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Special Report

"I love the organization . . . full, precious, energizing, overwhelming!"

This was how Pastor Doug Cox, Chairman of the Board, TCM-USA and a main speaker, expressed his observations about the TCM Grace National Annual Conference in Lapulapu City, Philippines, April 19-22.

As early as 11:00 a.m. of April 19, the secretariat already registered 300 delegates, served them with materials, lodging accommodations, and lunch. This number rose to almost 600 (450 registered paying delegates, including 29 foreign guests; 61 registered non-paying delegates; and an undetermined number of visitors) when the opening ceremonies started.

At exactly 7:30 p.m., a spectacular display of fireworks caught everybody's attention and it signaled the opening ceremonies of the special thanksgiving conference!

Pastor Ariel Mahilum and Miss Alodia Bethel Camiso – emcees of the opening ceremonies – excitedly and warmly introduced by name each of the participating personalities as they march amidst clicking cameras toward the front of the colorfully decorated platform during the processional: Pastor Joseph & Mrs. Pauline Watkins, Pastor Ben & Mrs. Joyce Anderson, and Pastor Doug Cox led both home and foreign guests, representing Cambodia (Ariel & Faith Mahilum, Myra Omictin, and Pehn Chantta); Indonesia (Ella Indino, Harold & Ella Sigar); Laos (Mel & Freda Guimba); Kenya (Gardner & Lideth Improso); Uganda (Carlo & Elma Pana); the U.S.A. (Eunice & Opal Heath, Cheryl Wilson, and Cindy LaVier); and the Philippines. Included in the processional were: the nine-member TCM board of trustees, seven TCM department heads, 23 TCM supervising ministers, four directors of IGBI campuses, and officers of the conference executive committee.

Among other highlights of the conference were: informative reports of the TCM ministries – both home and abroad; heart-warming and God-glorifying choir festival of praise and thanksgiving (featuring: "The Davao Grace Veracity Choir", "The Metro Manila Choral Grace Ensemble", and "The Cebu Echo of Grace Choir"); wonderful congregational singing; encouraging testimonies of missionaries – representing Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Kenya, and Uganda; and enriching messages and lectures on the conference theme: *"Reaching Our Goals Together for Growth"*.

The closing ceremonies on the third day included the recognition of 45 new TCM pastors and Bible women, and ordination into the ministry of five (5) pastors. Pastor Anderson, Pastor Watkins, and Pastor Cox gave their closing challenges from the Word.

Pastor Ben led the close to 600-strong group of worshippers in the responsive reading of the historic *"We Affirm"* statements of *"The TCM Cebu Affirmation"* which concluded the God-richly blessed three-day thanksgiving and vision-casting conference. (Pastor Jun Pielago)

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."