

VICTORY

## Two Successful Conferences and Graduation Service

Greetings in the name of Jesus,

I am so pleased to be reporting on two very successful conferences and a very moving graduation service. Much to our disappointment, our health prevented my wife and me from attending these special services. We monitored the services via telephone and E-Mails as well as reviewing numerous reports which were augmented with very moving pictures of the services.

What a blessing to have such fine people taking care of services in our absence. We offer a very special thanks to all who traveled and made all the necessary sacrifices to help make these services so successful. Eld. Gary Howard of Tulsa, Oklahoma was present again for the sixth time and led the group who helped. Bro. Brian and Sis. Doretha Jones of Bryan, TX were back again for their third visit to the Philippines. Bro. James and Sis. Sandra short and their two small children, Carter who is two years old and baby Avalynn who is nine months old also came to help with services. Bro. Short serves as youth leader in Eld. Howard's church in Tulsa. We are including a message from Eld. Howard in this newsletter.

We are also deeply grateful for Filipino people who so graciously entertained our guests. The Elders showed a remarkable ability to step up and take care of things in our absence. Our office coordinated the complicated itineraries and so ably managed a vast array of other needs. Cooks and other staff performed so ably. We are truly blessed with wonderful people!

God has blessed the work in special ways in the past year, so I was expecting a special move of the Spirit. The conferences ended on the theme of "A New Day!" This spirit has caught on in our work. When I speak with pastors and elders, they are excited about the prospects of gaining new heights in God, especially in outreach. They have already opened new branch works since conference! The Elders report a renewed zeal and determination among the pastors. Thank God!

It was special having Bro. and Sis. Vann Hong and Bro. and Sis. Minh Nhut in from Cambodia where they have labored very faithfully for two years. Their reports were very encouraging and our people rallied around that cause.



After conference, Bro. and Sis. Minh Nhut traveled in Vietnam, recruiting students for ACTS, our Bible College in Manila. Our goal is to have ten new international students when classes resume in June. The Minh's already have seven prospects! This international outreach is a very vital part of our vision for Southeast Asia and our people are dedicated to this cause. ACTS is producing very fine young people for the harvest which is staggeringly vast. Please pray for this great venture.

Bro. and Sis. Short and family arrived in Manila a few days ahead of the rest of the group. They conducted special services among area churches and held a street service where Bro. Short preached to over 200 people. Amen! After finishing the Conference in Mindanao, the Shorts stayed over and preached in three services in Mindanao, reaching out to the youth. Two received the Holy Ghost in those services!

After leaving Mindanao, the Shorts returned to Luzon where he preached in three more churches. I received consistently good reports on those services. I appreciate this young couple and their commitment to this Mission.

After returning to Tulsa, OK, Eld. Howard presented the Shorts to his church, announcing their call to the Philippines. This is an answer to our prayers - that God would give us a good dedicated couple to help us in that country.

In December of 2011, God called this fine couple to the Philippines. Eld. Howard described a very powerful anointing and distinct call witnessed by the Spirit. Since that time, they have been preparing to answer the call. They have already sold their home and vehicle. They held a garage sale to dispose of much of their belongings. They have diligently studied and prepared themselves for this great challenge. They will begin raising funds soon. Please pray for this fine family as they prepare to accept the challenge of missions. Let God speak to your heart about helping them financially so they can get to the field of their calling soon.

The work in the Philippines is well established doctrinally and spiritually. God has given us a stable government and our people have an evangelistic zeal. They teach more than 250 Bible studies each week! I believe this work is ready to grow with the energy and zeal this fine couple will be bringing into this strong, solid work. Pray for these people! Pray for the harvest!

In His Service,

Ew Wheeler



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## **Report from Elder Howard**

February 25 I arrived in Tulsa after a whirlwind trip of 13 days to the Philippines to represent Bishop Wheeler and to conduct the annual General Conferences for the Apostolic Missions to Asia. Pastor and Sis. Brian Jones of Bryan, Texas and my Youth Minister, Bro. and Sis. James Short of Tulsa, Oklahoma accompanied me on this eventful trip. After travelling over 30 hours, within three hours of my arrival at the Mission Headquarters in the greater Manila area I was in attendance of the Bible College graduation which I preached.

The conference began the next morning and continued for the next 5 days. During this time the Lord greatly blessed and strengthened the ministers and saints and several received the Holy Ghost. The conference ended on Sunday and we had Monday off before we flew to the southernmost island of Mindanao where we conducted another conference for the southern area of the Philippines. We saw a great breakthrough in the Spirit and a number of people received the Holy Ghost in those services.

I have been to the Philippines with Bishop Wheeler 5 or 6 times over the past fifteen years and am happy to report that the work is strong and making great spiritual progress. In many ways it is doing the best that I have seen over the years that I have had the opportunity to personally observe. I am very thankful for the many years of sacrifice and labor of Bishop and Sis. Wheeler in this nation and the

very strong work they have established. I feel very good about the future progress and growth of this work and without hesitation highly recommend this end

This is a very Apostolic work with very good government in place and a high degree of accountability in finances and every area of this work. It is very worthy of your prayers and support.

Elder Howard





Eld. Howard addressing ACTS students & alumni





Graduation banquet

The young lady in the cap and gown is Sis. Malinee from Thailand.



Pastor Jones preaching in Mindanao Conference



Bro. and Sis. Short in Mindanao Conference

Welcome service for the Shorts in Bagong Silang