

PHILIPPINE TRIP

I am excited to report to you about my very successful trip for KFCI to the Philippines. It was a packed two weeks, full of adventure and great progress for the evangelization of children. I am thrilled that God is using this ministry in a big way to help spread His Word to the lost.

My first stop was Cebu Bible Seminary where I taught over fifty people from outside churches and students from the school. The 3-day training finished with the students conducting a KFCI program for the elementary school associated with the college.

The students did a tremendous job and we hope a ministry team will be formed to go out from the school to reach out to children in Cebu City and other locations on the Island. I have been invited to speak for their commencement service in March 2014.

This was my first time to visit the school and I was very impressed with the hard-working and committed students and faculty. I was also surprised at a flag raising ceremony to hear my college alma mater song being sung by the students. The founder of the school was a graduate of the Cincinnati Bible Seminary and since the initials are the same, the song fit. Larry Carlson (the son of the founder) and his wife Yolanda work with the school.

Wednesday afternoon, Paul Wilson who is a missionary on Negros Island met me at the school so that we could travel together to the Island of Negros. We arrived at the Ferry at 5:59 and it was scheduled to leave at 6:00. We were the last to get on and the last spot left. It was a beautiful trip down the coast and across to Negros Island (the sunset was amazing).

Once we crossed over we found a place to eat and checked in at a hotel in Dumaguete. The next day we set out to explore property that was located on a mountain north of the city. It was quite an adventure as we traveled through sugar cane fields and up a very steep and rocky road. Paul helps churches obtain property to build on. We met up with the young evangelist at the property and Paul traipsed over the property looking for and at the boundary. A house is also located there that they are hoping to buy as well to use for the church building. The house was well constructed and would be a very good buy with the property.

Training began on Friday morning at the first stop on the Island of Negros – Pulantubig Church of Christ and went all day. An average of seven churches were represented at the three training locations on Negros. A translator was needed for the introductory part of the training, but for the most part I was able to teach without an interpreter. Training continued on Saturday and we finished up around noon with lunch.

Paul and I left for Kabankalan after lunch and faced rain for most of the trip. Did I mention it was the rainy season? The drive was very scenic and I enjoyed going over the mountains that in some places was over 7,000 feet. We arrived in Kabankalan that evening and went to the church building to unload the puppets and get all the details lined out for Sunday. I had the honor of preaching to the Kanbankalan Church of Christ on Sunday morning and we began training at 3:00 and went until 9:00. It was so humbling as I saw people arriving soaked to the bone due to the means of transportation they arrived in – soaked but smiling. Many of the people who came traveled a great distance to be there and spent the night at the church building using the hard pews for their bed. - and with no complaints.

We resumed training at 8:00 am the next morning and finished up in the late afternoon. Again, the class went well and I believe much was accomplished. Many of the churches have nothing structured for evangelizing children. The preacher's wife usually takes any children that come for services out under a tree and they play games or have some form of entertainment.

We arrived at Bacolod City in time for dinner at the Wilson's house. After a steady diet of fish and rice it was such a welcome site to see lasagna on the table. I must say that all the meals I had at the college and at the first two stops were great. Many of you know that I enjoy food and appreciate the time and energy that was put into each meal.

Paul and Mary Wilson work with Vision for Mission (VMF) ministry which helps new congregations get started and provides materials for teaching and training. Their home is a combination training center and materials warehouse. They translate the materials into two languages and then distribute them out. Negros Island is divided in to two parts: Negros Occidental and Negros Oriental. A mountain range I mentioned earlier is the barrier that has caused the two languages.

On Wednesday morning I spoke to the children at a Christian School in Bacolod City. It was a great opportunity and I am very impressed with the students and their facility.

The training sessions began Wednesday afternoon and were held at the training center and it was nice not to having to travel back and forth to a separate location. The earlier mentioned school decided to dismiss classes for Thursday in order for the teachers to take part in the training. We had a very good turnout and great response to the training. Discussion flowed about forming a cooperative between the churches in order to join together in writing materials and sharing ideas. Praise God that our churches want to work together in accomplishing our goal. Independent Christian Churches and Churches of Christ (instrumental) have worked so hard to be independent that they fail to be dependent on each other. Training finished up Thursday evening and I flew home Friday.

The possibility for starting KFCI in 60 churches remains. We are praying that those who received the training will eventually implement it into their church's outreach. Another possibility has also been made and that is to use the VMF compound as a base of operations during my Asia travel. Manila is a central location to fly out of and Bacolod City is only a forty-five minute flight away. Air fare is cheaper and staying at the compound between visiting countries would help in many ways.

TENT MAKING PREACHERS

We are now involved with helping young and older preachers on the Island of Negros. VFM has been working in this area for some time and they are devising new ways to help out in this much needed area. First of all, my friend and fellow quartet member JD Segroves, has offered all of his online materials for free to this cause. JD has a web ministry called Sonshine Ministries and it is a resource for sermons and research materials. VFM is offering these preachers the opportunity to go to an agricultural school to be educated in the area of farming that they will use as an income source. The average church cannot afford to pay their preachers a livable wage. Due to spending so much time earning a living, they have little time in sermon prep. Providing these materials will help in building on topics and will give consistency in their preaching. This will be a great benefit to the churches. The Wilson's will be on furlough starting next month and we plan to meet up with them in Kansas City, MO for the Missionary Conference. JD plans to attend as well so we can plan out our strategy for the future.

Ladies in several churches on the Island of Negros have a cottage industry ("Recycling to Riches" or "Trash to Treasure") making paper bead necklaces, bracelets and earrings. They are absolutely beautiful and to think they are made from trash (empty boxes from candy bars, toothpaste, etc.). The money that is made from these items goes to help the "Tent Making" preachers. We have already sold around \$75.00 worth (bracelets: \$3.00 and necklace/bracelet/earring set: \$7.00). Please let me know if you are interested in making a purchase. I have a whole box of bracelets available for sale. See the sample in the picture.

SRI LANKA KFCI

We are excited to announce to you that KFCI is now represented in the country of Sri Lanka. Abraham Eapen, our Director for India, took a team in May and trained our first group. Christhu Mani is now our Director and has already begun training throughout the country. He and his wife Rohini live in Colombo which is the capitol of that country. God has blessed this ministry with hard working people who understand the urgency of the Gospel. They also see the great need of planting the seeds of the Gospel in children. To God be the glory!

ONE ADDED

We rejoice that Nicholas Knight was immersed into Christ on Easter Sunday this year. Nicholas was one of the first children to attend KFC in Philadelphia almost 20 years ago. Nicholas and his twin brother Steve attended the first few years and we then lost track of them. Nick contacted me through Face book to let me know just how important KFC was to him and how he was introduced to Jesus through this ministry. He also said "that we (KFC staff) cared about him when no one else did." I was able to talk with Nick on the phone a couple of times and was thrilled to talk with him on the day that he began his new life in Christ.

We have been called to be seed planters and the earlier the seeds are planted the better. It took a long time for Nick to make a decision, but I am glad those seeds were there when the Holy Spirit prompted him to look back and to hunger for more. We are encouraged that God harvested a soul for His Kingdom because seeds were planted.

REPORTS

We continue to receive good reports from many of our countries that report in. We trust that God is blessing all who work with KFCI and that many children are hearing the Gospel of Christ for the first time. Praise God seeds are being planted in eight countries that KFCI is reaching out to.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

Carolyn and I will be attending this year in Kansas City, MO, November 14-17. KFCI will not have an exhibit, but we will spend much of our time in that area. We look forward to meeting up with Paul and Mary and talking about future plans and we look forward to seeing many of you who will be attending.

FINANCIAL NEEDS

We are so blessed by those who continue to support this urgent ministry. We have over 250 workers in eight countries sharing the Gospel of Christ with children. We are in need of your

financial support to help continue the training of the nationals (travel expenses, etc.) support our ICCM team, provide an income for Charles Seevers, Executive Director and cover monthly expenses of the ministry.

May God richly bless you as you work for him in your corner of the Kingdom.

In Christ with you,

Chuck & Carolyn



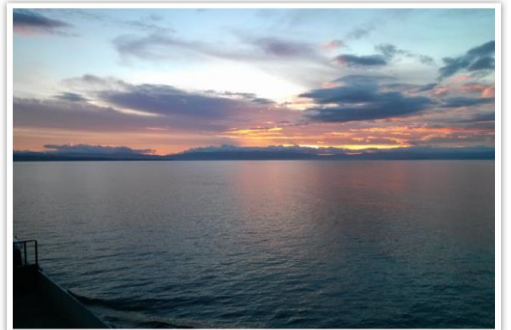
Cebu Bible Seminary



KFCI Program at CBS



Larry Carlson and Chuck Seevers



Ferry trip to Negros Island



Negros Island



Potential Property for New Church



Kabankalan Training



Bacolod Training at VFM



Chuck, Paul & Mary Wilson, with students



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