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FGG Conducts Development and Transformation Seminars



Ptr. Donny leading the Vision Conference in FGG Tondo.



20 FGG Tondo Students benefit from seminar.

From July to September 2008, Pastor Adoniram "Donny" Suarez, volunteer FGG Philippine Coordinator, conducted Community Development and Transformation seminars in the FGG training centers of Bulacan and Tondo. A similar meeting will be held for FGG's Baguio City and Benguet scholars on November 10-11, 2008. One of the goals of these "vision conferences" is to provide practical tools and training designed to equip local churches to practice holistic ministry in their own communities using their own resources.

For two Saturdays last July, Pastor Donny and volunteers from the International School of Theology (ISOT—Asia), Disciple the Nations Alliance (DNA), and Lifebridge (a cell group from Bread of Life Ministries) shared various topics such as Worldview and Development, The Kingdom of God, Holistic Ministry in the Local Church, and Seed Projects.

Twenty-one FGG students meeting at Awesome God Christian Church in Bulacan formed five working groups to implement their Seed Projects. Three of the groups did livelihood projects such as rag-making, tocino-making, and peanut butter-making. The fourth group held a Parenting Seminar while the fifth group plans to show the film called "Facing the Giants."

These projects came out of what the

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FGG Executive Director Cited as 2008 Twenty Outstanding Filipinos Abroad

Citing his achievements as entrepreneur and philanthropist, FGG Executive Director Dante Raul "DR" Teodoro was unanimously selected as one of Twenty Outstanding Filipinos Abroad (TOFA) for 2008. Philippine Ambassador to the US Willy C. Gaa congratulated the awardees saying the TOFA awards "affirm the achievements of our fellow kababayans and acknowledges

the dedication of each of their respective fields."

DR Teodoro is an alumnus of Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania having completed the Advanced Management Program (WAM '08). He is also in his second year at Harvard

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Editor's Letter

Relationships and Promises

When things are going well, it's so easy to get complacent in our relationship with God. Which is why sometimes, God lets us go through the wilderness to make us realize how much we need Him. In my walk with God, I've come to realize that my relationship with Him is just like any other relationship I have with the people I love. Communication is just as important, and when it comes to effort, it always takes two. The main difference is, when God makes a promise, He always, always keeps it.

If there's one thing I've learned from relationships, it's that people will disappoint you and hurt you, and whether it's intentional or not, it's inevitable. I know there have been many times that I've hurt and disappointed God, and I know it's inevitable that I will hurt and disappoint him in the future. It's the curse of being human. But the amazing thing is, I know God will never hurt me, He will always love me, and even though I may walk away from Him and wander through the wilderness from time to time, I know He will NEVER walk away from me.

In these uncertain and trying times, we can continue to trust in God's love for us and in His promise to never leave us nor forsake us. That's His promise, and you can be sure He will keep it.

God always keeps His promises.

In Him,

Charmaine Teodoro

From the Executive Director

Partnership During Tough Times

As I write this article, the US financial system is undergoing turbulent times. The US stock market lost one trillion dollars in market value in just one trading day. Economists are foreseeing the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression of the 1930's, a total systemic meltdown due to the US banking and home mortgage crises. Stock markets across the world are reacting erratically fearing a broader global financial crisis. Uncharacteristic of its capitalist and free market principles, the US government has bailed out private banks and corporations while actively intervening in the financial markets, a move which some observers see as a step towards socialism. Nobody denies that we are going through economic turmoil.

During tough times like these, businesses everywhere are desperately searching for ways to save money and boost revenue—even if it means cooperating with their business rivals. In management jargon this is known as “co-opetition,” when competing businesses work together for their mutual benefit. Competing car manufacturers today are considering jointly producing components and systems for their vehicles. Parcel delivery companies are planning to collaborate in the express-delivery market. Feuding newspaper publishers are negotiating with each other on how to boost advertising and circulation so as not to lose out to the internet.

I'm glad to realize that in the Christian ministry, cooperation and partnership is the name of the game. We do not compete to extend the Kingdom of God in this world, we collaborate with other Christian ministries on the best way to carry out Christ's Great Commission. We bring to the table our strengths, capabilities and resources. We partner with like-minded ministries to transform communities for the glory of God. In these trying times, let's continue to work together for the Kingdom so that God's glory may be further magnified.

Yours for the Master,

DR Teodoro

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Bible Study Corner: Kingdom Partnerships

By Valjun Apuzen



"Kingdom Partnerships" was the subject of the one-week training course I attended in Bournemouth, UK seven years ago. The course was conducted by Interdev, a mission organization that specializes in teaching, training, developing and advocating partnership in mission throughout the global Church.

What is Partnership?

A partnership is a joint collaborative action by two or more people or organizations to achieve things together that each cannot achieve separately. Simply put, a partnership is an agreement to do something together that will benefit all involved.

Why Partnership?

We form a partnership in order to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of our work. In today's global economic, political and social conditions, it makes practical sense to work in cooperation with others who share

our vision.

Working in cooperation with others who share our vision makes spiritual sense, too. The Bible encourages believers to work together in unity. In fact, the Scriptures have much to say about Christians working and living together in partnership (Read Ephesians 4:1-6, 11-16; 1 Corinthians 12 and 14).

The Bible on Partnership

God tells us that there is special blessing when his people live, and work, together in unity (*Psalm 133:1-3 "How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity... for there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore."*) Partnership is the practical expression of living and working together in unity.

The Bible also speaks about unity in 1 Corinthians 12:25, *"There should be no*

division in the body, but its parts should have equal concern for one another." We are the body of Christ - and we actually need each other if the body is to work as effectively and efficiently as it should."

Consider our Lord Jesus' prayer in John 17:20-23: *"My prayer is ... that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you... I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."*

Our Lord prays that His followers may be one. When churches, mission agencies and organizations such as FGG work in partnership, we are doing so in answer to Christ's prayer. And don't you want to be an answer to Christ's prayer? Let us, therefore, work in partnership.

New FGG Partners: Harvest Foundation & DNA

FGG's ultimate aim is to glorify God and see His Kingdom advanced in the world in this generation. Because of this, we have partnered with Harvest Foundation through its Philippine representative, Ptr. Donny Suarez, to make available to FGG the benefit of their years of experience with holistic ministry. The extensive teaching resources they developed over the years are made available to FGG church-partners in the Philippines and they are able to adapt them for use in their own church and community projects.

Through partnership with the Disciple Nations Alliance (DNA), another ministry of Ptr. Donny, FGG has imparted to our partner churches their strategic role in the transformation of their communities. One distinct feature of the DNA seminar is the promotion of a

biblical worldview regarding the practice of holistic and incarnational ministry that impacts all spheres of society. The simple tools they present enable local churches to begin the process of the transformation of their communities with existing resources—no matter how materially poor these churches may be.

In this new model of ministry, local churches in the Philippines would not heavily depend on financial support from FGG to do outreach and service projects. It will be amazing to see what God will accomplish through their small efforts. We look forward to changes in people's attitudes toward Christians and churches as they see Christ's love in action. FGG believes that local churches in the Philippines can be effective ministers in their

communities even without outside resources. If and when we start a partnership with a local church, it should be healthy and mutual, not dependent on FGG resources.

From the start FGG has focused on the local church. We believe that churches are God's principal instruments to transform their communities. That is why we devote ourselves to strengthen our local church partners' capacities to minister to their own communities, and we are doing this through our partnership with both Harvest Foundation and DNA.

Again, FGG is glad to associate with both Harvest Foundation and Disciple Nations Alliance for the benefit of local churches in the Philippines who have also partnered with us.

A Strategy for Community Transformation

By Rev. Donny Suarez

It is awesome to think how the Lord brought us to work out God's intention for His church. I agree with FGG's motivation to "be unique and different in meeting the needs of the changing world in order to blaze the trail for others to follow." I believe we should be producing men and women the way God intends them to be, and I believe God intends for us all to be agents of transformation.

Social service ministry has already been done extensively in many parts of the Third World but with little impact. The West has been pouring out billions of US dollars every year for the last 35-45 years but also with little impact. That is one reason I see the need for churches in the Philippines primarily, instead of churches in the West, to show our love and concern to our own local communities.

I conduct vision casting seminars integrating Biblical wholism and worldview with practical projects to train Filipino Christians in community development and transformation. Part of the seminar is what I call "Alay sa Kapwa Seed Project" in which the students are taught a practical way to demonstrate God's love. The key is to find out what the needs of the community are and initially implementing small

projects to meet these needs.

Praise God for the vision conference held in Bulacan last July. Within one month, FGG students in Bulacan implemented their various seed projects. I see those students effectively transforming and influencing their community. Students are in their various stages of implementing their First Level Seed projects. Twenty-one students formed five groups to do a quarterly practicum. The first three groups have planned to do livelihood projects namely: rag-making, tocino-making and peanut butter-making. The fourth group planned to launch a seminar on Parenting, and the last group planned to show the film, "Facing the Giants."

The first three groups see that the primary need of their community is economics, which is why they will be introducing a livelihood solution. The fourth group has observed that the children within their community are disobedient and delinquent; therefore, they planned to offer a seminar on Parenting. The last group sees people in their community as fearful and discouraged. They are convinced that a film like "Facing the Giants" would give their community hope and strength to face



their current struggles in life.

I will follow these groups up, and those who have been faithful and fruitful will be encouraged to develop Level 2 and Level 3 Seed Projects.

This approach to community development is not a dole-out program. The students are encouraged to initially use local resources to carry out these projects. FGG can assist later in finding ways and means to develop their projects for the long-term.



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Business School Executive Education, Owner/President Management Program (OPM 39) and will be graduating in March 2010.

DR Teodoro directs the operations of JUNO

Healthcare Staffing Group of Companies composed of subsidiary offices in New Jersey, Connecticut, Arizona, California (San Diego and Los Angeles), along with JUNO Media Production Creatives in New York, JUNO Review Center in California, JUNO Call Center in Manila and Foundation for God's Glory. JUNO Healthcare Staffing Systems Inc. (New York) was selected by Entrepreneur Magazine as one of the Hot 100 fastest-growing new businesses in the US for 2008. JUNO Healthcare Registry, Inc. of Los Angeles, California has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval.

95 Students in FGG Scholarship Program

FGG is pleased to announce the enrollment of 95 students in its scholarship program for school year 2008-2009. FGG Baguio has the highest number of students with 33 scholars. Rev. June Evasco of Capital City Church is conducting the Level 2 program while supervising three Level 1 student teachers, namely: Houston Bayeng, Jomari Dawis, and Hans Joseph Delena. FGG Bulacan of Awesome God Christian Church has 30 Level 1 students taught by Rev. Conrado Herrera with assistant teachers Rev. Napoleon Saluba and Ptr. Jose Bocala. FGG Tondo of Kerusso

Community Church has 24 students under Rev. Teddy Quirante while Rev. John Coral teaches 8 students in FGG Benguet.

Previously a one-year intensive course on evangelism, discipleship and church planting, FGG added a second-year curriculum upgrading the training to a two-year program. Each FGG Center has its own unique curriculum geared towards equipping their students to effectively communicate the Gospel to their own communities. Some of the courses that the scholars have completed

thus far are Personal Evangelism, Home Bible Study Methods and Materials, Ecclesiology, Worship, Principles and Practice of Preaching, Old and New Testament Survey, Discipleship, and Church Planting Omega Course.

Each FGG Center has its own class schedules as well. FGG Tondo's program is divided into three semesters, 80 hours per semester meeting twice a week. FGG Benguet meets every Monday, 8am-4pm. FGG Baguio meets every Sunday 1pm-5pm while FGG Bulacan meets every Saturday 8am-12nn.

FGG SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM Teachers and Students (SY 2008-2009)

FGG TONDO = 24 Students

Level 2-Teddy Quirante, Teacher

1. Jeffrey Quirante
2. Edgardo Talastas
3. Noida Lim
4. Roberto Quirante
5. Reynaldo Neron

Level 1-Noida Lim, Teacher

1. Lucero Alforque
2. Maricor Cabiles
3. Michelle Lepiten
4. Charlemagne Lim
5. Marivic Mateo
6. Ma. Fe Sanchez
7. Nenita Santos

Level 1-Jeffrey Quirante, Teacher

1. Leonora Cuasay
2. Alexander Dela Rosa
3. Patricio Ferrer
4. Welly Libusana
5. Ramon Obejas
6. Liza Quirante
7. Luz Palma
8. Mario Rebadulla
9. Amelita Talastas
10. Luis Talastas
11. Michael Zabat
12. Zenaída Mariano



FGG Tondo Students

FGG BULACAN = 30 Students

Level 1-Conrado Herrera, Teacher

Ptr. Jose Bocala, Asst. Teacher
Ptr. Napoleon Saluba, Asst. Teacher

1. Melencio Abuan
2. Melanie Abuan
3. Luzviminda Bautista
4. Maribeth Caballero
5. Ramon Catahan Jr.
6. Ladylee Cristobal
7. Rafael Flores
8. Corazon Garcia
9. Vermont Garcia
10. Eduardo Halili
11. Nenita Halili
12. Rorie Herrera
13. Jessie Ireso
14. Diosdado Marquez
15. Estelita Marquez
16. May Marquez
17. Apple Mora
18. Joan Mora
19. Jolly Mora
20. Leonicia Roque
21. Benito Salvador
22. Lanie Salvador
23. Joey Salonga
24. Alexander San Luis
25. Ethel Sosing
26. Wilfredo Sosing



FGG Bulacan Students

27. Remedios Villasoto
28. Monching Catahan
29. Felicing Cristobal
30. Pelagia Salas

FGG BAGUIO = 33 Students

Level 2 - June Evasco, Teacher

1. Hans Joseph Delena
2. Jomari Dawis
3. Ricky Tenepere
4. Houston Bayeng
5. Simon Bayeng
6. Richard Mondiquing
7. Joshua Antonio

Level 1 - Houston Bayeng, Student Teacher

1. Kristine Joy Caaya
2. Viola Bayeng
3. Farah Mae Subna-en
4. Monalyn Dulay
5. Eunice Palaleo
6. Rosela Pica
7. Jim Coy-om
8. Dwayne Daligdig

Level 1: Jomari Dawis, Student Teacher

1. Lovely Joy Chaa-ar
2. Julie ann Florendo



FGG Baguio Students

3. Edith Wa-ig
4. Sarah Mapalao
5. Sydney Rose Moresto
6. Katlyn Callanta
7. Raiza Janaire Dominquez
8. Lawrence Moresto

Level 1 - Hans Joseph Delena, Student Teacher

1. Mary Grace Dizon
2. Silas Lobchoy jr.
3. Sherwood Basongit
4. Daryll Lobchoy
5. Ryan Coy-om
6. Rudison Ford Callanta
7. Denver Tayab
8. Liza Ticba-en
9. Janno Abance
10. Rick Jireh Balisong

FGG BENGUET = 8 Students

Level 1 - John Coral, Teacher

1. Teresa Agno
2. Bernard Balag
3. Oscar Joaquin
4. Oliver Kayasben
5. Randy Mendoza
6. Luis Pedro
7. Nellie Tabcao
8. Jeffrey Yogcayog



FGG Benguet Students

A Day in The Life of a Volunteer FGG Coordinator

By Rev. Donny Suarez

It was 4:30am of August 29, when I arrived in Baguio City after a five-hour bus trip from Manila. I waited in the cold for Pastor June Evasco who arrived at 7:30 am. Pastor June brought me to his home where I met his wife and daughter. I enjoyed the great breakfast they prepared and had a good hour of rest when Bishop John Coral arrived at 10:45am. We began sharing what God has been doing in our lives and ministries. Both pastors are thankful for FGG. According to them, FGG gave them not only a sense of direction in their ministries, FGG was also a source of constant support and encouragement. We discussed FGG's expectation to disciple and produce pastors in a span of one year. Both of them believe that quality pastors

and workers are not produced in a matter of one, two or even three years. Good pastors and church workers are not produced or measured by what they know but by who they are inside. I believe that character is not acquired in the school of thought but in the school of life. Yes, a servant of God needs to be competent, but equally important is his attitude and character. After lunch, Bishop John went back to Benquet to get his students and when they came, we had a delightful time of discussion, too. Meanwhile, Pastor June's students were busy preparing for a big youth gathering that night. I was surprised to learn that I was the guest speaker for that evangelistic event. I'm glad I am ready to preach in season and out of

season. I preached an evangelistic message and also challenged the young leaders of the church. There were about a hundred young people who attended. Many of them heard the gospel presentation for the very first time.

Pastor June plans to conduct these big youth meetings once a month. Aside from being an evangelistic event, it will also be a discipleship pool where FGG students can find their own core of disciples.

I spent the night with the Evasco family. After the dawn prayer meeting in church the following day, I went back to Manila enriched by the experience and rejoicing for FGG's ministry in Baguio City.



Pastors June Evasco, John Coral and Donny Suarez.



FGG Baguio students praying for the evangelistic event.



Spiritual commitments were made during that night.



The Youth Night was a great success!

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students saw as the various needs of the community. The first three groups seek to meet an economic need, the fourth group seeks to lessen child and youth delinquency, while the fifth group seeks to inspire and encourage the community to rise above their current state.

Another vision conference was held at the Kerusso Community Church in Tondo where FGG scholars met on two consecutive Mondays (August 25 and September 1) to learn how to develop similar seed projects for the purpose of transforming their communities.

Four groups were formed to develop their own seed projects. The first group looked at their community and saw the need for cleanliness. Their seed project would be a seminar on garbage collection. The second group sees the need to show an inspirational movie such as "Facing the Giants" to create a victorious community spirit. The third group plans to conduct a seminar on how to make pastillas candies as a livelihood project. The last group, seeing the need to counter act children's delinquency, plans to conduct a day seminar on parenting.

One of the students commented, "The seminar helps me to understand God's intention for the church. I now realize that believers, including myself, need to show our love not only to the household of God but more to those who are outside the church as well."

Another student said, "The most important lesson I learned is that the best way to show my faith is through works motivated by love."

Still another said, "I'm blessed through your very enlightening seminar. It's good to know that you are from FGG, too!"



Ptr. Bho Herrera of AGCC (left) and Ptr. Donny with volunteer seminar teacher.



FGG Bulacan students discuss Christian Worldview.



21 Students in FGG Bulacan attend the community development seminar.

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