



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

John Ricards / President's Corner

Some very encouraging and much-needed upgrades are happening at our two tribal centers on Mindanao. Over the past three years, we have been “treading water”...just keeping up with normal operational tasks at Mt. Moriah Tribal Training School and Mt. Zion Mamanwa center. Transitions are like that! But over the past few weeks, some dramatic changes have been taking place!

At Mt. Moriah, the new school year is well underway, with several new staff positions filled, new vision implemented for the future, and a new road nearing completion! For the 25+ years of MMTTS existence, the only access to the campus has been a narrow dirt trail stretching from the town of Guintolan over steep hills and ravines, through the jungle, to the beautiful campus roughly one mile away. Thanks to some generous donations, and hard work from our field managers, we now have a brand-new all weather vehicular road covering that distance! We believe that this new access to the campus will greatly improve the lives and effectiveness of staff and students alike. Great things lie ahead for this hub of ministry operations in Western Mindanao!

On the eastern side, at Mt. Zion Mamanwa center, we recently built a new staff house for the Ballon family, who oversee the busy and challenging work among the Mamanwa people. Additionally, a new vehicle for ministry use was just delivered by MCNI missionary, Joy Gary. Already being used to carry scores of passengers and goods here and there, this “multicab” is an answer to prayer! The staff house and vehicle were both made possible by generous donations from interested friends.

We continue to make inroads into the tribal cultures with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, thanks in large part to your prayers and financial support. On behalf of all who are benefitting from these upgrades, THANK YOU!

Isaiah 35:8 “...a highway shall be there, and a road. And it shall be called the Highway of Holiness...”

The Road to Mt. Moriah

By Justin Allen, Director

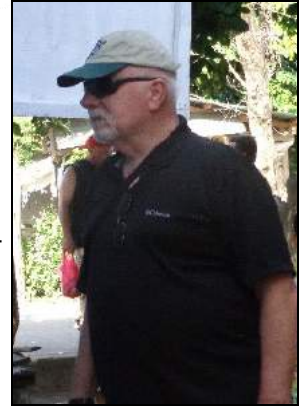
In 1997 I made my first hike in and out of Mt. Moriah. I still remember it very well. It was in the days before the steps had been cut into the clay of the hill. The slick orange mud of Mindanao quickly loaded the lugged soles of my American hiking boots. I walked up the hill taking 3 steps forward and sliding 2 steps backwards. Sometimes my hands were used as much as my feet going up the hills. All the while the Filipinos in their flip flops seemed to float over the muck like Water Striders on a pond. It was a challenging trek even for my 24-year-old self.

*May the road
rise up to meet
you.
-Irish Blessing*



Roads are essential to any type of agricultural development. - Norman Borlaug

Today that steep and muddy trail is no more. God has provided MCN with the means to construct a road into Mt. Moriah, and now it is nearly finished. This new road will help to open Mt. Moriah up to the world. First, it will make the trip in and out of the campus much easier for our students and staff. It will help with the development and expansion of the farming operations. Moving crops to market will now be less burdensome. We'll be able to use the rice mill to generate revenue for school operations, as customers will now be able access our facility. We're very excited for what this upgrade in our infrastructure will bring. Thank you to God, and thanks to those of you He worked through to make this possible.



TRIBAL CHILDREN'S LITERACY PROGRAM

T.C.L.P.

Multicab

Byron and Joy Gary



TCLP Multicab



TCLP staff, parents and kids dedicating the multicab to the Lord.

We praise God for His provision of a vehicle for TCLP. We have prayed for this for a while and now in God's timing He provided a multicab for the ministry. This is going to be very useful for the ministry of TCLP. Previously our TCLP kids couldn't cross the river to go to school during the rainy season because the river is dangerously high. Most often, our kids miss a lot of school days because of this. Now with the multicab, our kids can be brought to school via a longer way. The parents at Mt. Zion rejoiced when we informed them that TCLP has a vehicle now. Everyone prayed for this so we all rejoice with this blessing. This will also be used for the other facets of the ministry especially in going out to do our outreach in Baleguian. We used to ride in three or four motorcycles when we go there but now all of us can just use the multicab in one trip. Praise the Lord. We

dedicated the multicab to the Lord after the Sunday service at Mt. Zion on August 12th. We would like to thank those who gave financially so this vehicle could come into reality. Thank you very much from all of us at TCLP. God bless you. To God be the glory!!!



The Tribal Children's Literacy Program (TCLP) is an opportunity to help a Mamanwa child achieve his or her educational goals and escape poverty. You can sponsor a TCLP child for just \$25 per month.

"Tell of His Glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples"

Psalm 96:3

Increase the Power of Your Donation via the Matching Fund

By Justin Allen, Director

The Matching Fund is an MCN project to match donations made by Filipino churches to MCN's Filipino missionaries. The Matching Fund was started by Roger Tompkins in an effort to increase two things:

- 1) Filipino churches giving to missions.
- 2) The willingness of MCN's Filipino missionaries to raise support from individuals and churches in the Philippines.

In the Visayan language there is a word, "ulaw." It is most often translated shame or dishonor, but culturally it is a deeper and more complex emotion. It can be nearly paralyzing to Filipinos. When we ask them to raise their own funds we often hear from our missionaries that it makes them, "ulaw." The Matching Fund is an incentive to help overcome this sense of shame or dishonor. When the missionaries know that donations will be doubled they are often more bold and less "ulaw" to ask for support.

The missionaries make use of, and have come to depend upon, this fund. Unfortunately, donations to this fund have not matched the pace of the payouts from it. The original fund is now depleted. Please prayerfully consider making a donation to the Matching Fund today. You can increase the power of your donation via this fund. When you give to the matching fund your donation is used to double a Filipino congregation's donation and it helps to promote indigenous missions in the Philippines.

Indonesians Coming to Faith in Jesus

By Janice Tompkins



This past Spring one of MCN's Ten-40 Go missionaries working in Indonesia reported that through their team's neighborhood outreach a Muslim woman, named N-(Name withheld for safety), came to faith in Jesus. The changes in N-'s life brought her husband and extended family all to the Lord and they were recently secretly baptized. Before the baptism N- had recurring dreams of her mother, living a good distance away, telling her to come see her as she needed her. Convinced this was the Lord's leading, N- and her family left right after the baptism to see her mother. It turned out that her mother was terminally ill. But before she died N- was able to share her faith in Jesus. N- led her mother, her father, all her family and some neighbors to faith in Jesus, plus some even experienced needed physical healings in Jesus' name! Before N- left to return home in mid August, 10 men, 10 children and 20 women were baptized in the river and she instructed her sister to read to them the Bible every day. Praise the Lord for this amazing move of the Holy Spirit in these people's lives!



"If we believe that we are carrying God's presence and our identity is in Christ, then He will do great things in our lives, change them, and we will witness miraculous things in our midst."

- N-

Satan's Counter Attack

MCN's onsite missionary reports that at the same time a radical Muslim group came into their area of working and has been threatening those that are followers of Isa Almasih (Jesus). All their outreach activity had to go "underground." When N- and her family returned they had to leave their home and transfer to a new place. **Please keep MCN's missionaries in Indonesia, N- and all these new believers in prayer, as the Kingdom of God is advancing, but not without a fierce battle. Praise the Lord, as we stand our ground in prayer, the victory is ours!!**



MCN's Ten 40 Go missionaries are all underfunded. How about making it a Family Project to support one of MCN's Ten 40 Go missionaries for \$20 a month!

Giving...

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