

OUTREACH EFFORTS SHOWNGRESUTS IN BAGONG SLANG

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I am very excited about outreach efforts here in the Headquarters Church in Bagong Silang. After surmounting the hurdles that seem to be inherent in anything we do for God, so many good things are happening here and we are starting to see the results.

This church has been involved in children's outreach for many years. We have a number of people in the church here that are a direct result of children's outreach. Having been developed over the years, this effort is better organized and energized than ever before. Several factors are playing out very well.

First, we have more manpower, in part, because Pastor Balmes encourages young men to get into a business that allows them enough free time to work for God. In the Philippines, it is an employer's market. Employers can be very demanding, often requiring a tremendous amount of time on the job. Because of the deplorable traffic conditions in the city and a lengthy commute leaves very little time for anything but the job. We have a number of people with enough flexibility to be able to spend a good amount of time in evangelism.

We are blessed with participation from all strata of the church. Not only are the young people involved, but others are very committed as well. Bro. and Sis. Miemban are in their late 60's but he is committed to giving God three days of each week. He takes three days to pursue his painting for the needs of his family. The spirit of this couple is influencing others to make deeper commitments to God's service. Here are some impressive numbers from January, 2013:

- 3,059 contacts
- · 218 house-to-house Bible studies
- · 357 people attended these Bible studies
- · 24 teaching points for children
- 158 children attending children's outreach

God has opened doors in a special way. These people go into an area to conduct Bible studies. In addition to each main Bible study, satellite groups spread out in the area and conduct other Bible studies.

A major break-through in this area came when our people gained access to private schools. Presently, each Friday our people conduct organized Bible studies in three private schools from kindergarten through the 6th grade. A new school is scheduled to open in June and our people are already invited teach Bible studies there as well.

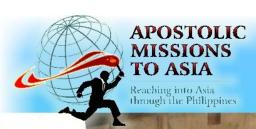
I discussed this with Bro. Short who is anxious to help. He will be helping with curriculum as well as helping with organization. The timing is remarkable. We believe God will reward their labor with many new souls.

Converting people from a pagan culture is lengthy and laborious process, but also very rewarding. We hope these efforts can become a model for other churches in our Fellowship.

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To Left: Pastor Balmes teaching a house-to-house Bible study in Pampanga. Sis. Balmes is seated by him. The electricity was out because of a storm and he used his cellphone to provide enough light to read.

Below: You can see them passing through floodwaters going home.





Above: Children in a private school receiving awards for memorizing Scriptures Below: Children's Bible study led by Sis. Koala





Bro. Fernand (in the tank) and Sis. Jenny (in the white blouse) are recent converts from house-to-house Bible studies.

Sis. Jenny has already received the Holy Ghost.



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