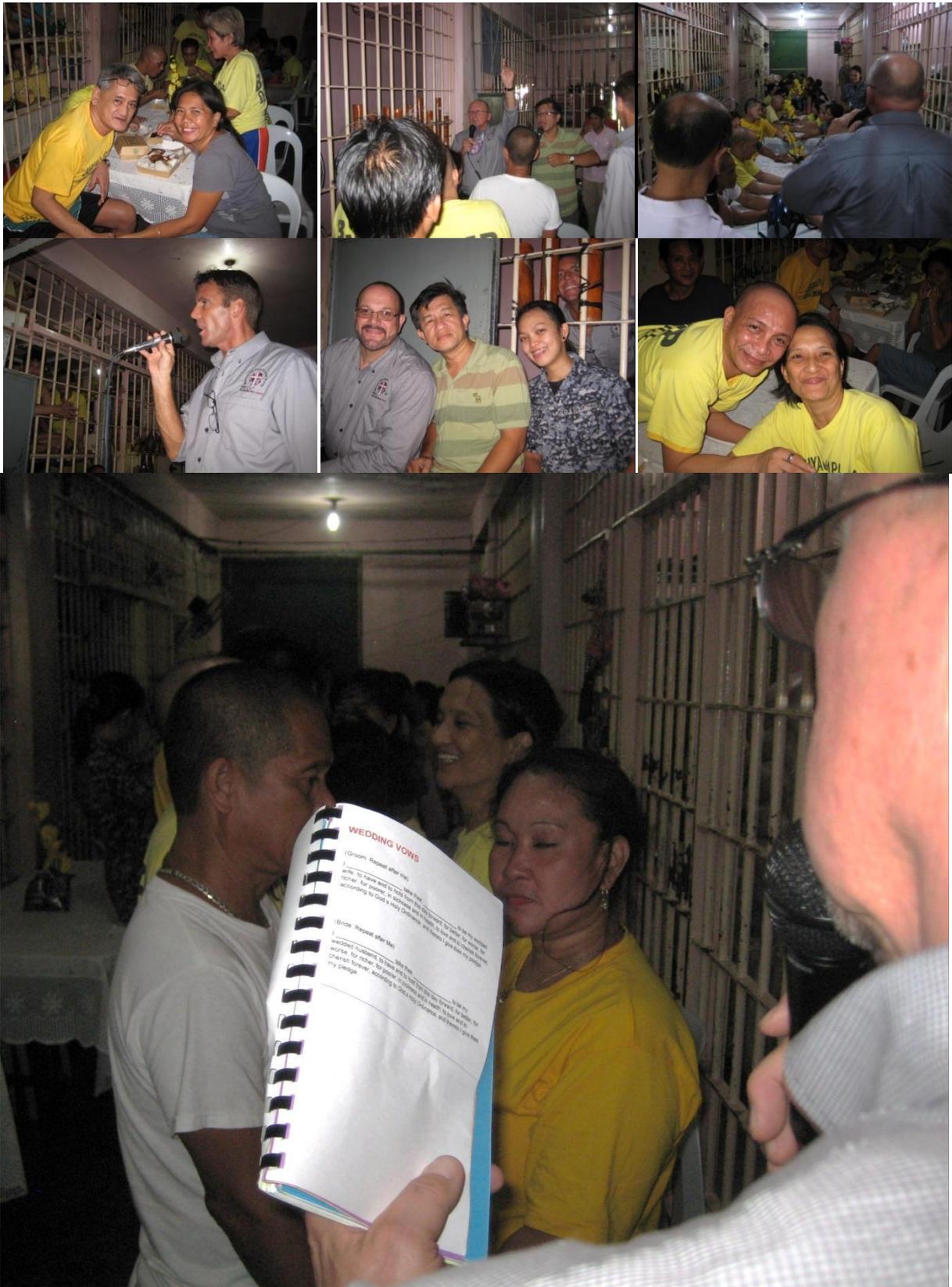
The second service Bob preached from the New Testament about the victorious Jesus, and that he can be served and followed with confidence. The text was from Hebrews chapter 4 and including the importance of belief, mixing faith with God's word, and coming boldly to Christ Jesus to obtain help in time of need.

Don rejoined the team and after an excellent lunch at Pastor's home we went back to the Cabuyoa Jail and conducted a marriage seminar. Mark sang again and Don and Bob did the marriage teaching. Don has been married to Dee for 42 years, and Bob has been married to Leslie for 34 years, and they taught from their experiences as well as using excellent materials provided to them by Gary and Joann Russell, founders of Agape Home Ministries International, and members of Bob's church (<http://www.agapehomes.com/>).



Don and Bob alternated teaching from 1pm to 3:30pm, and Pastor Noel taught from then until 5pm. Don had the 17 couples (some couples were both serving time, some had a spouse from the outside who came in for the seminar) repeat their vows. Dee made bookmarkers with a cross and three strands - blue, pink, and white - representing the husband, the wife, and the Lord Jesus Christ. The key Bible verse for this is ***Ecclesiastes 4:12** And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.* PFC provided a nice

luncheon for the married couples as well as for the other inmates. This was a great blessing for everyone!



The evening concludes with a nice seafood dinner at the home of Butchoy. Butchoy is a former inmate who received Christ through Pastor Noel's ministry and

he, his wife, and young son are doing well, to God's praise and glory! Butchoy would accompany us to some jails and prisons later in the week and share his testimony. What a blessing that was! (Butchoy is third from the right in the picture; his son is far left next to Pastor Noel.)



Day 7 - Today is our longest in-country travel day as after the Santa Rosa Jail we head way north to the Bulacan Jail, and after that the Bulacan Juvenile Center. This will be a long day!

7
Mon
10/21
Santa Rosa City Jail
Bulacan Jail
Bulacan Juvenile Center

At the Santa Rosa City Jail we met with the warden and presented some gifts (we did this a few times on the trip), including a nice portfolio and a copy of the book "Ten Years at Shelton Prison" by PFC volunteer and Bob's personal friend Dr. Bob Segress. Last year Bob provided these books to prison superintendents and other penal authorities in India, and this year in the Philippines



we did the same. A book was provided for every warden and for our key missionary volunteers.

The Santa Rosa Jail had singers and dancers, and the PFC team joined in with the dancing, which has shown itself to be popular in African countries and all the Indian cities where we've done the same. This helps us to bond and relate to the inmates and in some measure makes the presentation of the gospel more



acceptable to them, and the inmates more receptive. Another bonding item Bob used was often telling the audience, be it inmates or congregants that his oldest daughter is married to a Filipino man, and one day when Bob has grandchildren from this union then truly his blood is mixed with Filipino blood, and everyone always enjoyed hearing that!



Bob brought the main message on "The Parable of the Sower" from Luke chapter 8. The challenge was to examine your heart, and prepare your heart to receive the word of God and allow it to take root and bear much fruit.

Don emceed the service and closed out giving the inmates a soccer ball, which is always joyfully received. For such a small cost to us these soccer balls generate a lot of goodwill between our ministry team and the inmates (and the penal authorities). Again we passed out numerous Bibles, and these too were gratefully received!

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We then journeyed to the Bulacan area and visited the largest regional jail on our trip. This is the region where Pastor Noel's youngest brother, a pastor, lives with his wife and family, and Pastor Noel's mother lives with them. We received some very, very delicious dessert cakes and sodas, and then headed to the jail.

Before going in we had some time to sit in the jail courtyard and Bob passed out lollipops to many small children leaving the prison with family after visiting their dad. Don played the guitar some and we enjoyed that.



Pastor Noel shared his testimony here and he uses a flaming book describing the fires of hell and what to do to avoid it. This is a powerful presentation, but it takes lighter fluid and a lighter, neither of which we can get into an American jail or prison!

Mark sang, and Don brought the main message on "The Prodigal Son." Bob played the returning son who was embraced by the father (Don in this case) and the inmates really loved it. In all there were at least 500 men present and a good 70% gave their hearts to Christ. This jail had a mix of pre-trial and convicted inmates, and some wore prison issue clothing and some wore street clothes. This was an excellent afternoon of ministry, and Don really knocked it out of the park. We distributed hundreds of Bibles at the close of the service!

Don's voice by this time in the campaign was really strained and we were looking forward to heading home and resting Don's throat when Pastor Noel said, "oh, by the way, we can do a service for the juveniles now..." We came to coin the term OBTW after a while, because often



we'd have a change in plans, usually in the evening, preceded by an expression of "Oh, by the way..." It was all good, and we were up for ministry to the juveniles!

We broke with tradition at this site because Don, who would have been given the preaching assignment, simply had little voice left. So Don emceed the service (we'd have to shoot him for him to not participate at all, and under strict orders by the group leader he was not to shout "Hallelujah" multiple times before starting... well, that order got obeyed like talking to a brick wall, but we pressed on anyway!)



Mark sang a song and the youth (boys, ages 13 - 18) really enjoyed it and clapped throughout the song. Mark has a real gift for music, but he also works at it and practices and it sure shows!



Bob brought a message on "Coming From Behind" about Joseph in Genesis who was hated as a youth, abandoned by his family, transported a great distance away, becomes imprisoned for some 12 years, and eventually is used of God to save a nation while being reunited with his family. Bob shared how God is in the restoration business and if the youth here would turn from crime to Christ, they'd have the most purposeful, challenging, satisfying, abundant life beyond what they could imagine. They too could "come from behind" after having a rough start if they'd go God's way. We had a great response to the message and we handed out many Bibles. God is good! We got home by 10pm, and went right to bed!



Day 8 - Today was a first for everyone on the team - we participated in a water baptism service. Pastor Noel had already done extensive teaching with the inmates before we arrived. Our visit coincided with the scheduled water baptism service, and we were invited to participate.

8
Tues
10/22
Los Banos Jail Water Baptism
Binan Jail
Shopping
Dinner Logan's

Pastor Noel asked Bob to bring a short teaching, and Bob shared that water baptism is a physical event and it is a spiritual event; it is a testimony to identify with Christ's burial, and it is also a time to receive from Christ the



outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Bob taught on this theme, and then said how we would baptize them, and we'd ask four questions after we asked them their name:

1. Have you taken Christ as Savior?
2. Do you believe Christ is God?
3. Do you renounce the works of the devil?
4. Will you live for Christ all the days of your life?

Then we said, "With an affirmative answer, we will completely immerse you in water, and make the following pronouncement: '<Name> based upon your testimony, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; The Lord Jesus Christ.'"

The 27 men present were taught that when they come up out of the water, to lift their hands toward heaven and praise and worship and thank the Lord Jesus, and ask to be filled with the Holy Spirit. We as the baptizers would immediately lay hands on them and pray to God for them to be filled with the Holy Spirit.



Thus we did this with each man. Bob started baptizing men, then Don baptized men, then Bob baptized more men. Mark and Pastor Allen were singing worship songs, and we invited Mark over and he baptized men. Then Pastor Louie baptized men, and so did Pastor Noel. This was a blessed time in the fellowship of Christ the Lord.



When we finished we put on dry clothes and went upstairs where baptism certificates were handed out, along with a Bible (we signed many of them). There was prayer and we provided a very nice luncheon. The assistant warden was very gracious to us, and he's a believer. We prayed for him, that God would give him wisdom and understanding, and would promote him. We pray this over all officers who allow us. After many years of doing this in India we are blessed to see that many assistants are now full superintendents, and superintendents are deputy inspector generals! God was glorified in our midst.



Now it was time to head to the Binan Jail. Mark would bring the main message, sharing extensively from the scriptures the transforming power of Christ. We were not allowed cameras in this jail, but an officer took a couple of pictures for us just the same. Again, we ministered to men and women in cell blocks, having only a couple square feet to move around in. It was noisy and crowded, but the light of the gospel came through and many men and women made decisions for Christ.



On the way to dinner at the home of Craig and Michelle Logan, we stopped off at the SM Mall (one of the largest in all of Asia) to do a little shopping. Bob struck it rich, bagging gifts for his family. Don scored a goose egg, finding nothing that appealed to him on this jaunt. Mark likewise didn't find anything, but he did have a conversation with a local merchant lady and she confessed she has not been reading her Bible. Mark bought her one, with a nice cover, and that was a divine appointment!



In the mall Pastor Noel treated Bob and Don to a Philippine dessert called Halo Halo (pronounced hollow hollow). Halo means "mix" and the dessert to us Americans is a combination Sundaes, Slushie, and milk shake. It was REALLY good!

We then went to the Logan home. Craig Logan's wife Michelle is the daughter of Dr. Dirk Wood, founder of Arise and Shine Ministries (<http://www.arise-shine.org/>). The Logan's have an adopted special needs son Justin (who does half-



marathons with his dad often), and adopted daughters, all Filipino. Their oldest daughter is married to Caleb and they have a daughter of their own (a real peach!).

We had an excellent taco dinner with them and visited for a while before it was time to head for the barn. Bob shared his website with Craig (<http://www.bobjordan.net/>). Craig and his wife have ministered in the Philippines for over 20 years!



Day 9 - Today

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Weds
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National Bilibid Prison (maximum)
National Bilibid Prison (medium)
Dinner Celestine's
Audit
Flood Victims' Food Distribution

is our last day of ministry. We set out for the National Bilibid Prison, an enormous prison, housing over 15,000 inmates, all male. By contrast the largest jail in America is the Cook County Jail in Illinois, housing 12,700 inmates. The largest prison in America is in Louisiana, confining 5,000 inmates.

As in America the Bilibid (meaning "prison") prison has areas where maximum security prisoners are kept, and medium security prisoners, and even minimum security prisoners. We were stamped on our forearms upon entering the prison (and sweated some of it off during the day).

Cameras were not allowed inside this prison, but an attendant photographed our service inside the chapel area of the maximum section (no pictures were taken inside the medium security section). We

toured the grounds and this prison is far different than any prison in America. There were shops, motorcycles and scooters, merchandise of all types, numerous churches, a mosque, and many Catholic establishments (the Philippines is 85% Catholic).



Soap Bars

Bibles

We took the entire American team, our three Philippine pastors (Noel, Allen, Louie), and other volunteers along with our sound system to the prison. Pastor Noel did prison time in both the maximum and medium security sections of this prison. He has been a pastor now for 24 years, coming to Christ in the third year of his 10-year incarceration. His is the lead story in the book "This is My Story" which gives the account of 31 Filipino stories of

lives that were shattered but were redeemed by Christ. We brought a copy of this book home with us.



We purchased just over \$100 worth of soap bars for distribution in the prison. We have done this in Africa as well. Soap is prized in many prisons around the world. We brought cases of Bibles with us too.

As usual we got up and danced when the opportunity arose! There is a real snappy song we'd often sing, and though in Tagalog, we Americans would do our best to sing too but we could surely dance with them! Bob brought the long sermon on "What Do You Believe" using the accounts of persons Christ brought to making a decision. At the medium security Don preached the main message using his "But One Day" message as a challenge to the men. At both services Mark again sang acapella and as had been the case before the men applauded during the song as it sounds so majestic when Mark sings of the goodness of God!



As in America, jails are where evangelism is needed most, and prisons are where most men who come to our services are already Christian, so discipleship is needed most. It is rare that when we have an altar call on the international field we have no responses, but that's what happened with the 100+ men in the maximum security service. Pastor Noel said that these men are established and are regulars and have been in this



prison for quite a long time. At the medium security prison he says the men are newer. We had an excellent response to the altar call at the medium security part of the prison (we had to drive to this; it's not attached to the main prison). After both services we distributed soap and Bibles.



It was especially hot this day, and after the two prison services we departed to the Celestine home (one of the congregation at Arise and Shine) for another excellent Filipino meal! Man, these people know how to set a table, and they do it often! Americans are used to one good meal a day, and light meals at other times during the day, but in The Philippines one can eat 4, 5 or 6 full meals as that's how



often they eat! We were constantly astonished at the metabolism rate of our native brethren! What a delightful meal it was, and plenty of it!

The next item on the agenda is to perform the audit. This is a 40-question survey we do with all missionaries. It includes questions about their family, ministries, needs, vision, finances, and more. This allows us at the office to better work with and serve our missionaries abroad. The audit was conducted with Pastor Noel by Bob and Don.

At the close of the evening we went to the flood victim evacuee's location in the gym and handed out food baskets to each family there. PFC was able to fund this effort, and the ladies of the church assembled all of the items for distribution. We brought a LOT of food to these people and it was a joy! We handed out candy to the kids, which is always a great hit, and Bob and Mark played "tigers" with the kids, which Bob says his own kids loved when they were small! Great times!



Matthew 25:37-40 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? ³⁸ When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? ³⁹ Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? ⁴⁰ And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

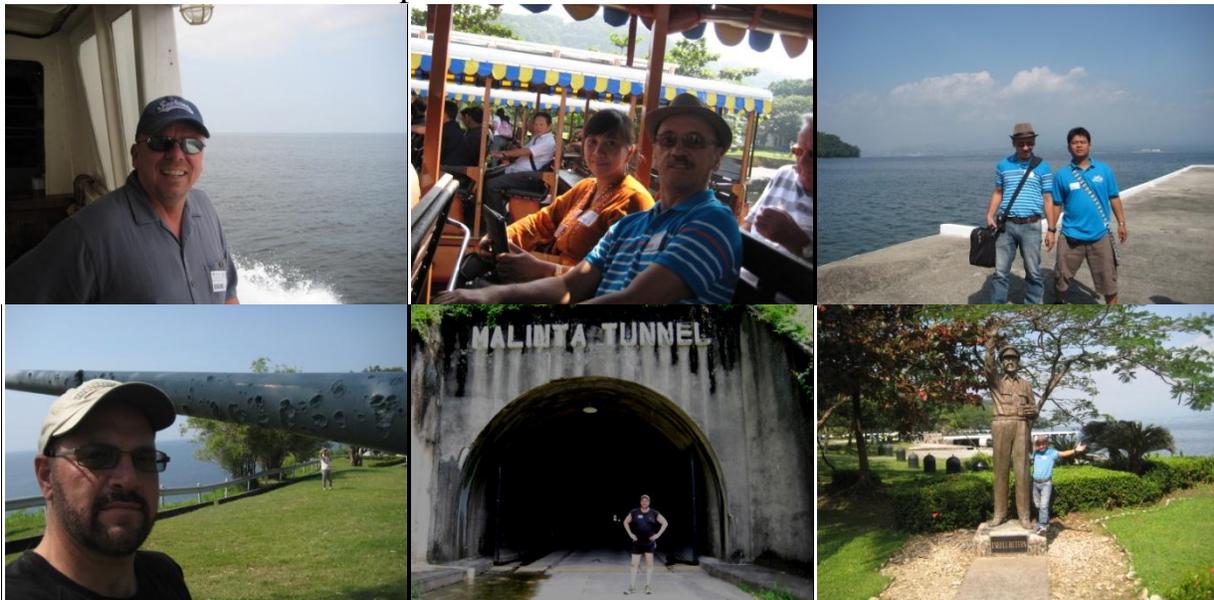
Day 10 - Today we arose quite early and were on the road before 6am to drive to Manila where we'd embark on a high-speed ferry to the historic island of Corregidor. Corregidor Island is in the mouth of Manila Bay, and guards this bay that is said to be the best and most useful bay in all of Asia. When we're seated Pastor Noel looks over to Bob and says we should have a prayer for God's blessing on this day and our boat journey - *would you like to lead it?* Of course Bob said yes and Pastor Noel stands up amidst all these strangers on the boat and announces that we are all looking forward to a good day and let us ask God's blessing. So Bob stands up, takes off his cap, and leads out in a prayer. Try doing that in America!

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Thurs
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Corregidor Island
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Financials
Packing

In WWII this island was a defensive installation and it was from this island that Gen. Douglas MacArthur departed (before certain capture) on direct orders by the President of the United States, Franklin Roosevelt, as the Japanese army was bearing down hard.

The island tour included stopping off at the actual embarkation site MacArthur and his family left from on the south part of the island. We saw numerous batteries (a battery is a cannon emplacement with shells), the famed Malinta Tunnel, a Pacific War Memorial and Museum, multiple ruins and other sights, and a delightful lunch at a resort hotel with pool (in which Mark and Bob took a swim, without asking!).

We took along Pastor Noel and his wife Gina, and Umbet, one of our ministry volunteers. The ferry ride, at 21 knots, took 75 minutes. We were on the Island from about 9:30am to 2:30pm. For a WWII buff like Bob this was a real treat!





Upon our return to our hotel Bob met with Pastor Noel and completed all financial accounting and closed the books. The campaign expenses were virtually on-budget. We blessed Pastor Noel with a gift and told him he had to take his wife out to a nice dinner for all she did for our team during our stay, and he promised he would!

Pastor Louie came by the hotel that evening and we prayed together with him. Pastor Noel came by later as well and we had another time of prayer and encouragement. Pastor Noel showed Bob how he does the flaming book presentation, and he also showed Bob a "sin" presentation, using colored water that turns clear. Very cool!



The last day before departure is always the hardest part of the trip, saying good bye is not easy. Even in a short time just being on the front-lines of ministry with like-minded men and women of God forges a bond that stays for a long, long time. This has happened in Africa, India, and now the Philippines. God bless the Philippines!

Day 11 - Everyone was packed from the night before, and we arose at 3am local time to head to the airport. Once again, as usual, Pastor Noel was a little early to greet us. He, along with Pastor Martin in Ghana, are the most punctual men I've met! Living 100 yards from the hotel helps a lot, as in other countries our missionaries have to navigate a lot of dense traffic!

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Fri
10/25
Travel
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We left on-time and had a quick snack at our same Tokyo airport restaurant we did on the way to the Philippines. We boarded on time and left for Portland, Oregon. The flight was uneventful, but rather cool in the cabin this time. The team tried to get some sleep but it didn't happen.

In Portland we navigated through customs and shortly boarded a prop plane for the last leg to Seattle. Dee met Don in the terminal and they got their bags and headed off to Yakima. Bob and Mark got their bags and Bob's wife Leslie arrived within minutes and off we went to Mark's home. We dropped Mark off at his home at high noon, which made it exactly 24 hours from the time we awoke in the Philippines to come home. Everyone agreed it was a very successful trip.

Our aim was to *Impart a Spiritual Gift*. We believe we did just that, God helping us. We made a difference in the jails and prisons, with the flood refugees, at the Academy, visiting the churches and home church and congregations (we always prayed for God to bless the homes we dined in), the baptisms, meeting the BJMP officers, wardens, and other officials at city hall and praying for them, and just being with our beloved Pastor Noel and his pastoral and leadership team. What a great blessing, and to God be the glory, great things He has done!

Regarding Pastor Noel and his staff, one thing we inquired about was, "With the pastors involved in outreach so much, who takes care of the needs of those in the congregation?" To that we were told that elders have been trained to assist members of the congregation; the pastors train and equip persons for ministry and are themselves involved in outreach ministry." This fits the biblical model of Ephesians 4:1-16 and Acts 6:1-4.

While at the BJMP Awards Banquet Mayor Arlene addressed the attendees and quoted from Gandhi saying, "The True Measure of Any Society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members." This tone is consistent with the attitudes of the wardens and their staffs from all that we witnessed.

Thank You

Between Bob, Don, and Mark there were at least 100 donors represented who made this campaign possible. To all of them we are humbled, blessed, and grateful. May God shower each of you with his abundant grace and provision now and evermore. Together we all had multiple prayer partners and they were the field support we needed at every place we traveled to. To all of them as well we say Thank You and God bless you!



The team would also like to acknowledge the captain of our ministry, the president and founder of Prisoners For Christ Rev. Greg Von Tobel. It is his vision, energy, management, leadership, and wisdom that have made this trip and some 40 other trips over these last 10 years possible. God hath done great things in our midst. He has blessed the kingdom of God on earth by giving us Brother Greg, who is shown in this picture at the huge Central Prison in

Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, India. Interpreting in this photograph is famed Indian evangelist Dr. Prem Raj Varma. World without end, amen!



The Plaque of Recognition
awarded to Pastor Noel Alberto and his team for service to the district jails.

22nd Annual BJMP Ceremony

*Presented by Santa Rosa
Mayor Honorable Arlene Arcillas*



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