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*Bringing the Good News of Jesus to the unreached in SE ASIA*

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## *Letter from John Ricards / State of the Mission*

Dear Friends and Partners of MCN,

In February of this year Roger Tompkins passed on to a new reality. Understandably, this has left a hole in our organization. He is greatly missed! Over the past 6 months since his passing, we have been involved with various transitions that have been needed in order to keep the work moving forward.

In 1987, Roger and Janice Tompkins founded MCN for the purpose of reaching the tribal groups of Mindanao who had no viable expression of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in their villages. At the time of Roger's death there were 35 tribal churches in as many villages (TGF)...there was a Bible School/agricultural enterprise training young tribal Christians in the pastoral ministry (MMTTS), a children's literacy project with more than 100 children enrolled (TCLP), nearly a dozen Filipino missionaries in our care (10-40 GO), and a relief/development organization (RTP) helping hundreds of needy Filipinos. All this being moved along by administrative offices both in the U.S., and in the Philippines.

Many have rolled up their sleeves to ensure the continuation of MCN and all its ministries. We have great support from the boards of directors both here in the U.S. and in the Philippines. Various Tompkins family members, notably Becky Minninger and JP Wilson, kept the crucial financial administration ball rolling during those early months. (We recently hired a capable bookkeeper here in the U.S. who just assumed that duty this month!)

I have been working with Jeremy Hurley, Roger's son-in-law, with the goal of him assuming the directorship of MCN overall. Jeremy is a fast learner and is already leading MCN in many ways

The future is bright! We are moving forward, under the direction of God, through his Holy Spirit. Please call me at 541-288-3017 if you have any questions or concerns.

We'll keep you posted!

*John Ricards,*

Acting Director, MCNI, inc.

*Many thanks to all of you who have prayed with and given to MCN over many years.*

*Please continue your support in this time of transition and know that you are a vital part of our team.*



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Below, find a synopsis of the different areas that God has allowed MCN to expand into. Please pray about each one of these for guidance, release to Filipino leadership, funding and wisdom for the future.



**MCN LEADERSHIP** — The goal of MCN remains the same, to reach the unreached. We just have new personnel to implement that end. John Ricards is serving as the acting president and director while he is training Jeremy Hurley. Please consider giving directly to the admin fund as the cost of a bookkeeper will be a big additional expense.

We are still in need of Filipino leadership for the Cebu office. Jing Lim is very ably serving in that capacity for the time being.

**TCLP**— This is a program that was initially started to help fund a pre-school literacy training for Mamanwa children. It has since grown to help fund education for many of the TGF pastors' children. We are looking at how to maintain this program so it continues to benefit the tribal groups.

**MT. ZION**— An MCN supported village of Mamanwa people. From this center, there are youth rallies and outreaches to many of the Mamanwa villages. When MCN began working here in the late 80's, there were only a handful of literate Mamanwa, now there are young people from this tribe are graduating college!

**MT. MORIAH**— In many ways this is the flagship of MCN's presence on Mindanao. There is a Bible training school and a yearly rally for the Subanen tribes. We also do agricultural training. The goal for MMTTS is to be self-sufficient with the produce from the farm being used to subsidize operational expenses. Each month we gain ground in this endeavor.

**OVERSEAS MISSIONARIES**— MCN is currently in partnership to help raise support and encouragement for about eight Filipino missionaries who are ministering to the unreached groups in the 10/40 window. They are an amazing group of people who love God and his Good News. Please consider support one of them on a regular basis, (if you can't go...send). Please let us know if you would like to receive newsletters from any of these missionaries.

**TRIBAL GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP** — now in the final stages of legal and fiscal autonomy, these 35 independent churches in six distinct tribal groups join with each other for strength, fellowship and identity. Tribal pastors make up a board of directors and they are being advised by local Filipino pastors. MCN will continue to advise after the separation is accomplished.

**Remember the Poor** — This is the compassion outreach of MCN. We have completed more than 32 house rebuilding projects in northern Cebu. We are considering that project complete. Medical/dental outreaches continue. The next one will be in Sept. 2015. Scholarships are also part of this program as well as livelihood funding. Nurse Merly continues to be relevant teaching on health, nutrition, hygiene and gardening.

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