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Philippines

NOW Ministries is about training, equipping, and financially supporting National



Evangelist Marshall Preaching to Nearly 700 School Aged Children.

Pastors and Missionaries all over the world. As a part of this training we hold National Pastors Conferences in many of the countries in which we are working. In November 2003, Pastor J. R. Farrington, Pastor Ed Wade, and Evangelist Toru Marshall conducted a National Pastors Conference at the Bible Baptist Church in Bulacan, Philippines. Pastor Ricardo Garcia is the Pastor of this great church and was our host for the week. After the long trip, we took a few days to rest, and then started our busy schedule. Pastor Garcia did a wonderful job preparing for the conference and making sure everything was in place. On Sunday the three of us went in different directions and preached in four different churches each. That Sunday, over 100 were saved, and many more made decisions for the Lord. It was a long day, but much was accomplished. Early Monday and Tuesday mornings we left for the church to participate in the Pastors Conference. Nearly 150 Pastors along with their wives were gathered to be trained and challenged. Each of us spoke and then Pastor Farrington gave the final challenge. When the invitation was given, the altar was filled with men and women renewing their commitment to God. In the afternoon, a Ladies conference was con-

ducted by Mrs. Farrington and Mrs. Marshall. The Pastors in the Philippines are very eager to please the Lord, and win lost souls to Jesus Christ. Each Pastor I spoke with expressed their gratitude for the Conference, and stated how much the messages helped them in their lives and ministry.

On Monday night a City-wide crusade was held in a local auditorium. Over 1,000 people were in attendance. The music was provided by the area churches and the messages were preached by Pastor Ed Wade and Pastor Farrington. When the invitation was given, people came from every part of the auditorium. Each one was dealt with individually, and over 300 salvation decisions were recorded. Tuesday night, we spoke in different churches on the main island.

Wednesday, the focus changed, NOW Ministries sponsored a Medical and Dental Mission at Bible Baptist Church. Over 500 needy people from the community came and were treated for free. Each one was given the Gospel before they received medical and dental care. The counselors reported over 200 salvation decisions. In the afternoon, I was taken to a public elementary school, and invited to preach to over 700 children. When the public invitation was given, every child, and the entire teaching staff raised their hands for salvation. All we could do was deal with them publicly, and trust the Lord for the results. Every one of the 22 teachers said they accepted Christ, and asked Pastor Garcia to bring them Bibles.

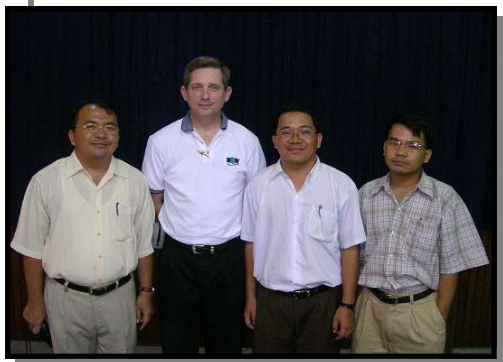
That night we finished our time preaching in Pastor Garcia's church. Several more were saved and many made decisions for Christ. The people of Bible Baptist Church and many of the Pastor's of the area showered us with gifts. Our hearts were filled with joy because we were able to help many Filipino Pastor's and Missionaries during our stay in the Philippines.



TOP: Pastors and Families gathered at the Pastor's Conference. SECOND: Brother Garcia's daughters sing at the Conference. THIRD: Over 1,000 gather for the evening Crusade. FORTH: Robin, Speaking at Ladies Conference. FIFTH & SIXTH: Help being given at the Medical and Dental Clinic. BOTTOM: The Team, Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Farrington, Rev. Toru and Robin Marshall and Rev. Ed Wade.

Myanmar

Myanmar is a county of great poverty and spiritual darkness. After finishing in the Philippines, Pastor Wade and I continued on to Myanmar to conduct a conference for the Pastors and



Four Preachers: Timothy Mang, Toru Marshall, Daniel Mang, and Paul Mang

Missionaries that are supported by NOW Ministries. Pastor Timothy Mang was our host and is a man with a great vision for reaching the people of Myanmar. We rented the local YMCA to house the Pastors, and Missionaries, and to conduct the conference. Much of what is done in Myanmar by the Church, must be done underground. Using the YMCA gave us freedom to operate without fear of reprisal from the government. NOW Ministries paid for the food, housing, and travel expenses of all the attendees. Many of the Missionaries traveled 5 to 6 days to attend the conference. Pastor Wade and I both spoke several hours each day. When the conference was concluded we hated to see the Pastors and Missionaries leave, but they were excited to return to their ministries with a new zeal to reach their county with the Gospel.

Pastor Wade and I spent several evenings in the Bible College preaching to the students. It was refreshing to see young people with such a great desire to be in the ministry. The students sang with great vigor, and listened with enthusiasm. Brother Mang has 84 students in the Bible College. Twenty of those will graduate this year and will need support. With the money he received from the Spring Missions Conferences, Pastor Mang purchased about 3 acres of land. Now, they need money to build the college. They are now meeting in rented homes,

and because of the government situation, could be kicked out at any time. Their own building would give them some permanency, and keep the government off their back.

During the day, Pastor Wade and I visited different missions, and missionaries. We went places that are usually off-limits to most tourists. We were able to preach in a few of the missions, but were not allowed to give an invitation. We also visited Faith Children's Home. There are currently about 15 orphans in this home. The missionaries find the children wandering the streets; they have no food, no money and no home. Many times their parents have abandoned them, and the children are left to die on the street. The children's home takes them in, loves them, feeds them, clothes them, and teaches them about Jesus. The children sang for us that day, what a blessing to hear children who were abandoned and alone, sing about Jesus who loves them so.

It is amazing to see all that is being done in Myanmar through our National Pastors and Missionaries. It is even more amazing when you realize they do it on less than \$50.00 a month. Over \$1,700.00 was left to help these men with food and medical attention that is so desperately needed. Monthly support for 70 men is sent through NOW Ministries, but there is so much more that could be done. There are many more people that could be reached. They have the man power, but they lack the resources. We need more supporters, and more funds to spread the Gospel across Myanmar. As I sat listening to the College students sing on the last night we were there, I realized that these young people were the spiritual future of Myanmar. If Myanmar is reached with the Gospel, it will be done through these young people and others like them. Please pray for them as they face much hardship, and please support them. With your help, Myanmar can be reached for Jesus Christ.



TOP: The Missionaries together enjoying the fellowship. SECOND: Taking home dinner. THIRD: New converts in a Mission House. FORTH: Typical home in Myanmar. FIFTH: Children in the orphanage singing. BOTTOM: Woman praying in Buddhist temple