# The FOCUS

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

#### John Ricards / President's Corner

The other day I finally started a small project to hang outdoor lights on our deck. It seemed relatively simple, except that it took three trips to the hardware store to settle on the very best hangers to use. It was a process. The first ones were too lightweight. Then I brought home different screws that were the wrong size for the hangers. Finally, armed with new understanding, advice from experts, and yes, prayer...I tackled the project with the right hangers and the right screws. The lights are amazing!

The past several years at MCN have been a somewhat parallel experience. The first candidate who was selected to assume the Philippines operation after Roger's death in Feb

2015 was not a right fit for the job for a variety of reasons. At the same time, I began training Roger's son-in-law for the position of overall director of MCNI. After a year of that process, Jeremy unexpectedly resigned. It could have been a time of wringing hands and gnashing of teeth had it not been for the miraculous emergence of the perfect guy for the job: Justin Allen. He's the right hardware to let God's light shine in SE Asia.

You'll read more about Justin in the article below.

It is obvious that God is enabling MCN to continue to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the unreached people of SE Asia. We further believe that with Justin's unique set of skills, He will be able to take the work many notches higher.

The process of training has begun anew! Please pray that all goes well as Justin moves into hands-on leadership and the old guy takes an advisory role with MCN.



Justin, his wife Geosil and daughters Josilyn and Jennelle

# More Changes...Meet Justin Allen

In April, we were all shocked to learn that Jeremy Hurley for personal reasons was resigning from MCN. It would have been devastating except for the divine intervention of our merciful God.

In March, we had gotten together with longtime friends of MCN, Justin & Geosil Allen. They were in Cebu visiting family. It was great to reconnect, show them the MCN facilities, brag on what God has been doing through his people.

After he returned home, God spoke to Justin about serving with MCN. He came and talked to John one Friday morning about what he was feeling. The next Monday, Jeremy resigned.

Justin has now been approved by the MCN board, been released by his church and is ready and willing. God has uniquely equipped him to fill this role. Justin is a Registered Nurse in a Portland area hospital. He also serves his local church as one of five elder pastors. These skills/gifts together with a deep love of the Lord and a call to the people of the Philippines will help ensure MCN's fruitfulness into the next chapter.



# Standing with those who serve

Pastor Floyd Yude and his wife Nancy have been serving in Cambodia for 8 years. Though their role has changed, their heart to serve has not. They are running a children's home in Phnom Penh.

Recently, Floyd suffered a heart attack. Fortunately it was mild, but it did require angioplasty surgery. Please consider giving to them to help with their very overwhelming medical expenses. Help us show them they are not alone .

Donations can be made to them by sending a check to MCN and designate it for Floyd Yude's medical expenses.

"And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them."

MCN has 7 missionaries serving in foreign fields in SE Asia. They are all underfunded. Visa costs, transportation, housing, etc. add to the financial burden. Please consider adopting one or more of these "frontline" soldiers serving to expand the kingdom of God. Even \$20.00 a month can make a tremendous difference in their morale and effectiveness. Your prayers can help them move mountains.

Recently, a friend of MCN donated \$2,000.00 to drill a new well and begin rebuilding the water box that provides clean drinking water for the many children in the TCLP program and the members of the church. We have set up a matching fund to raise the full amount that is needed to complete this project (\$4,500.) Please let us know if you would like to donate to this project.

#### Jan Tompkins, moving forward

Jan Tompkins, co-founder of MCN with her late husband, Roger. is finding her new role in MCN. She will be making a trip to visit the missionaries in Indonesia at the end of June to encourage those on the field in the spiritual warfare they are facing.



She has also been helping us take care of home office duties during the transition between directors in training.

Thank you, Jan for your faithfulness to the kingdom through the work of MCN.



### Giving...

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Or by going online to mcni.org

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