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## Praise & Prayer Notes



**TCM Thanksgiving Conference in Cebu City** - The 53<sup>rd</sup> TCM Grace National Annual Conference will be held in this city on April 19-22 next year. It will be a thanksgiving conference, celebrating God's rich blessings on the 10-year Church Growth Program (2001- 2011) of TCM-Philippines. This special conference has the following objectives: TO OBSERVE a unified thanksgiving for the success of the 10-Year Church Growth Program; TO CHALLENGE the members of the TCM Family to take up the cause of mission; TO DISCUSS strategies in reaching the unreached communities for Christ in the Philippines; TO STRENGTHEN working relationship among the members of the TCM Grace churches; and, TO SET new ministry goals for TCM-Philippines. Serving in the Executive Committee (ExeCom) of the 2011 TCM conference are: *Atty. Climaco Camiso, Jr.*, Chairman; *Engr. Nilo Pilonas*, Vice-Chairman; *Mr. Francisco Sanchez*, Secretary; *Mr. Samson Ballares*, Treasurer; *Mr. Freddie Casagan*, Auditor; All Chairpersons of the various working committees, Members; *Pastor Jesse Crescencio*, Conference Host Coordinator; *Pastor Eufracio Pielago, Jr.*, National Conference Coordinator; and, *Pastor Ben Anderson*, International Conference Coordinator, respectively. The conference ExeCom meets every last Sunday of the month for more planning, review, and follow-up of plans. The 2011 TCM conference expects some 800 delegates and guests to attend and participate in the thanksgiving celebration. At this early, TCM announces also the following venues that will host the two other venues after the conference in Cebu City: 2012 – Davao City; and, 2013 – Metro Manila.

**2010 TCM Conference** – 277 guests and delegates registered for the 52<sup>nd</sup> TCM Grace National Conference in Isabela, northern Luzon, last April 26-29. This number was very significant considering the distance from Mindanao and the Visayas which required big expenses for travel. *Pastor Ben Anderson*, Executive Director of TCM-International, led the group of guest lecturers and preachers (*Pastor Genesis Maraat* and *Pastor Nathan Killion*, both missionaries to Thailand, and *Pastor Ariel Mahilum*, missionary to Cambodia) in discussing the topics that presented challenges behind the conference theme, "Preaching to the Regions Beyond". During the call for missionary service about 50 came forward. Foreign mission reports were also featured during the conference through the representatives from four TCM fields in Southeast Asia: *Pastor Ruddy Akay*, Indonesia; *Pastor Genesis Maraat*, Thailand; *Pastor Ariel Mahilum*, Cambodia; and *Pastor Melchor Guimba*, Laos. Other foreign guests who graced the national event included the following: *Mrs. Joyce Anderson*, wife of *Pastor Anderson*; *Mrs. Eunice Heath*, former missionary to the Philippines; *Dr. Ruth Improso*, missionary to Cambodia; *Pastor Ezra* and his wife *Mrs. Eunice Heng* (Malaysia); and *Mr. Rob Van der Zee* (Holland). Other highlights of the conference were: ordination ceremony for *Pastor Joel Bruzo* and *Pastor Roland Denzo*; recognition ceremony for 29 new TCM workers (three were graduates from the Field Bible School and 26 from the TCM's four residential Bible schools – IGBI).

**Classifications of TCM Workers** – TCM workers are now recognized under the following names: "Pastors" (officially accepted by TCM and/or ordained pastors); "Missionaries" (local or foreign); "Bible Women" (officially accepted by TCM); and, "Workers" (graduates of Field Bible School or residential Bible schools but without official recognition). This action of the board to classify TCM workers under these names is necessary in order to avoid confusion in recognizing the status of the workers and to ascribe appropriate names for them.

**What is TCM- Journey 2010?** – *“Touching Culture for Mission Journey 2010 is 10 days work, fun, ministry journey to Cambodia in Southeast Asia. The first of its kind for TCM-Philippines, it envisions the cross-cultural mission immersion of Filipino Grace Leaders and believers. Each individual determines the purpose of his/her participation in the Journey: the desire to experience firsthand the life and work of a missionary in preparation for a possible future involvement in missionary work, or the desire to see and help the ministry that they or their church have been supporting. For everybody it will be the excitement of being in another country and culture, interacting with the local people spiritually and personally, and experiencing life in a place once called as ‘The Killing Fields’”* Target date for departure is September 3. This project is organized by *Pastor Gerson S. Bermejo*, Executive Director, TCM-Philippines; and *Pastor Ariel & Mrs. Faith Mahilum*, Missionaries to Cambodia. For More information on TCM-Journey 2010, please contact *Pastor Bermejo*: 09178572666.

**“Mission’s Month”** – The month of December is “Mission’s Month” for all TCM Grace Churches in the Philippines. This action was overwhelmingly approved by the delegates during the general assembly of the TCM April conference in Isabela. The assembly also approved the third Sunday of December as “Mission’s Sunday”. It was noted that the observance of the “Mission’s Month” will create and increase more awareness among the members in the churches about mission. It was also suggested that a special offering be taken during the “Mission’s Sunday” and send the offering to TCM to support various Mission’s ministries.

**Church & Individual TCM Membership** – As of April 2010, the number of TCM-affiliated churches has reached 208. These churches have now been issued membership certificates. On the other hand, there are already 3,449 duly registered individual members of TCM. These individuals are now TCM card-bearing members. The TCM leadership appreciates the efforts of our Supervising Ministers and the cooperation of our workers in the implementation of what is required by our TCM By-Laws on membership. (Source of report: Finance Department through *Pastor Ronnie C. Plale*, TCM Local Funds Cashier.)

**2012 TCM Asia Grace Believers’ Conference** - The plan to hold a TCM Asia conference was initially planned in Jakarta, Indonesia last year with *Pastor Ben Anderson*, Executive Director of TCM, International, together with two leaders from the Philippines and their counterparts in Indonesia. Last April 30, 2010, the planning meeting was held in Cauayan City with *Director Anderson* presiding over the meeting. Representatives from TCM fields in Southeast Asia (Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Cambodia, and Laos), together with key TCM leaders from the Philippines, participated in the meeting. Among other outputs of the meeting were: adoption of the suggested statement of purpose for the conference; creation of committees; Jakarta as venue (now Bali); and, Theme: “One Mission”. Bali, Indonesia is the site for this historic conference which will be held sometime in May 2012. This decision to hold the TCM Asia conference in Bali was unanimously approved by the participants of the TCM-Indonesia National Workshop last May 4-7, 2010 in Balikpapan, East Borneo. *Bro. Bert Henry Roeroe* from Indonesia was designated by the participants to check the needed facilities for the conference in Bali. This most awaited great and historic event is the brainchild of *Director Anderson*.

**Grace Church Returnees** – Five churches from a group led by an erstwhile colleague in Mindanao have voluntarily returned to TCM at different times this year. Their decision to return to the mother organization was a welcome move. It has always been TCM’s policy to welcome with wide open arms brethren whose desire is to return to the fellowship of the TCM Family. It is never a part of TCM’s policy to shun brethren from the fellowship. We love unity and TCM endeavors to preserve that unity, for after all it is God’s mandate to preserve, not to destroy that unity. Ephesians 4:3.

**197 Students in Four TCM Bible Schools** – School-Year 2010-2011 opens with 197 enrollees in the four TCM Bible schools. *Pastor Noli B. Ongos*, head of IGBI Department, reports the following breakdown of this enrollment: *IGBI-Tagum* with Campus Director *Calix Fermantes* – 1<sup>st</sup> Year, 32; 2<sup>nd</sup> Year, 15; 3<sup>rd</sup> Year, 16; on internship, 9. *IGBI-Ozamiz* with Campus Director *Noli Ongos* – 1<sup>st</sup> Year, 29; 2<sup>nd</sup> Year, 22; 3<sup>rd</sup> Year, 18; on internship, 19. *IGBI-Bataan* with Campus Director *Dan Banac* – 1<sup>st</sup> Year, 11; 2<sup>nd</sup> Year, 2; 3<sup>rd</sup> Year, 1; on internship, 4. *IGBI-Cauayan City* with Campus Director *Cezs Blas* – 1<sup>st</sup> Year, 11; 2<sup>nd</sup> Year, 2; 3<sup>rd</sup> Year, 1; on internship, 4. This school year also starts to implement the recent action taken by the TCM Executive Committee on the endorsement by the IGBI Department to increase the registration from P1,100 to P1,500 per semester. This action was made in order to assist the Bible schools cope with their operational and incidental expenses.

**Update of Membership** – There is a great necessity to update the present membership of our people in the TCM Grace churches. The data will be needed to determine where we are now in terms of growth both in number of churches and church members. Statistical comparisons of growth since 2001 to 2011 and the previous decade could only be determined when data are available. If the data are gathered as early as October this year, this will help us greatly in assessing and evaluating the information for a more intelligent presentation of outputs at the national conference in 2011. Therefore, due to the immediate and urgent need to gather the information, the Field Ministry Department is “enjoining” all Supervising Ministers, Deputy Supervising Ministers, and all workers in the TCM Grace churches to work together in gathering the data through the copies of the Membership Update Form. Please finish working on the membership update before October 30, 2010. Kindly send thru LBC or JRS the filled out copies of the form to: *TCM Field Ministry Department, 47 Jade St., Goldenville Subd., Banawa, Cebu City*. Thank you for your usual cooperation. (Pastor Jun Pielago)

**“Reach 121 in 2011”** – This catch phrase is the output of the workshop of the Supervising Ministers (SMs), Deputy Supervising Ministers (DSMs), and Department Heads in Cauayan City last April 23-24, 2010. In their workshop, these leaders spent time seeking to answer the questions surrounding the theme, “*A Close Look at the Direction of the TCM Ministry*”. Lead topics during the workshop were: “*Where Are We Now?*”, “*Where Are We Going?*”, “*Where Do We Want to Be?*”, and, “*How Do We Get There?*” After spending time discovering the possible answers to these questions, the participants assessed and evaluated the outputs and arrived at the conclusion of endeavoring together to plant 121 new Grace Churches before December 31, 2011. This aggressive program is in line with “*Target 225 & 5K in 2011*”, a twin goal of the TCM’s 10-Year Church Growth Program (2001-2011). From 2001 to 2009, the SMs of the 23 TCM Ministry Districts in the Philippines reported 104 new churches planted; hence, 121 more new churches are yet to be planted to reach “*Target 225...*” The target for 5,000 new members (“*5K*”) was already “overshoot” in 2009. To date, TCM has 48 pioneering areas that are being nurtured by the different districts to become standard congregations before the target year ends. Another five new areas (mostly urban) are now targeted under the “*Special Church Planting Program*”. From the human standpoint, the task is too big and heavy, but someone said: “*Attempt great things for God; expect great things from God.*”

**Pray for these Meetings & Fellowships:** Workers’ Meeting (LAMISOR), Cagayan de Oro City, July 5; Workers’ Meeting (Surigao del Norte) – Tagbayani, Sison, Surigao Norte, July 10; GRAMIFSOM – Gen. Santos City, July 20-23; Workers’ Meeting (BIGCOR) – Tabaco City, July 29; Men’s Fellowship (Salug Valley & MOCZAN) – Razo Beach, Sicayab, Bucana, Dapitan City, July 30-31; Workers’ Fellowship (Sea-Gold & BagLand) – Zamboanga City, July 28-31; Women’s Circuit Fellowship – Gayola, Kidapawan City, August 6-8.

*“The best thermometer of your spiritual temperature is the intensity of your prayer.” – Spurgeon*



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*TCM VISION-MISSION: “Things to come Mission, Inc. endeavors to follow the global ministry concerns of the Apostle Paul as he follows Christ. It envisions to establish a Grace Church in every municipality and city in the Philippines, and commits itself to win the lost, edify the saints, plant reproducing Grace Churches, and produce committed believers in the teachings of Grace whose lives are Christ-like in character.*”