

WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES Newsletter

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# CHRISTIANS HAVE A MIRACLE-WORKING GOD

Then people take seriously their Christian faith and endeavor to keep their eyes open and minds alert, they find that God is dynamic and active in everyday life. They see God's miracle-working power touching our human lives in a wide variety of ways.

When Jesus sent his disciples out to preach the Kingdom of God and heal the sick, it was not a temporary assignment. When he told them that he would be with them to the end of the age, that was not a limited guarantee for his presence with the apostles only.

God is still active and still working in the hearts and lives of people—whether or not He is recog-**"GOD HAS REPAIRED** 

nized as the One doing the work.

THE PROBLEM" However, Believers witness to his miracle-working presence on a regular basis. The following testimony comes from a lay woman in a local church in Alabama, whose pastor prayed for her and she experienced one of the signs and wonders that accompanied the life and ministry of Jesus.

Her story: "I really have to go back a few months when I woke up one morning and could not walk. I struggled with this for a few days until I could get an appointment with a neurosurgeon. He found that I had a pinched nerve, and while checking me my doctor said that my carotid artery had a problem and I needed surgery. First, I needed a "clearance" from my cardiologist stating that I could be put to sleep for surgery.

It turned out that my left carotid artery was blocked. He said it was totally gone. The right carotid artery was also blocked, but was still working, but that I would probably have to have stints put in the veins.

Before going to the hospital, my pastor, Taylor Gallman and the other members of my church, prayed for me and Pastor Gallman put his hands on my neck.

I went to the hospital for a carotid arteriogram. During the procedure the doctor told me that I did not need "stints." In his own words he said, "God has repaired the problem." The veins on my right side joined the left side of my brain and supplied blood to both sides of my body. The doctor also explained that most

> people with veins as clogged as mine had usually already experienced a fatal stroke.

I will be forever thankful to God for this! I just don't know how to thank him enough. However, I do know that I was blessed with an amazing miracle from

God, through my pastor, Taylor." Marleen

Christians are among the most blessed people on the face of the earth. We have a God who desires to relate to us in ways that bless and benefit our lives. It happens on a daily basis. He not only heals us physically, but also spiritually and emotionally. Beyond that, our God prepares us and gets us ready for eternal life with him in heaven where there is no sickness, disease, suffering, pain or death.

No other religion on the face of this earth acknowledges a god like that! Let us take every opportunity to tell the story of our God's great love for his people.

## Wind of the Spirit Ministries

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#### GOD AT WORK IN PHILIPPINES

"Do you spell it with one L and two P's, or two L's and two P's? Or is it just Filipino?

There are so many contrasts: the Filipino, the Asian and a few pale folk. There is the unique, beautiful architecture of Manila, right alongside the squatter shacks bumping up against the freeways and waterways.

The terraced rice fields, banana plantations, mountain highlands, pineapple fields and road-side shops selling fruits and vegetable and everything else, are everywhere.

And people! People! Waiting for transportation that takes hours to get there! Standing with babes in arm! Watching the traffic go whizzing by!

Just try to imagine: Hundreds of horn honking cars and buses going full speed, with motorcycles carrying 2-4 passengers zooming between them. Jeepneys with people hanging out all over them, squeezing in between tricycles carting everything from people to pigs to packages—all tearing along the roads, butting in and nosing out, by ½ inch, the next vehicle! You bounce along like you're river rafting with way too many rafts on the river. But only one accident was seen and there is no road rage!

People of all hues in bright colored attire, walking along side the roads with barely inches between them and the vehicles! Children also! And dogs and cats and chickens! All seem to know not to step ½ inch into the road! All except one kitten ... Then life is brutal and cheap!

The people are so gentle and kind and generous! They are givers! (Fortunately, they don't weigh suitcases going home!)

But like most places; there are those who are not kind! Bethesda Retreat Center, (where we stayed) came out of the latter group! Eleven years ago burglars broke in and killed Adelfia's husband and stabbed her 11 times. She managed to call the police but went thru a long time of recovery and depression. But, out of it, Bethesda Retreat Center was born to help others. Now it is a place of beauty and rest for those in need. And, oh my, how that woman can cook!

From the time these people are born, they are taught great respect for their elders. They take your hand, bend over it and place it on their forehead for a blessing! Even the babies! It never fails to humble one!

Whatever you are carrying, is always taken and carried for you. "Too heavy for you, Mum." You will be taken by the arm or hand and helped across the street, or up the stairs or seated or wherever. "Mum, let me help you." Debating the subject does no good! Eventually, you realize how nice it feels to have someone's hand in yours, making sure you get where you're going without incident. They are not overtly demonstrative in public, but they will stand and hold your hand anytime!!

The Philippines is a place of beauty and wonder! A place that changes you! A place where Believers' commitment to the Lord Jesus is so profound that you wonder who is telling the 'good news,' you or they?

Did I travel all that way for them or for myself? It changes you, no matter how you spell the name."

Team member, Audrey Eddings

### The CUP of blessings



The last night of our time with our awesome Philippine's sisters and brothers in Christ, they gave us a surprise party and showered us with many gifts. They are such a giving people. But one gift for each of us meant more than any other. We each received a cup of blessings from separate individuals that we were connected with

during our many places during the two weeks. Each cup was a dainty flowered cup filled with grape juice, but the individual blessings were expressed by each person to fit the individual. The blessings were given and then we each drank the juice in the cup filling us with the blessings that had been bestowed on us. And the tears flowed with joy. They covered us with the blood of Jesus. Oh how blessed we were with those precious people filled with the Holy Spirit. Team member, Donna Kirkpatrick

LARRY preached for the Sunday service at the Puno UMC in Quezon City. David Sablan is pastor of the

English speaking congregation. This is a small part of the Sunday congregation. It was a dynamic worship experience. There is always time for a picture, or more, at the conclusion of any ministry event.



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#### **More News About the Philippines**

How exciting to be led by the Spirit to become part of the WOSM Team that left Seattle on January 19<sup>th</sup> for the Philippines. We are so blessed to reconnect with many friends from earlier visits: Pastor David, Pastor Pol, and Evie are the Manila team that we worked with for the past two weeks...they are such a joy to be ministering with.

For me the highlight of the trip was the visit to Belance, in Nueva Viscaya, where we met up with the UCCP (United Church of Christ Philippines) Pastors Mateo, Ricardo, Danilo and Jay John that we first met at Bagio in 1999 at the Aldersgate Conference. At that time they were teenagers in Bible School at Imugan where Delbert Rice has served as a UMC missionary for many years. His son, Tim, led a group of about 12 young students on a three day hike to Bagio. The Aldersgate Conference was their first encounter with the Holy Spirit and now here we are with them again as young pastors. WOSM sponsored Mateo through Seminary and Connie and I sponsored Ricardo...it turns out that they in fact shared our support so that all of them were able to complete Seminary in Bayombong. All the young Pastors now have churches and both Ricardo and Mateo are involved with new building projects. They all live in different tribal mountain communities in the area and maintain fellowship through UCCP...apparently the Methodists stay in the valleys! They are all married and have children except Mateo who's working on it. What a blessing to share life stories and how the Lord has worked in our lives. This is a somewhat primitive area...and we learn a new dimension to the term "Comfort Room." The kitchen ladies do an incredible job preparing our meals over open wood fires using some of the biggest Woks I've ever seen. Anyone who shows up at meal times gets to eat...what a great concept – sounds like the early church!

People have travelled on foot from outlying villages for many hours to be at Mateo's church for the WOSM event. We minister with the local pastors for a couple of days and they do a wonderful job interpreting for us. David and Pol do not speak the local heart language and so the young pastors are essential as we minister to the people who speak Ilocano only. Language is so important in healing ministry and we are very dependent on the local pastors for good communication. God is doing His work and after some of the sessions the people give testimony in song and we are brought to tears on many occasions...what a gift from God this ministry experience is. Once again the Lord has allowed me to participate in His ministry as part of a WOSM team...surely one of the most fulfilling moments in my life. I'm reminded of the scripture that says something like: "How lovely are the feet of them who bring good news on the mountain tops"...thank you Jesus.

On the way down from the mountains we stop at Ricardo's church...its 25 meters off the road, we are told, we didn't expect that to be a vertical distance - but it was! Agnes prepares a real breakfast feast for us in their tiny parsonage kitchen...what an incredible feat. They have two boys and one is just a baby....Agnes is expecting a baby girl in a few months and Ricardo assures me that they are now finished creating babies. We say goodbye to Jay John, Danilo and Ricardo's family before taking Mateo to the school where his wife works...they are so very pleased to see each other after being separated for several days. We enjoy the school's hospitality and say goodbye once again before heading out on the 10 hour drive back to Manila to share our stories with Audrey and Donna

What a trip! I thank God and those people who made it possible for me to be blessed to be a blessing. Thanks, Team member, Bob Cashmore

THE MINISTRY TEAM WISHES TO GIVE SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO CONTRIBUTED TOWARD THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSION TRIP TO THE PHILIPPINES. WE ALSO WISH TO THANK YOU FOR COVERING US WITH YOUR PRAYERS.

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# MINISTRY CALENDAR

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FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 1	Mini-Healing Academy, Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY
MARCH 3-4	Mini-Healing Academy, Asbury Theological Seminary, Dennam Campus, Orlando, FL
APRIL 9-13	Full 4 1/2 Day Healing Academy, Silverdale UMC, Silverdale, WA

It is always a privilege to conduct a Healing Academy at the Asbury Theological Seminary in Wimore, KY. This year the Academy will be expanded to include the Asbury campus in Orlando, FL. This dynamic seminary trains men and women for Christian ministry across a variety of denominations, including the United Methodist Church.

We give special thanks to Peg Hutchins who arranges for the WOSM presence on the campus and for her committed leadership in healing and wholeness ministry at the seminary.