

# Cornerstone

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Awesome God Christian Church (AGCC) in Bocaue Relocation Site, Bulacan is experiencing church growth, in part as a result of its partnership with Foundation for God's Glory. After ten months of FGG's feeding assistance to twenty children in the community, Pastor Conrado Herrera joyfully reports of great progress in his church planting ministry.

In June 2006, Pastor Conrado Herrera wrote FGG seeking assistance for a feeding and livelihood program at his mission outreach. He explained that in December 2005, three thousand squatter families were relocated to Bocaue, Bulacan. Burdened for their souls, Ptr. Herrera started Bible studies in the community on January 2006. The people were so responsive to the Gospel that within that year they conducted their first worship service in a borrowed lot.

FGG started its feeding program in the community in July 2007. Twenty malnourished children were chosen to benefit from the daily feeding program. Their mothers were organized into a Bible study cell group receiving spiritual feeding. During its first year anniversary on December 2007, the congregation met in a donated 150 square meter lot with a tent as roofing and rice haul as flooring. During their celebration, the mothers of the FGG-sponsored children sang for the congregation.

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## Church Grows with FGG Feeding Program



The children patiently waiting in line to be served their food.



Pastor Herrera serving children's food.

## FGG Graduates 53 Scholars

DR Teodoro, Foundation for God's Glory Executive Director, was in the Philippines last April to speak at two commencement ceremonies publicly acknowledging the graduation of fifty-three (53) scholars who completed FGG's one-year course on Evangelism, Discipleship and Church Planting.

The commencement service of the Metro Manila scholars on April 12, 2008 was held at the Riverside Full Gospel Church in San Pedro, Laguna. Twenty (20) scholars completed the course taught mainly by the following pastors/teachers: Rev. Teddy Quirante of Kerusso Community Church, Ptr. Jun Carlo Madridano of Payatas International Baptist Church, Ptr.

William Acedo and Ptr. Orlan Soncuan of Riverside Full Gospel Church.

Thirty-three (33) FGG scholars also graduated in Northern Luzon during ceremonies held on April 15 at the Capital City Chapel in Baguio City. These scholars were taught by the following teachers: Rev. Bishop John Coral, Rev. June Evasco, Rev. William

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## Editor's Letter

Isn't it comforting to know that you are unlike anybody else? I mean, I don't know about you, but I like the fact that God decided to create each one of us "in His own image," and yet we are still uniquely different in so many ways.

Take for example, spiritual gifts. In 1 Corinthians 12 vs. 4-5, the Bible says, "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord." The truth of the matter is, there are too many people who are dissatisfied with their present occupation whether it's a longing to work less, get paid more, or be more successful; still there are many others who long to have a different job altogether. Few people ever have the same job for the rest of their lives, and it is more than likely that a person will switch jobs/careers multiple times during the course of his/her lifetime.

Do you ever wonder why most people are never sure of their calling right away? Wouldn't it make life so much easier, if, from the very start, God somehow "told" us or gave us a sign that indicated what we were meant to do for the rest of our lives? God may not give us all the answers we long for, but He does give us several assurances and promises that make the uncertainty of life a little easier to bear. One of my favorite verses is Jeremiah 29:11, "'For I know the plans I have for you,' says the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'" Whenever I'm feeling unsure of where I am in life, I cling to this verse, that God has plans for me and the gifts He's given me, even if at that moment I have no idea what that may be. And even though I know I will probably never win a Nobel Prize, I also know that God created me for a specific purpose and has equipped me with spiritual gifts so that I may be able to carry out that purpose.

Here's to spiritual gifts, and to the 53 FGG scholars who graduated this year, may you continue to heed God's calling in carrying out His purpose for your lives, using your spiritual gifts for His Glory.

In Him,

**Charmaine Teodoro**

## From the Executive Director

*D.R. Teodoro is on study leave to attend the Wharton Advanced Management Program (Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania). Below are testimonies of last school year's teachers and students under FGG's scholarship program.*

### TEACHER TESTIMONIALS

"On behalf of Kerusso Community Church (KCC), together with my co-workers we are grateful to the Foundation for God's Glory because you are a blessing to our church. Before FGG came to our church we were already conducting discipleship training. But being the pastor and teacher, I had problems with my students regarding their commitment to attend classes. However, since FGG came to our church, my discipleship class changed.

I introduced FGG to my workers and neighbor churches as a Mini-Bible school. Consequently, some of my neighbor churches together with their workers were amazed, because our church KERUSSO was very young to have a mini-Bible school. KCC is just a pioneering church~ we celebrated our second anniversary last April 6, 2008. We always praise God for His faithfulness to us because He is continually pouring His blessings, and one of those blessings is the coming of FGG.

I thank you for the many blessings you shared to me as one of your FGG teachers for this year. Thank you so much for the love gifts that you have provided. May the good Lord continue to bless your ministry so that it will help more workers and pastors through your Foundation."

*From Ptr. Teddy Quirante,*

"This is now my second year with FGG, one year as a student and one year as a teacher. These could not be possible without your support. It is my regular prayer and positive confession that FGG be more blessed and

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## Bible Study Corner: Living for God's Glory

By Valjun Apuzen

The nature of Philosophy leads one to ask many questions. Some of the universal questions people have asked include: Where did I come from and why am I here? What is my purpose in life? Is there a God?

Great philosophers throughout the ages have wrestled with these questions, while theologians have arrived at their own answers. One of the grandest statements that came out of the English Reformation of the 1600s is the Westminster Shorter Catechism. The most famous of the questions in that short catechism is:

Question: What is the chief end of man?  
Answer: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

This conclusion is gleaned from the Bible. The Bible's answer to the question Why am I here? is that God created us to glorify Himself. Paul the apostle tells us, "Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31). The apostle admonishes us to do everything for God's glory because that is what we were created for. Our ultimate purpose is to give honor where honor is due. All honor and glory is due to God.

You may be surprised to learn that the Bible also declares that God himself does everything for his own glory. God created the world and everything in it for himself. The Bible declares, "For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him

and for him" (Colossians 1:16). God created the world to glorify himself. "For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen" (Romans 11:36).

Now some of us would have a problem with the idea that God does everything for His glory. This seems to make God an egoist and a self-centered being, and people are naturally turned off by arrogance. So how could God be so seemingly arrogant and expect us to live for his glory?

Consider this: People live for something. Some people live for themselves only. They are the self-centered ones. They only look out for their personal welfare and selfish interests. Naturally, they are not well-regarded.

But there are other people who live for themselves and their families. They make some sacrifices for their parents, wife, husband or children. These people are more esteemed and appreciated than those who only live for themselves.

And then there are some who live for their nation. These are the patriots. They live for the welfare of thousands and millions of families in their nation. They may even join the army and go to war to protect the nation. That's a higher goal.

Then there are those people who live for the world. They live to promote world peace, alleviation of hunger, or eradication of a particular disease. They may put their own country in a secondary position to achieve

a higher goal of having a better world. They sacrifice their own self, their family and their nation for the welfare of a greater number of people on earth. They are living for all mankind.

But what do you think of the person who lives for God and for God's glory? That would be living for all that is good within himself, his family, his country and this world. This, then, is the highest and noblest goal.

Now let us think about God. Does God live and exist for mankind? Is his ultimate purpose to alleviate human suffering? Is it to make the world a better place to live in? Is God's primary purpose to keep the sun, the moon, the stars and planets in space? It has to be more than these.

For God to live for his creation and anything less besides His own glory --would be for Him to commit idolatry. In Isaiah 48:11 we read God declaring, "For my own sake, for my own sake, I do this. How can I let myself be defamed? I will not yield my glory to another."

What else could God live for besides Himself that would not defame His name? Nothing.

God lives for his glory more than anything else. That is not egoism--that is proper for God because anything less would be idolatry.

If a person lives for God, he is also living for everything worthwhile that has been created. And this is what God wants from each of us -- to live for his glory.





# FGG's Philosophy of Community Development

By Valjun Apuzen

Foundation for God's Glory is a response to the desperate conditions that face the poorest of the poor in the Philippines.

The First Quarter 2008 Philippine Social Weather Survey found that 50% of families in the Philippines (estimated 9 million) consider themselves as "mahirap" or poor. The survey also indicated that Filipino families have been lowering their living standards (i.e., belt-tightening) for the past 20 years. In 1986, a family living in urban Metro Manila considered itself poor if it had a monthly income of P2,500 (\$60). Today, because of inflation, a Metro Manila family is poor when its monthly income is P10,000 (\$250).

Within the poor of Metro Manila is the poorest of the poor who live on less than \$1 a day. These are the 5.4 million who live in the slums. Each slum has its own character and its own brand of misery. FGG has already worked in four, including: Payatas, Quezon City; San Rafael, Rizal; Smokey Mountain, Tondo, Manila; and Bocaue Relocation Site, Bulacan. Some malnourished children in these communities were served meals, and received free medical and dental services while their parents attended livelihood trainings.

FGG acknowledges that the desperate conditions of the poverty-stricken could not

be alleviated with just their physical needs met from day to day. Therefore, FGG goes beyond providing physical sustenance by also offering the life-transforming power of the Gospel of Christ. Our Lord Jesus said that the essence of Christianity could be summed up in two inseparable commandments: Love God, and love thy neighbor (Matthew 22:37-39). FGG is concerned with reconciling people to God and bringing them into a church fellowship where they can be discipled in their faith.

Evangelism is very much a part of FGG's community development philosophy. We recognize that in addition to food and livelihood, people also need to have a true relationship with Jesus Christ as well. It is essential that the good news of Jesus Christ is proclaimed, and that individuals place their faith in Christ for salvation. This is why evangelism and Christian discipleship is very much a part of our philosophy.

The Gospel, rightly understood, is holistic. It responds to people as whole people and not single out just spiritual or just physical, but rather the needs of the person as a whole. FGG's community development philosophy begins with people transformed by the love of God, who then respond to God's call to share the Gospel with others through community development.

We believe that nothing other than the community of God's people, the local church, is capable of affirming the dignity of the poor and enabling them to meet their own needs. It is practically impossible to do effective holistic ministry apart from the local church. A nurturing community of faith can best provide the thrusts of evangelism, discipleship, spiritual accountability, and relationships by which disciples grow in their walk with God. This is the reason FGG has worked alongside several churches in carrying out its community development program. FGG has already partnered with the International Baptist Church of Payatas and Tondo, the World Christian Fellowship, and the Awesome God Christian Church. These local churches have reaped the fruits of seeing the poorest of the poor come to Christ and become a part of their congregations. FGG continues to look for other local churches who will take action towards the development of their communities.

It is the responsibility of the church to evangelize, disciple and nurture people in the Kingdom. Yet, from the command of our Lord Jesus, it is also the responsibility of the church to love their neighbor and their neighborhood. To this end, FGG will continue to encourage local churches to be lovers of their community and neighborhoods.

## Thank You Letter

Date: Mon, 12 May 2008 19:25:19 -0700 (PDT)  
 From: "Conrado Herrera Jr." <bhoyherrera@yahoo.com>  
 Subject: Thank You !!!

To Foundation For God's Glory,

Almost a year has past since we started the FGG Feeding program here in Bocaue Relocation Site under the Ministry of Awesome God Christian Church. It was God's answer to our prayer.

I remember starting our Church Planting Ministry in this area when I noticed that people here are in need not only of spiritual things but also of physical things. Most families when

they relocated lost their jobs and source of income; the approach must be holistic. In the Bible (book of James), it states that it is not enough to say to the hungry to eat, we must give them food. The burden to give was there but as a pioneering work we don't have the resources. But we have our God!!!

In His Divine providence, God made it possible for a pioneering work like ours to feed 20 children, one meal everyday. The FGG Feeding Program helps our church to make a GREAT IMPACT (!!!) in our community. We are reaching not only the children but also their parents.

I am very happy for the testimonies of the parents of the 20 sponsored children in our feeding program. Below are some of the things they have said:

1. "The daily nutritious feeding helps in making

our children healthy not only physically but also spiritually."

2. "The daily feeding helps our children develop socially as they mingle with other children."

3. "Our children learn to eat vegetables and eat more."

4. "Our children learn to pray before we eat."

5. "We are a family of backsliders but came back to God because of the feeding program."

6. "God used the program for us to be saved and be baptized."

7. "Thank you for the Christmas gift. We are very grateful."

Because of all of these, we want to say thank you and God bless you more.

Maranatha ,  
 Pastor Bhoj

## Spotlight:

## Rev. Adoniram Suarez

"My objective is to be able to render my services for the glory of God so that I might be a contributory factor in the total development of a community through a holistic ministry approach (Luke 2:52)." This is the opening statement of Rev. Adoniram "Donny" Suarez's resume which he provided to FGG in March 2007.

DR Teodoro, FGG Exec. Director, met with him the following month in Manila, and now, a year later, Ptr. Donny has committed himself to work voluntarily with FGG as the Philippine Coordinator.

Ptr. Donny has a Masters of Divinity degree from International Graduate School of Leadership (formerly ISOT-Asia), with a major in Biblical Holistic Community Development. He is a Field Staff of Harvest Foundation, a non-profit organization based in Phoenix, Arizona USA. Part of his job as field staff is to train pastors, church leaders, seminary and Bible school students in practical Biblical Holistic Ministry and World View. He is also with Discipling the Nation Alliance Philippines (DNA) where he works as the Coordinator for Promotion



and Networking.

Prior to becoming a full-time missionary, Ptr. Donny earned a B.S. degree in Business Administration from the Philippine Christian University. While in college and as a young professional, he was actively involved in evangelism with Philippine Campus Crusade for Christ. In 1985, he went to work in Saudi Arabia as manager of a photography studio and laboratory; he stayed for eight years, also serving as elder and then Pastor of the Al

Batin Christian Fellowship. When Ptr. Donny finally returned to the Philippines, he became the founding chairman and president of the Pastoral Movement in Tiaong, Quezon.

Ptr. Donny is married to Teresita Chelina and they have three daughters Jehosheba, age 13, Abigail, age 12 and Annika, age 4, as well as a son, Joseph Paul, age 2. Their third daughter, Annika, is a special child with a genetic disorder (CdLS) that affects many parts of her body. Having firsthand experience and seeing the need for a support group for parents of children with CdLS, Ptr. Donny organized and became the founding president of CdLS, Philippines based in the National Health Institute in Manila.

Ptr. Donny was Director and Co-founder of Gather the Children International in Candelaria, Quezon. He coordinated and conducted seminars on how to put up pre-schools in churches. He has also set up various feeding centers and coordinated a child- sponsorship program. In short, FGG is grateful to have such a gifted missionary serving with us voluntarily.

## NEWS FEATURE

## JUNO Healthcare Staffing: One of the Hot 100 Fast-Growth Businesses in the U.S.

JUNO Healthcare Staffing, FGG's primary corporate sponsor, was selected by Entrepreneur Magazine as one of the Hot 100 fast-growth businesses in the USA in 2008. From a database of nearly 21 million companies, JUNO Healthcare Staffing ranked 86 on the list for its rapid sales growth and positive job



growth. The company which started its humble beginnings with three employees in 2001 has grown to approximately 400 employees by the end of 2007. JUNO Healthcare has offices in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Arizona, California (Los Angeles and San Diego) and a Call Center in Manila.

When asked by Entrepreneur Magazine what success means to him, FGG Executive Director and JUNO Healthcare Owner and President D.R. Teodoro responded, "Success is when we have found ourselves in the center of God's will, doing exactly what we're meant to do." Leading both FGG and JUNO Healthcare, D.R. Teodoro has indeed found his calling. To God be the glory!

## From the Executive Director

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prosperous so that by God's grace you will continue to be used by Him in this ministry you have been called to do.

Rest assured also that as one of your teaching arms in the countryside, I will cooperate honestly and faithfully to do the work even without anyone supervising because of God's mercy, favor, and fear of the Lord."

*From Ptr. Albert Taca, Jr.*

### STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

"I am very thankful for this great opportunity to have formal Bible schooling. I really appreciate the subjects that have been taught to us and I shall treasure them for the rest of my life. I am praying to be a teacher of FGG someday."

*Phillip Pilapil*

"All the principles I learned from our class will guide me as I prepare myself for my future ministry. I now have something to share with my peers and friends. I know it is hard to share but I'm excited to do it because I want to fulfill God's plan for my life."

*Joma Dawis*

"I learned a lot of evangelistic methods and discipleship training which I now use in my cell group. Through this program, I have learned how to create my own sermons, which I use in teaching the youth. I also learned many things which I use in my daily devotional activities."

*Jeffrey Quirante*

"I learned that the Great Commission is mandated to all believers, not only to the pastors, but even to students like me. I learned practical things also. I was given the privilege to assist my pastor-teacher when he baptized someone who was attending my small group. What I've seen in the way my teacher conducts the ministry has given me guidelines and guidance to emulate when I'm the one taking charge of the work assigned to me. I am looking forward to when I will be able to mentor new believers and see them grow in their spiritual life."

*Rick Jireh Balisong*

"At first, it was difficult for me to construct a sermon for I did not have any formal lessons in Bible School. Then I prayed for God to give me a Bible school where the medium used in teaching is Tagalog; God answered through FGG. You are a blessing to those who do not have enough finances to pay for formal study in Bible School. Now I want to continue my study to the next level this coming school year."

*Reynaldo Nerona*

"The things I learned have made a great difference in my life. I am carrying out my obligation and responsibility to handle a cell group and be a worker in my local church."

*Noida Lim*

"The lessons I've learned from our FGG classes will boost my spiritual life to pursue excellence in family. I want to see that God is in the center of my family. I'm praying that God will work through me that my whole family will be born again so that we will serve God as a family."

*Janno Abance*

"Thank you for helping workers of God like me to be able to understand truths which will enrich our personal lives and enable us to become better church workers."

*Peñafrancia Salandanan*

"My goal is to win souls and make disciples applying the principles I've learned in our class. If given the opportunity to teach under FGG, I will start with seven students to whom I'm ministering this time. I'm in 3rd year college and most of these new believers I am ministering to are college students and they are potential leaders."

*Hans Joseph C. Delena*

"In my studies I was required to have a cell group so I can evangelize lost souls. God opened my heart and motivated me to share the Gospel."

*Amalea Cadag*



## Church Grows with FGG Food Program

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Since that time, the new church has been able to conduct a children's vacation Bible school, several outreach Bible studies, leadership trainings, and evangelistic services. They were also able to organize their own choir, adult Sunday school and youth fellowship.

At this moment, the congregation is praying for provision of construction materials for a church building, or at least sturdier, permanent roofing before the coming rainy season (June to August) of this year.

FGG plans to assist the parents of the sponsored children with alternative livelihood projects. We enlist you to pray with us that our endeavors will produce much fruit.



AGCC "tent" church on donated land.

## FGG Graduates 53 Scholars

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Solomon, Ptr. Silver Hombrebueno, Ptr. George Kindipan, Ptr. Eduardo Kindipan and Ptr. Albert Taca.

It was with pride and pleasure that DR Teodoro extended his warmest congratulations to the class of 2008. In his address to the graduates, DR Teodoro emphasized that success in life depends upon a person's complete trust in God. He also mentioned that it is through patience, industry, confidence and initiative that one can conquer the struggles in life. The ceremony closed with DR encouraging the graduates to continue serving God in whatever position or place they are rightfully called.



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