

Yes, Lord!

The people who
know their God
shall stand firm
and take action.

Daniel 11:32b

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In the Fast-lane

Mary Ann and I are in the fast-lane of life and ministry. A friend recently commented that we seem to live on the edge. This is true now but it is not our normal pattern. We strive to plan margin into our lives and ministry. For us missions ministry is lifetime. Our ministries of working with street children and their families, disaster response and development, speaking, writing and administration is demanding so we take time to rest, exercise, read our Bibles and books, pray, visit family and friends, do domestic projects and be alone together. When you receive this letter we will be in Cape Town, South Africa for ACTION's International Council meetings.

We recently returned from the Philippines. Our days there were full and fruitful. In Manila it was a joy to visit ACTION coworkers and their ministries and worship at Greenhills Christian Fellowship during GCF's 45th anniversary. We worshipped at GCF since 1988 so it was great to see people after not seeing them for some time. We also worshipped with Blessed Harvest Christian Church (BHCC) where I also preached. My 35 plus year friend and coworker Pastor Luv Zacal, his wife Eden and their hardworking team started BHCC in a poor community using food from Feed My Starving Children. Several of the children who participated in their feeding ministry, today as young adults, along with their siblings and parents, worship and serve at BHCC.

In Puerto Princesa City, the capital of Palawan Province, we were with the All4Christ team where we, along with several local pastors, dedicated to the Lord Jesus the possible site of A4C's proposed Palawan Christian Resource Center (PCRC). Following the dedication we drove five hours north to El Nido, known for its majestic islands, where for three

days we prayerfully discussed A4C's ministries and our partnership with the Center for Biblical Studies Institute and Seminary, along with the vision, policies, procedures and practices for the PCRC. We also had a day for "island hopping" when we marveled at God's beautiful creation and enjoyed sweet fellowship with one another.

I am returning to Manila and Puerto Princesa April 18-27 to join the A4C team when we make the first payment for the site of the PCRC and to continue our planning for it. Mary Ann and I were asked by the team to write the case study for the PCRC for its promotion and fund raising. We are doing that now.

Two days after arriving in Minneapolis, during a snowstorm, we participated in the "world evangelism" weekend of Bethesda Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Saturday Mary Ann spoke during a luncheon for women, and in the evening we had a meet-and-greet with the Bethesda's missions committee members, pastors, elders and other missions-minded people over a delicious meal.

Sunday I preached in both their services, we gave a ministry presentation during an hour



We visited the ministry of Dave and Becky Majam called Support a Child, Save a Future.



The photo on the left was taken several years ago of a Feed My Starving Children feeding with kids from BHCC. Today they are young adults worshipping the Lord.



long class for all ages and had an energetic Q&A over lunch with a gym full of people. Bethesda was new to us when we arrived, but we left with many new Kingdom-minded friends. The Head of the church and Lord of the harvest is clearly leading them to expand their compassionate Gospel ministries locally and globally.

As I write this we are moving to a larger two bedroom unit in our 55-year plus Cooperative. This unit became available in January so we inquired about it. The owner wanted to sell it to us so she graciously worked with us and our schedule. We closed on it recently and sold ours to a neighbor who desired a unit just like it so we saw God's hand orchestrating this process.

The backstory is we prayed and looked for a larger similar home in several areas over many months but nothing fit our lifestyle or was af-

fordable. We are also city people so we wanted to stay in the city.

In addition, we're unofficial chaplains at our Coop. We have ministry among our neighbors so we didn't want to relocate. The Lord clearly provided our new home as we waited upon Him to provide for the us the right place, at the right time and at the right price. Mary Ann has now moved her office from our bedroom closet and I moved my desk from our small living room. We can now host guests too. *I am pleased to write that Mary Ann is very happy!*

After meeting virtually for three years ACTION's International Council will meet physically in Cape Town March 17-24. We are looking forward to being together again! About 35 men and women from several countries will attend. Several of us have served as ACTION leaders for years while many others are just

getting started. This dynamic mix of disciples of Christ is passionate about making reproducing disciples among the nations so our fellowship will be sweet and our discussions robust.

Thank-you very much for your partnership with us in the Gospel by your generous giving and faith-filled prayer. Financially we ended 2022 strong which gave us a needed boost for this year. Your fellowship with us is very precious and a sweet aroma to our heavenly Father. We walk together in Christ as we serve Him, His people, and the Great Commission mandate He gave to the church.

The bottomline of all this activity is God's glory, not ours. We are not about being busy but all about making reproducing Christ-followers among the nations for His glory. Psalm 115:1 says it for us *"Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!"*

Thank-You Lord Jesus for giving us purpose for life and opportunities to serve You and others. Amen!



Pastor Leo Galanza's dedication prayer for the Palawan property.

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