

Yes, Lord!

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

Daniel 11:32b

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Making Disciples among the Nations

From April 18 to 27, I was in Manila and Puerto Princesa, Palawan Province with coworkers of All4Christ and the Center for Biblical Studies Institute and Seminary. We made lots of progress so that our five-year “Palawan Dream” will become a reality. It is now called the Palawan Christian Resource Center.

I am amped about the potential of the PCRC, especially the missionary training, coaching and mentoring aspect. This has been a decades long desire of ACTION Philippines. Even though we had a passion to do this, we did not have the ability to mobilize, train and help send Filipinos to minister the Gospel longterm among unreached people groups (nations). Prayerfully, in the Lord of the harvest’s sovereignty and providence, the PCRC will help ACTION Philippines, A4C, CBSIS, and other like-minded agencies and schools, partner with Filipino churches to make disciples of Jesus among unreached peoples of the Philippines and beyond, especially in the 10/40 window (see Joshua Project for information). I am also praying that, in due time, Christ-followers from other countries can come to the PCRC to study the Scriptures and be trained for cross-cultural ministry. Matthew 28:19 commands us to, *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations....”*

My calling is ministry among street kids and their families, those eking out their survival in massive slums, toxic dumpsites, trashy vacant lots, shadowy back alleys, under busy bridges and other dark nooks and crannies of cities, and people who are hidden in far-off-the-beaten path, hard-to-reach rural areas, and those suffering as victims of manmade and natural disasters. My favorite New Testament letter is James, “the Gospel in shoe leather,” and my life-verse is James 1:27. This is what I bring to

the PCRC because I am not a pastor, Bible school teacher or seminary professor like my faithful A4C and CBSIS colleagues.

Since the birth of A4C, after the devastation of super typhoon Haiyan in 2013, we have come alongside about 4000 pastors, church leaders, missionaries and Bible school and seminary students with teaching, encouragement and fellowship. We have also provided study Bibles and books to those who are under-trained and under-resourced during in-person conferences. When travel and gatherings were not permitted for over two years due to pandemic lockdowns, A4C held monthly e-conferences. They were attended by people from throughout the Philippines including those working in other countries.

The Boards of A4C Philippines and US and CBSIS are now working on a many year partnership for our Kingdom-aligned ministry together. A4C Philippines will own the PCRC and CBSIS will use it for their classes and other activities. A4C will use the PCRC for pastors, church leaders, missionaries and students while conducting conferences, seminars, workshops, prayer gatherings, and other ministry. Additionally, it will be a place for rest and study. The PCRC will also have a well equipped virtual room in order to continue online conferences and classes. Pray for us as we work out the details. In April A4C made the down-payment (half the purchase price) for a three and a half acre



property in Puerto Princesa, the capital city of Palawan Province. The balance is due July 30.

The sellers are Manfred, a German, and his Filipina wife Baya. Manfred has worked for years for a German company as a general contractor in constructing large commercial structures. He has done this in Palawan and several other countries, including the US. Manfred has offered to be our general contractor at a reduced price. He sent us photos recently of guys clearing the land. He also told us that all the paperwork for selling and purchasing the property is in order and complete to-date. In addition he is working on a phasing plan for constructing the building with its costs.



We spent many hours with Manfred going over blueprints of the site, the building, and the landscape with their estimated costs. We also had several good conversations about the Bible and what it reveals about God, Jesus Christ, creation, mankind, and our need for salvation. Pray for Manfred because he is

close to turning from his sin and trusting Christ as his Savior. Pray for Baya too because we think she has trusted Christ but needs someone to disciple her.

When Manfred provides the phases and cost information, Mary Ann and I will develop a case study for the PCRC. We do not know yet know what our longterm involvement will be with the PCRC but we are pleased to help lay its foundation for years of fruitful ministry. I'm praying about returning to Puerto Princesa in July to witness the final payment as a representative of the A4C US Board.

From Everywhere to Everywhere

I remember clearly when ACTION's former International Director Nelson Reed, with me serving as his Associate, announced at an International Council meeting how ACTION would move forward by sending disciples of Christ "from everywhere to everywhere." We are an interdenominational intercultural missionary sending agency and we no longer consider countries as sending or receiving. We are structured so that all countries can send and receive Gospel workers. Today ACTION has 326 workers worldwide, from 31 different countries, serving among the poor in 37 countries. What an amazing, passionate, diverse group of men and women committed to fulfilling the Great Commission! It is our desire to spread the Gospel in hard places, especially among those living out-

side the current reach of the Good News. Join us as we continue praying Matthew 9:36-38.

International Council meetings

From March 17-25, 30 ACTION leaders from 15 countries met in South Africa to discuss Kingdom business. The days were full and fruitful. What a great joy it was to have personal fellowship again with longtime and new leaders!

Mary Ann and I have served with most of the longtime leaders for years (we joined ACTION in 1984) and helped onboard many of the new ones. Of course with our diversity comes varying viewpoints on secondary biblical doctrines and ACTION's procedures, policies, and practices but by prayer, robust discussion, and humility we worked our way through our agenda. Our unity in Christ is strong.

A heart-felt thanks!

The ministries mentioned in this letter are not about them or us, *they are all about Jesus*. Together we serve the Lord Jesus, His people and the Gospel. It is God's design that His local and global body work together for His glory among the nations.

We are grateful and thank you for your continued prayer and financial support. You and your sacrificial ministry to us and others is a fragrant offering, acceptable and pleasing to God (Philippians 4:18).

We pray for your requests when we receive them. Keep sending them by email or snail mail.

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