

MISSION TRIP TO PHILIPPINES

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2014

NOVEMBER 25 -- I had to fly out of Tulsa this time because I was unable to make good connections out of XNA airport. Flew out of Tulsa at 6:15 AM to Detroit and had a three hour layover there before flying from Detroit to Tokyo. This was a 12 hour and 25 min. flight. Whenever we get to Tokyo we leave the plane with large carry-ons, go through security and get back on the same plane. Don't have much time to do this but that's okay. Then we fly from Tokyo to Manila which is about a 3 1/2 hour flight.

NOVEMBER 26 -- Because of the time difference of 14 hours we arrived in Manila on November 26. I have an 8 1/2 hour layover there. This is the first time that my luggage has ever been lost but they found it left in Tokyo. It didn't make the plane. Now how can this happen with it being stowed in the cargo hold and we get back on the same plane. In over 14 years of traveling this is the first time this has happened. In the Name of Jesus it will not happen again.

NOVEMBER 27 -- Fly out of Manila at 6:55 AM for General Santos City on the southern end of Mindanao. We were to arrive at 9 AM but we could not find the runway because of low clouds so we had to circle the airport a couple of times waiting for the clouds to open up so we could land. That's all right with me because I love flying.

After I retrieved my luggage Pastor Erwin Jayoma and Pastor Alan Pelobello were waiting for me. These are two of my Filipino sons in the faith. They are great men of God. Pastor Alan came down from Sto. Tomas which is about five hours away to be with us there. He usually is my translator. We proceeded to Pastor Erwin's house where his wonderful, beautiful wife Tess and the children were waiting for us. These are all my spiritual children and grandchildren. **THEY ARE A TREMENDOUS FAMILY!!!!** I am so blessed!

NOVEMBER 28 -- The Jesus Church in General Santos City (Pastor Erwin's church) was having their "Thanksgiving Celebration" and I had the honor and privilege of ministering at it. There was a tremendous outpouring of the Holy Spirit in this service. The theme was "Jesus-My Reason. I don't mind telling you that I am tired of seeing all the postings in our nation of "Jesus Is the Reason for the Season". Anyway, there was a strong presence of the Holy Spirit and his gifts were in operation. We had much food and a great time of fellowship after the service.

NOVEMBER 29 -- Today we had a water baptismal service at a beautiful park. We baptized seven young people. What an honor it was for me to be able to pray over them. Then we had a great time of food and fellowship. Later, several came by the house and we ate again! **More Food and Fellowship!**

NOVEMBER 30 -- Today I ministered at one of the extension churches of The Jesus Church with Pastor Ian Bringas and his wife Mela. What a great brother in the Lord and a beautiful family. Two other churches joined us that are a part of The Jesus Church-CFMinistry. The church was

packed out and again God move mightily by His Holy Spirit. Then we had food and fellowship. That evening we were back at the main church with Pastors Erwin and Tess. What a wonderful and beautiful couple they are. More food and fellowship!

DECEMBER 1 -- Today we visited with Pastor and Pastora Jeff-Rey and Ronalin Quarteros. I failed to mention that the Philippines the man are referred to as Pastor and the women are referred to as Pastora. This couple is very precious and have a heart to Minister to people. They pastor The Jesus Church of Lumakil Foursquare Ministry at Polomolok and the Taga-Kaulo Tribal Outreach Church. At the Taga-Kaulo Tribal Outreach Church their service starts at 5 AM and runs till 8 AM and then they go and Minister at The Jesus Church of Lumakil Foursquare Ministry at Polomolok. This is true dedication and I pray for the blessings and the strength of God upon them.

While we were at the Taga-Kaulo Tribal Outreach Church several of the villagers came up to meet with us as well as the Baranguay Captain and we had a good time of prayer and praising God. I believe this will truly be a great work of God because the people are hungry for God's Word. Upon leaving we were met by the Auxiliary Philippine National Police and was able to pray with them also.

DECEMBER 2 -- Today we visited The Jesus Church-San Isidro with Pastor and Pastora Melecio and Cathy Balido. These are basically new churches but at the same time they are establishing the church they are also establishing schools with them. Sometimes the students have quite a distance to travel for school.

This is the last day that we will be in the General Santos City (GenSan) area.

DECEMBER 3 -- Today we (Pastor Alan and I) will be traveling by bus to Koronadol City/Carmel to spend some time at Discipleship Bible Training Center. Pastor Mado and Evangelist Medina are in charge of this and they have 11 students. We had a two o'clock service and a six o'clock service with them. We spent 2 1/2 days there ministering and praying and being blessed by them. I wish I could spend a week there teaching the students. Maybe next time.

DECEMBER 5 -- Today we will travel to Montessori Casa Dolores School, Inc. where I have the privilege of ministering to the graduating students. We will also be with Pastor and Pastora Cris and Evelyn Ferenal. They are also two of my spiritual children in the Philippines. The couple that has this school (this is a private school) is a wonderful couple. Joselito and Chrismore Cabella. They have two schools and are looking at building another one. We will be praying for them in this endeavor. They are two of the most hospitable people you ever met. Pastor Alan and I will be guest in their guest house. They are such a blessing!

DECEMBER 6 -- Today will be a day of R&R. Rest and relaxation. Ha ha! We had a wonderful breakfast and a good time of fellowship before leaving. What a wonderful day this will be. We will travel today to Lake Sebu with the Cabellas and Ferenals. Lake Sebu is an area were a lot of wealthy people from other nations have homes. It is an area of seven waterfalls but my great

delight was riding the zip line! I absolutely loved it! I was the only one that would ride it but that was okay. I intended to ride it whether anyone else did or not. After that we enjoyed a wonderful lunch on the boat on the lake. This truly was a good day!

DECEMBER 7 -- Today, this morning, I will Minister at Capital Site Baptist Church in Insulan. This is the Provincial Capital of the Sultan Kudarat Province. I love going to this church because they are so receptive and God has given me great favor of there. A group of wonderful people and it is a strong and growing church.

Tonight we will be going to Church Triumphant Ministries church which is pastored by Pastor and Pastora Cris and Evelyn Ferenal. The Holy Spirit spoke to me to have Pastor Alan minister. After he ministered then I ministered by the Holy Spirit to the young people. They were very receptive and the Holy Spirit did not disappoint them. We had a time of food and Fellowship afterwards and the young people were not wanting to leave until we left to go back to the guesthouse. Looking forward to being back in 2015.

DECEMBER 8 -- Today we will travel from Sto. Nino to Davao. Brother and Sister Cabella will drive us to Davao and from there we will take a bus to Sto. Tomas. I always stay at the Aloha Inland Resort there. I love staying there. The owners and the workers are all so friendly and kind. They take excellent care of me. By the time we get there it is 6 PM. This is where Pastor Alan's church, Christ for Life Church, is located. He has a ceremony that he must attend and I have a room and I must get some rest.

DECEMBER 9 -- Today I will have some time for prayer and study and then attend a Minister's Luncheon. It's a good time to meet some old acquaintances and meet some new ones. Tonight I will have dinner with Pastor Alan and Pastora Weng and family. They have three children and all of them are growing too fast. Shalom is in college, Shekinah is 11 years old and Shamma is very active. Many of the youth came by to say hello. They are tremendous group of young people.

DECEMBER 10 -- This evening I ministered to the youth group and the Holy Spirit showed up and ministered to them in a great and powerful way. It is a very precious sight to see youth that are 12 to 16 years of age plastered on the floor under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Not for just a few moments but for 20 to 30 min. or more. They are very receptive and God has given me great favor with them which I greatly appreciate.

DECEMBER 11 -- Today I have had a quiet day visiting with the people at the motel. They are so very kind to me. Tonight I had a short dinner with Pastor Alan and Pastora Weng. It was a good time of food and fellowship.

DECEMBER 12 -- Today I spent time in prayer and study and had a wonderful surprise when five of the youth from the church came by and visited with me for a couple of hours. I was so honored that they would take the time after being in school all day.

Tonight I had dinner with Pastor Alan and Pastora Weng and their family again. Also, many of the youth were there. They are a great blessing and a strength to me.

DECEMBER 13 -- Today I am supposed to Minister at the Army base but that was canceled because of an (ORI) Operational Readiness Inspection. I remember those from my military days because they give you no warning. They walk in and declare that it is an ORI. You can't argue with them because they are in charge.

Tonight I ministered at Tubod Christian Community Center in Carmen. This is where my Filipino granddaughter attends and her parents are pastors of this church. Pastor Larry Monte and his wife are pastors here. Keren, my granddaughter teaches here also. She is 19 years old and is a fabulous Bible teacher. I am so very proud of her. She is quite a young lady and very devoted to God. Anyway, God moved mightily in this service. What an honor it is to be a part of what God is doing in our world today.

DECEMBER 14 -- I ministered at Christ for Life Church today and again God move mightily by His Holy Spirit. This afternoon we went to a park where the youth ministered to the children there. I was so blessed because one of the young ladies from the youth group went running down one of the streets that I couldn't see very well and in a couple of minutes here she came back with three or four little children that she saw walking down the street. I was so impressed with the energy and the commitment of these young people to minister to the children that live in the area of this park. What would happen if this determination and drive was in every church all over the world?

This evening I ministered to the youth and the Holy Spirit did not fail us. There was another great outpouring of the Holy Spirit and his gifts and the youth were just soaking it in. They were so receptive and desiring an outpouring similar to Wednesday night service. And it happened! What an honor it is to be a vessel of God that he would use in the nations or at home to minister to His people.

DECEMBER 15 -- This morning I ministered to the Municipality employees on being thankful and loving one another. It's always an honor to be able to speak to them. There's probably 150 of them and God has given me great favor with them. To God be the glory. Afterwards, the Hon. Mayor Bernigno Andamon invited us to his office for coffee and I had the opportunity to minister to him. Every time I see him or think of him I am reminded of David in the Bible. He is a man of the people and loves the people. I am so honored to have favor with him, and the Hon. City Council members and to be able to minister and pray for them.

When we left the Hon. Mayor's office we went to the Police Station to minister and pray for the police. They are a tremendous group of men and women. Sto. Tomas has over 100,000 people in population with 52 police officers. The crime rate is very low there. It is amazing!

We then left the Municipality Police Offices and proceeded to the house of the aunt of one of the young ladies in the church to pray for her. We prayed and had a wonderful time of fellowship.

Tonight I had dinner with Pastor Alan and his wife Weng and their family at the Aloha. Had a wonderful time of fellowship over food.

DECEMBER 16 -- This morning I ministered to the Baranguay Captains and their staffers. Was received very well and God has given me great favor with them. Thank you Lord!

This afternoon we will be catching a bus from Sto. Tomas to Davao and then to the airport for departure tonight at 7:30 PM. Unless weather hinders our departure which it looks like it could. I should arrive in Manila about 9:30 PM. By the time I retrieved my luggage and catch a shuttle from the domestic airport to the international airport it will probably be about 11:30 PM. No big deal because I have a 12 hour layover in Manila. These layovers give me flat spots on my body where they are not supposed to be.

DECEMBER 17 -- I will be flying out of Manila at 9:40 AM with a stopover in Tokyo. Once again we will deplane, go through security and get back on the same plane. We will then fly to Detroit where I have a six hour layover. In Detroit I pick up my luggage and transfer it to Delta domestic airline partner and fly to Tulsa. I will arrive at Tulsa at 9:11 PM where my daughter Gayla and grandson Chase will pick me up and proceed home. Getting home about midnight.

I have been traveling for over 14 years to the nations. This trip has been the most powerful trip that I have taken to date. God moved mightily! We serve an awesome God and I believe we all need to know Him better. I always travel with the angels of God encamped about me to protect me and guide me and keep me safe at all times. Whether here at home or in the nations of the world God takes care of me. To those of you that knew of my travel and prayed for me I say thank you and God bless you.

This concludes the notes of my trip to the Philippines for November/December 2014.