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TANIKALA

ANG LIHIM NG IKATLONG AKLAT

Featuring Miriam Quiambao, Izzy Trazona and Icko Gonzalez

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A wife bound to a longstanding and lethal curse. A young man trapped in a spiral of sinful addictions. A faith healer chained to a false and evil power.

This Holy Week, witness how these

real people with real bondages were set free from the shackles of darkness on *Tanikala: Ang Lihim ng Ikatlong Aklat*.

Partners of CBN Asia bring another exciting installment of *Tanikala*, the

supernatural thriller series watched by millions of viewers during Semana Santa and proclaimed freedom and light to the spiritually oppressed.

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Bringing Light in the Darkness

By John Tan, Executive Vice President
& Chief Operating Officer



It's always great to see CBN Asia doing more productions outside our regular TV programming. Two years ago, we stretched out to

telesines with the *Tanikala* series airing on Holy Week. Praise God for our partnership with GMA Network, we've been successful in broadcasting to not just thousands but millions of viewers.

Tanikala is a special and strategic project for gaining new audiences that we don't normally reach through *The 700 Club Asia*. It also gives us a beautiful opportunity to dramatize great testimonies of God's grace and love for people, that He is able to bring them out of darkness and into His light.

This 2011, the trilogy of stories in *Tanikala: Ang Lihim ng Ikatlong Aklat* gets even more exciting with celebrities and actors portraying real people who were possessed, abused, and trapped in spiritual and emotional darkness, but experienced a mighty deliverance. I encourage you to spread the word about *Tanikala* to your family and friends so they, too, can experience God's supernatural power.

Our prayer is that we can do more telesines, and even full-length films, in the coming days. These are opportunities to share God's love to those who need it the most. By being available in different forms and avenues, we can reach out to more Filipinos, so they can learn about God's goodness in their lives.



Tanikala: Ang Lihim ng Ikatlong Aklat unveils the dark pasts of Mercy Salva, Jonaver Luklukan, and Gory Mendoza, and how the malevolent forces in their lives almost consumed them.

On Maundy Thursday, singer-dancer Izzy Trazona plays Mercy on *KULAM*. Since childhood, Mercy has experienced life-threatening events because of a curse from a legion of malignos. She got married but remained childless. Mercy was forced by her husband to consult an albularyo, which resulted to a terrifying growth in her stomach every full moon. The evil scheme was brought upon her by a witch that only wanted to kill her and destroy her marriage. Will it be too late for Mercy?

On Good Friday, *WASAK* tells the story of gospel singer Jonaver, portrayed by theater actor Icko Gonzalez. Sexually abused as a child, Jonaver grew up with a distorted view of love and sex. With his father getting involved in the drug trade, he also fell hard to the trap of drug and sex addiction to cover up the pain of a lost innocence. With a broken and crushed spirit, he stopped singing. Can Jonaver still find something worthwhile to sing about?

Then on Black Saturday, *PANATA* stars beauty queen Miriam Quiambao as Gory, a woman who grew up believing she's incapable of anything because she was physically and mentally weak. Longing for approval and purpose, Gory sought help from the powers of mysticism and claimed to bear the ability to heal people. One day, she fell gravely ill, and despite her "gift," she could not heal herself. In her quest to save lives, can Gory rescue her own?

Invite your family and friends to see how the battle of light and darkness play out on *Tanikala: Ang Lihim ng Ikatlong Aklat*. Catch it on April 21, 22, and 23, 5:00 p.m. on GMA.

Get exclusive *Tanikala* content, previews, and behind-the-scenes interviews when you follow us on [facebook.com/tanikala3](https://www.facebook.com/tanikala3) or on our official website: cbnasia.org/tanikala3.

LOOK HOW GOD BLESSES CBN ASIA PARTNERS!



"Pressed down, shaken together, running over!"

It was already exam week, but Vincent Alvarado's tuition fee was yet to be paid. It's also his last year in college, and he had no means to pay his graduation fee. While watching *The 700 Club Asia's* live TV special "*Bata, Bata, Ikaw ang Bida*," Vincent felt the urge to pledge to CBN Asia, despite his pressing need.

"I got P200 out of my wallet, and even encouraged my young cousin to give as well. I explained where his money

will be used. He then gave P50 without hesitation."

The next day, Vincent's mom received payment from a loan worth P15,000, plus P500 from his uncle. He only gave P250, but God provided all the means for Vincent to graduate from college.

"Even if I'm still young, God accepted my small gift because I gave wholeheartedly," Vincent said.

Izzy Trazona

Real Drama

From dancing and singing, Izzy hones her acting skills in a real-life story of a cursed woman.

Question: What inspires you about your character in *Tanikala*?

Izzy Trazona: Ginagampanan ko ang role ni Mercy sa "Kulam."

Bilib ako kay Mercy kasi kahit na talagang grabe yung mga nangyari sa kanya, as in sunud-sunod simula pagkabata hanggang sa nagka-asawa na siya, nandoon pa rin 'yung paninindigan niya at 'yung tiwala niya sa Diyos. Nandoon pa rin na nilalabanan pa rin niya at nakakapit pa rin siya kay God. Kaya sobrang nabilib ako sa kanya.

Q: How does it feel playing your first lead role?

Izzy: Nakakatuwa na binigyan ako ni God ng blessing na ganito, na maging lead sa isang story na true-

to-life pa. Kailangan ko talagang gawin 'yung best ko kasi totoong nangyari ito, hindi gawa-gawa lang.

Q: What should viewers watch out for in "Kulam"?

Izzy: Grabe 'yung scenes ni Mercy. 'Yung paglaki ng tiyan niya, saka 'yung scenes na we were praying na sobrang nakaka-touch talaga. Saka 'yung scenes with the mangkukulam, dapat abangan ng mga manonood 'yun. Doon mo makikita na totoo pala, totoo pala 'yung kulam.

Miriam Quiambao

Tough Act to Follow

The beauty queen-turned-actress shares how she tackled one of her "hardest roles."

Question: How will you describe your character in *Tanikala*?

Miriam Quiambao: It is a very challenging role about a lady named Gory who, although simple, maraming mga pangarap, medyo may pagka-outcast sa society, very insecure, feeling niya wala siyang abilidad, at na demon-possess siya. Gory is probably one of the hardest roles I've ever done so far.

Q: How did you prepare for this role?

Miriam: A lot of prayers, kasi demon-possessed 'yung role. On top of that, nagbabasa lang ako ng script. Ginagawa ko yung magagawa ko para ma-imbibe ko 'yung character at ma-immers ko 'yung sarili ko doon sa shoes ng character.

Q: What was the most challenging scene you did?

Miriam: 'Yung breakdown scene ni Gory sa simbahan.

Challenge sa akin na maging vulnerable, na umiyak sa harap ng tao. 'Yung character ni Gory ay parang napakalalim ng pinang-gagalingan ng insecurities, desperation, at hopelessness niya, so medyo dun ako nahirapan talaga.

Q: How does it feel playing a lead role in a suspense thriller?

Miriam: Na-excite ako kasi first time ko na maging bida, especially because I know that the goal for this particular project is for the glory of God. Noong binigay sa akin 'yung script, I was challenged. Of course, I've had my moments of really deep emotions, pero 'yung demon-possessed, 'di ko pa na-experience 'yun.



"It never stopped raining miracles!"



Myrna Gozarin, who resigned from her teaching position, was doubly troubled when her daughter also lost her job. But she found assurance and relief when, while watching *The 700 Club Asia*, Coney Reyes prayed for a woman struggling with job loss and worrying about her family's finances.

"My heart leaped with joy when Coney said I should not worry because God will fix the situation for me and He will provide. I claimed that promise from God."

Overwhelmed with happiness, Myrna decided to

become a member of CBN Asia, and then the miracles started pouring in. Her daughter was immediately hired at a call center, while the trouble at Myrna's former workplace was finally resolved. She also witnessed God's healing power when her son and her nephew were both healed from back pain while praying with Peter Kairuz on *The 700 Club Asia*.

Myrna said, "I am really amazed at how God worked things out. It's true that all things work together for good to those who love Him!"

A Time To Be Vigilant

How should Filipinos respond to the spreading unrest in the Muslim world?



In the news, we see upheavals in the Middle East and North Africa, but what Bert (not his real name) sees is a golden opportunity for missions.

"I believe God is using these events so Muslims can discover the truth about Christ," says Bert, one of the pioneer graduates of Asian Center for Missions. For years, he carefully yet passionately shared the Gospel in Saudi Arabia and Libya, introducing Jesus to Islamic clerics, as well as OFWs.

The Filipino missionary believes that his fellow kababayans must stand in prayer and vigilance for such a crucial moment for the Good News.

"I think this is a perfect time for OFWs in these countries to rehabilitate 'spiritually' the areas where there is conflict. They need to vigorously pray for it," Bert adds. His words echo the very heart of ACM's *Global Bayanihan* campaign: empowering overseas Filipinos as a new breed of missionaries and a shining light to nations in turmoil.

"OFWs have a special role in missions, and this holds true especially among Muslims, who often feel rejected and neglected," says Bert. "But Filipinos have a special capacity to reach out to them and have them experience God's love, which is crucial for Muslims to have a spiritual breakthrough."

To learn more about ACM's *Global Bayanihan* campaign, visit acmnet.org or follow us on [facebook.com/globalbayanihan](https://www.facebook.com/globalbayanihan).

Faith That Bears Fruit

All Dory Bobis wants is a child to call her own.



Dory's life is almost complete—a loving husband, a stable job, a comfortable home—except for one thing: she was childless due to her irregular menstrual cycle and a big deal of stress.

She and her husband Allan could only shrug off the taunts from family and friends and hope for a miracle. For five years, Dory longed and waited.

"My faith was tested, but I held on to it. I refused to believe our marriage would remain fruitless. I never ceased praying," she said. She would always cry her heart out to The 700 Club Counseling Center.

"Each time I call the Counseling Center, not only do I get fresh encouragement, but I also find listening ears that let me pour out my deepest sentiments," Dory added. "I'm completely refreshed and my depression suddenly turns into joy."

After years of non-stop praying, her plea was finally granted. In August 2009, she finally became pregnant with a baby boy. "It was indeed a miracle and a very timely birthday present for me. We could not stop thanking God for granting our hearts' desire!" she said.

Dory and Allan are now living happily with their angel named Aidan, which means "fiery faith."

Do your prayers need breakthrough? Let us pray for you!
Call our 24/7 Counseling Center at 810-7176 or 810-7717.

"God opened the windows of heaven!"

Bankrupt and deep in debt, Edith Colesio and her family hit their lowest. Due to their tough situation, her daughter had to stop schooling and her husband became depressed.

The day came when she found herself staring at their last P2,000. Worry began to plague her, but after watching an episode of *The 700 Club Asia*, she was challenged to give out of extreme lack. She pledged P500 without hesitation yet full of faith.

Edith decided to use the remaining P1,500 as

capital for a small food business. To her surprise, her venture clicked, and soon they were able to sustain their daily needs. A few weeks later, her husband received a new business opportunity. Investments kept rushing in and soon their business boomed and they cleared all their debts.

The Colesio family received more than what they asked for: a new car, a condo unit, an office, and their daughter was able to go back to school! "I am so glad I trusted God! It's just amazing!" Edith exclaimed.



Sarangani

His Window to the World

Thanks to OB partners, Tatay Willie gets to see the world outside his hut.



The Operation Blessing medical mission team in Sarangani was already packing up for the day when a barangay official begged them to visit Tatay Willie. The 77-year-old man lives alone in his dark and dingy hut. This has been his lonely world since he fell from a coconut tree and became a paraplegic 14 years ago.

Doctors said it would be impossible for him to walk again, so he gets around using only his arms. With his wife abandoning him and his only child living far away, Tatay Willie feels he no longer has anything to live by. He depends on kind neighbors who once in a while visit him, bring him rice and water, and attend to his other needs.

The OB team tried to share God's love to the old man as best as they could: a pat on the back, words of encouragement, and a prayer. When asked what he dreams most, he readily answered, "I want to get up and see what it looks outside this place."

The team left knowing there is a way Tatay Willie's dream can be realized. They returned the next day with a wheelchair from Free Wheelchair Mission to help him "walk" along paths he loved best, visit his neighbors, and simply see the beauty of his surroundings.

Tatay Willie cried when he saw the wheelchair. God has not forgotten him, and he immediately felt His warm embrace.

Bohol

A New Boat for Grandma

OB gave Lola Arsenia what she needs most to provide for her grandkids.

Arsenia Badajos lives at a decrepit hut at the edge of Pangapasan Island, a small fishing village. At 50, she does what most grandmas would give up doing: fishing out in the open sea, diving for seaweeds she can sell, and providing for five grandchildren.

Lola Arsenia's daughter entrusted the five kids to her care, promising she'll look for work and come back soon. Three years went by, and the mother of her grandchildren still hasn't returned.

"Her friends say she's gone for good. She abandoned her children," Lola Arsenia said, left with the burden of feeding her grandkids. To do this, she scours the shoreline for seashells and washed-out coconuts that she can exchange for rice, or begs for leftovers from the fishermen's catch.

"Every day, I pray that the Lord will bless us with food so the kids can have something to eat," she said. If only she has her own *barato* or boat, it would be an answer to her prayer.

Always ready to help, Operation Blessing provided Lola Arsenia with a fishing boat that she can use to haul in her own bounty from the sea. Also, OB signed up her grandchildren for the Orphan's Promise program, where they will receive assistance for their food and schooling.

As Lola Arsenia prays over her new *barato*, she can only exclaim, "*Salamat sa Ginoo!*" an outpouring of gratitude to God, as well as to you, our CBN Asia partner!

Camotes Islands

Freed From Agony

An OB medical mission saved a man from further torture.

How does it feel to pull out large staple wires pierced on your skin? "It's very painful," Rey Sablas said with certainty.

Mang Rey had surgical staple wires clamped on his skin after his left thigh was cut open from an accident. He was fortunate to get support for his operation in Cebu City, but when he returned to his home in Camotes, his family was cash-strapped and worse than before. They were in such dire lack that it prevented him from returning to the city hospital to have the wires on his skin removed.

Desperate to get back on his feet soon, Mang Rey, using a nail cutter, cut the wires and pulled them out while wincing in pain. He did this several times at a torturous price, successfully removing 21 staples.

"I can no longer remove the remaining wires because it's starting to feel really painful," he said.



Thankfully, Mang Rey doesn't need to endure more agony. Operation Blessing came to his village for a medical mission, where doctors and surgeons set him free from those awful staples.

"I'm so thankful that Operation Blessing came here. *Salamat sa Ginoo na gagaling na ako!*" he exclaimed. And to help him get back on track, OB entrusted his family with their own sari-sari store business for them to grow and keep.

Blessing after blessing left a hopeful smile on Mang Rey, a father excited to recuperate soon.

YOUR GIFT CAN TRANSFORM LIVES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY!

When you give to CBN Asia, you become our partner in improving lives of our indigent *kababayans* through Operation Blessing medical missions, wheelchair distributions, livelihood projects, and other outreaches. Make a lasting impact now by sending in your gift through an MLhuillier branch near you today!

The 700 Club Radyo

Truth Be Told on Sa Totoo Lang

Kata Inocencio and Alex Tinsay tell us more about CBN Asia's new radio program.

There's a new tandem on AM radio that's giving the airwaves an inspiring lift while still grounded on Biblical truth.

Seasoned broadcasters and *The 700 Club Asia* hosts Kata Inocencio and Alex Tinsay bring in their decades of experience and passion for sharing the Good News to *Sa Totoo Lang: The 700 Club Radyo*.

Just two months after its launch on Radyo Inquirer last January,

Sa Totoo Lang was extended from 30-minute broadcasts to one-hour episodes on weekday afternoons. This means more time for listeners to enjoy the show's enlightened commentary, helpful public service, and inspiring testimonies.

So what puts *Sa Totoo Lang* on a league of its own in AM radio?

Let the show's anchors tell you:

How is *Sa Totoo Lang* different from other radio programs?

Ito ay iba kasi iba na ang perspective natin. Para tayong nagbibigay ng liwanag sa mundong madilim. Para tayong rope na nagsisilbing lifeline sa mga tao.

What can listeners expect from this new show?

Mag-expect sila ng mga buhay na patotoo na talagang life-changing. It never ceases to amaze me na marinig ang mga ito. Para sa akin, it makes my life richer dahil nagkakaroon ako ng vicarious feelings na nandoon din ako sa testimony.

What excites you in anchoring *Sa Totoo Lang*?

Exciting kasi I'm back to radio na nakakilala na ako kay Lord. So fresh na ang pananaw ko. I believe talagang marami pang naghihintay na, through this program, the love of God will open the floodgates for them, so they can be won for the Lord.



How is *Sa Totoo Lang* different from other radio programs?

Nagbibigay tayo ng advice na naka-base sa Biblia, kasama ang 24/7 Counseling Center na naka-back up sa atin. So kahit tapos na ang programa, patuloy pa rin tayong nakakatulong sa ating listeners.

What can listeners expect from this new show?

May combination tayo ng public service at radio drama na hango sa totoong buhay, hindi kathang-isip. The show is also interactive dahil live siya. Puwedeng tumawag sa telepono, puwedeng mag-Facebook ang ating listeners, puwede silang ma-involve sa ating programa.

What excites you in anchoring *Sa Totoo Lang*?

Sa Totoo Lang is a major breakthrough for Christian broadcasting. Magandang pagkakataon ito not just for The 700 Club Asia to broadcast its inspiring stories on radio, but also for the masses to benefit from the encouraging and life-transforming stories we have for them.

Make *Sa Totoo Lang* your daily lunch habit! Tune in to Kata and Alex from Monday to Friday, 12:30 p.m., on DZIQ Radyo Inquirer 990 on your AM radio, or via live Internet streaming at www.dziq.am. You can also join in our daily discussion and hear your views read on air! Just follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/satotoolang.

Partner News

CBN Asia Ties Up with iRemit for Faster Overseas Donations



Good news for CBN Asia partners abroad! Now it's faster and easier to send your

donations when you give through iRemit.

CBN Asia recently partnered with iRemit for hassle-free transactions of donations from anywhere in the world with an iRemit remittance center.

iRemit is the largest publicly listed, Filipino-owned non-bank remittance company, accredited by SSS, PhilHealth, and Pag-IBIG for fast and accurate remittances.

If you are abroad, visit your nearest iRemit center where you fill out an application form,

making sure you indicate "CBN Asia" or "700 Club" as the beneficiary. You then submit the accomplished form together with your donation. It's that simple, and free of charge!

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