

MYANMAR

Praise God for the faithful prayers of His people during my recent trip to Myanmar. Can you imagine someone that I don't know, never met and have not seen since, coming to my assistance (after I had passed through Immigration), asked if I was Arnold Doobay, picked up my luggage and led me through Customs without anyone asking a question? As we exited the area she gave me my luggage and two seconds later could not be seen. "The God who makes the blind eyes to see also makes the seeing eyes blind." Unbelievable but true, especially in a military rule country that is very strict. That's the way God works. Sometimes He may send an angel.

Myanmar is a country of only 6% Christians and out of that, about 3% are born-again. Being a Buddhist country with a military government, the Christians face heavy persecution; hence the church meets secretly and under disguise.



Nevertheless God is doing a marvellous work. MATE/FCC is blessed to be part of this ministry and is able to come alongside the believers there and to help in better equipping them for the service of the Lord. January 17 -25 I was privileged to minister to pastors and seminary students (just under 200) who are preparing for pastoral and missionary services. It was reported by the Principal that 99% of these students will be going into full-time missionary work. At the very last session of our teaching 100% of the group stood to their feet, recommitting their lives to the Lord and to the work that He has called them to. Their ministry will

take them not only across the length and breath of Myanmar but on the borders and into India, China and Thailand, all being very difficult areas for sharing the gospel.

These missionaries go out like the 70 sent out by Jesus. Carrying no purse, no staff, no food, just depending on the Lord. There is no promised support and so they live by faith and travel on foot for hundreds of miles. God has been blessing this ministry! To date they have 49 frontline missionaries with 29 churches planted among previously unreached people groups. Their goal is to have 150 frontline missionaries and to plant 150 churches by the end of 2011. They desperately need a building to be used as a Discipleship Training Centre (cost is \$1,800). They have the land.



Pray for them and for us as we trust the Lord to return next year with additional training.

If you would like to be share in this ministry please call the MATE/FCC office for details.

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....inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these...,
you have done it unto Me." Matthew 25:40



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From the Executive Director's Desk:



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We give God thanks for His faithfulness and the faithful supporters who partner with us in prayer and pledges so that the work of God can advance.

The past year provided us with great opportunities for service, open doors into new countries, and one permit and frequency for setting up of another radio station in Kenya. This station will service one of the world's largest slum areas with over one million people.

During the past year the Lord wonderfully provided for shipments of medical equipment and supplies, books, computers, sewing machines etc. to Ecuador, Guyana, Zambia and Kenya.

Ministries in the form of Keswick Conventions, Women's Training, Pastoral Training, medical clinics and CME's in Kenya, Zambia, Suriname, Ecuador, and Guyana were all a success; and for that we give God thanks. Working with the Evangelical Church of Zambia, we were asked to help with the training of at least 500 pastors to fill the needs of 1,400 churches. This denomination has over 1,400 churches and only 60 fulltime pastors. We propose training at least 200 pastors, and assisting 50 toward self sustainability this year.

Training of women to counsel other women in crisis is a great need in all the countries that we work in. The women in the churches are asking that this training be made available to them because there is no-one within their churches to address their problems. Heading up three areas of ministry are Roy Verzosa (Pastoral Training), Marilyn Daniels (Women in Crisis) and Arnold Doobay (Keswick Convention).

In this New Year we are praying for the additional needs to serve in Suriname, Ecuador and Myanmar. In all three countries they are requesting training for their people. We praise God for Isabel Valdez de Escala who is our MATE/FCC representative in Ecuador.

The goat projects in Zambia, Kenya and Guyana have been growing and requests are coming from communities for us to help with sustainability.

MATE/FCC continues to provide assistance to the "Beverly Christian Schools" project in Zambia. Availability of land is still an issue and it is hoped that in the near future land will be made available.

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We thank God for the faithful services of Roy and Judy Verzosa, Elizabeth Fullerton and all our volunteers.

The Lord has provided another missionary worker in the person of Wendy Bourgon who will be going to Chingola, Zambia in July to serve on a long term basis. Also another part time national worker in Guyana in the person of Tony Sookdeo assisting in the Brethren work on the Essequibo Coast.

Pray for these workers: **Zambia** : Humphrey Kabwe, Presley Musonda, David Whealy and Wendy Bourgon. **Guyana**: Tony Sookdeo. **Ecuador**: The Morans.

Thank you for standing and serving with us over the past year and we trust and pray that you will continue as we together trust Him for greater things this year.

In His service,

Arnold Doobay
Executive Director

ECUADOR



The proposed new Maternity Hospital

We praise God for Isabel Valdez de Escala former Consul General of Ecuador in Toronto who is now working with Junta de Beneficencia de Guayaquil as Coordinadora de Relaciones Exteriores (Coordinator of External Relations).



Pray with us as we partner with Junta de Beneficencia de Guayaquil in seeking funding for the building of a new maternity hospital so desperately needed. At present there is an average of 90 to 100 deliveries per day with about 30% by C section.

We are trusting to work with the government clinics and churches in providing health education to the people so that they see the importance of pre-natal services.

THE APOLLOS PROJECT

Equipping the Saints in Expounding the Scriptures



Please join us in praising God for the successful Apollos Project seminars in Kuwait and Qatar last October 22 to November 11. Almost 300 pastors and lay leaders in both countries were trained on how to study the Bible accurately and preach it adequately. Also, we thank the Lord for the privilege to minister to our brother in the Lord, the Philippine Ambassador to Qatar (Amb. Cresente Relation) who was able to attend the first batch of Apollos training. Let's uphold him in prayer as he is not only representing the Philippines in Qatar but more importantly as an ambassador for Christ, that he would be able to accomplish well the task before him. Qatar has about 200,000 Filipino workers (not counting the unregistered ones).



Thank you so much for your prayers and partnership in the ministry! As we face the challenges of 2010, may God continue to use all of us in ways beyond our expectations to help build His Church and give glory to His Name!

Praising God with you,
Rev. Roy Salathiel Z. Verzosa (D. Min.)

ZAMBIA

Wendy Bourgon, former social worker and presently Stephen Minister and Home Church Leader at the Meeting House, went with a MATE/FCC medical team to Zambia in 2006. She has now made application to go under MATE/FCC to live and serve in Chingola. Her vision is to bring hope by joining hearts and hands with the people of Zambia, as well as to provide Christ-centered spiritual and emotional care to those who are hurting. She anticipates working with women and children, as well as with the UYC (United Youth of Chingola).

Remember to pray for Wendy as she steps out in faith and obedience to the Lord's call.

