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## ACM AND CAMACOP: ADVANCING GOD'S KINGDOM TOGETHER

Asian Center for Missions (ACM) and the Christian and Missionary Alliance Churches of the Philippines (CAMACOP) recently signed a memorandum of agreement signifying both parties' commitment in empowering more Christian believers to bring the Gospel to many nations.

"We know that we cannot do our mission alone. Both CAMACOP and ACM have God's intended,

complementary, and distinct roles in advancing the work of God's Kingdom," says Rev. James Quisquirin, CAMACOP's Executive Vice President for Missions.

For the past few years, ACM and CAMACOP have been working closely together. CAMACOP members Dr. Jerome Ares, Dr. Kenneth Gerada, and Rev. Quisquirin are both Global Bayanihan council members of ACM Central Luzon, Western Visayas, and NCR, respectively.

Nine ACM graduates who now serve in Nepal, the Czech Republic, Mongolia, Cambodia, Tibet, and Paraguay are CAMACOP-recognized missionaries.

As CAMACOP President Bishop Reniel Nebab clearly says, "ACM's cause is something that we are also passionate about, and we want to contribute and be part of the bigger body in doing the Great Commission."

CAMACOP was established in

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*From the Director's Desk*

## A Partnership Based on God's Love



I think the best mission verse is John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have an everlasting life."

This verse shows that God is a missionary-sending God. He sent Jesus as a missionary, with the world as the mission field, the giving of self as the mission method, and love as the motivation.

It is very clear that the love we received from the Father, that flowed through Jesus and the disciples must flow in the community of believers and released into the world. The whole intention of love is to release it to the world through us, not to confine it to ourselves.

The main problem in missions today is not the lack of money and committed people, but love that is inadequate, misdirected, stagnant, or diluted. We are called to create a missionary community that highly values and practices godly love.

In this issue of Sinag Lahi we featured the partnership between ACM and CAMACOP, a partnership based on God's love to us, through us, and to the world.

This partnership became possible because love is shed from our hearts to our CAMACOP brothers, who together with us want God's love to flow into the world.

  
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1901 in Zamboanga City, and since then has planted close to 3,000 churches nationwide, making it one of the largest Christian evangelical groups in the country.

In the MOA, CAMACOP commits itself to mobilize its members for missions and refer potential missionaries to ACM's missionary training program. ACM will equip these missionaries for long-term cross-cultural ministry. Both parties agree

to consult each other in sharing expertise and resources in training, sending, and missionary care for ACM graduates.

As CAMACOP and ACM work together in close partnership, their service to the Body of Christ will not only strengthen both organizations' vision of reaping the end-times harvest but also turn it into a reality.

## Global Bayanihan Council Missions is the Heart of God

Pastor James Quisquirin is a member of the Global Bayanihan council of ACM National Capital Region. He is one of ACM's many unsung heroes—giving his time and expertise to help further the Great Commission.

Being the Executive Vice-President for Missions of CAMACOP, Pastor James' heart is to mobilize individuals to be involved in fulfilling the Great Commission.

"Missions is the heart of God," he asserts. "Unfortunately, it's sometimes treated as the least important ministry in the church, occupying a small chunk of the church's evangelism department."



Through conducting Kairos courses for his denomination, Pastor James is helping transform many of its participants' understanding of missions. Potential missionaries are then referred for training at ACM, where he screen applicants and mentor students.

"Our denomination envisions transformed communities with missions-driven Christian

congregations here and abroad for the glory of God," he shares.

"Given that 'Missionary' is our 'middle name,' we are focused on proclaiming the good message of the Gospel in places where many have not heard of it."

## Global Bayani God's Banner in the Himalayas

Many had stood with their country's flag on the highest mountain peak in the world. But who will take God's banner to unreached people groups in the Himalayas?

Tony\* of CAMACOP resigned as a customs broker and began studying in Bible schools, praying for God to use Him in the mission field.

"God showed to me the Himalayan region in visions and dreams. From then on, God impressed in my heart the unreached in that region and beyond," he said.

As part of his ACM training, Tony went to Nepal and stayed at altitudes as high as 5,500 meters to visit his target church planting site.

"This is a humanly impossible mission.



Many acquaintances discouraged me from pursuing my calling, but it never dawned on me to doubt God," he said.

Today Tony is back in Nepal with his family to turn his vision a reality. He and his wife are busy handling English classes for Sherpas. One of their students is a former Buddhist monk who became a Christian. He is undergoing discipleship and soon will be trained in church planting.

*\*Real name withheld for security purposes.*

## Missionary Family Sowers Become Goers

Last year Richel Maraas, his wife Melody, together with their three kids, flew to Mongolia to fulfill their long-awaited dream as a missionary family.

“My wife and I have the unity to reach our chosen people group and lead them into knowing Christ,” said Richel, a CAMACOP pastor and former regional manager of ACM Western Visayas in Bacolod City.



As missions mobilizers for ACM, Richel and Melody experienced a deeper passion and a wider perspective for the Great Commission. It didn't take long for them to confirm their calling as frontliners in the field.

“After praying for two years, God provided us an opportunity to start a

ministry in Mongolia,” says Richel.

Melody, worrying for her family, was uncertain at first, until God gave her a go signal through a promise in Psalm 118:17:

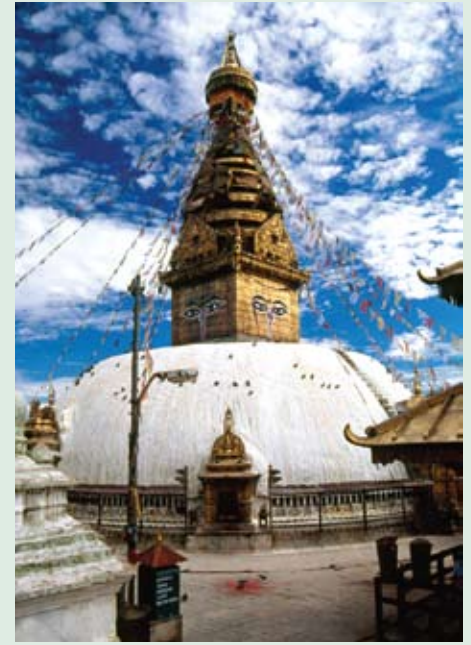
“I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.”

The mission field can be quite challenging for the Maraas children, but Anna, 13, was more inspired than daunted. “My obedience is the least thing I can contribute

to my parents' mission and for God,” she said.

The Maraas, a new breed of OFWs, look forward to reaping a good harvest for God's Kingdom, working together as a modern-day missionary family.

## Nepal His Best Decision



ACM graduate and CAMACOP missionary Alex\* has been helping homeless children since 2004.

He works for an NGO that offers refuge, counseling, and emergency care to more than 300 kids living and working in the busy streets of Nepal.

He currently volunteers in an orphanage where he administers first aid to street children needing medical attention. He makes sure he prays for these kids' healing. One of them was completely healed from a kidney problem after continuous praying.

“Most of these kids were abused physically, verbally, and even sexually,” Alex says. And so he praises God for the opportunity to share the love of Jesus by spending quality time with the children and giving them words of affirmation.

“My prayer is that God will continue to use me as His instrument to extend His love and care,” he adds. He also rejoices with the Lord of the Harvest for what He has done in him and through him.

“So much has happened,” Alex says, “but God has proven that He is more faithful to meet all my needs and to take good care of His people.”

Alex claims he made the best decision of his life when he chose to serve God in Nepal, and now he looks forward to what the Lord has planned for him in the future.

*\*Real name withheld for security purposes.*

## Laos Letting the Light Shine

Where darkness seems to cloud the hearts of many, God sends people who are willing to let His light shine with boldness and conviction.

Jenny\* was called for that purpose. For nine months in Laos, Jenny committed her life to share God's love in a place where one can't openly speak nor teach about Jesus.

She was a volunteer English teacher in Vientiane. With the Great Commission in her heart, she grabbed the opportunity to introduce Christ to students. Through “friendship evangelism,” Jenny knew the only way to plant a seed of the Gospel in their hearts is to understand them first.

Many times she got blank faces, but she didn't give up. As she came to know her students more personally, she became more burdened.

“They didn't even know who Jesus is. They thought ‘Jesus’ is a name for a game. I felt so much compassion for them,” shared Jenny, an ACM graduate and

CAMACOP missionary.

As time went by, her students started to open up as she befriended them. They became more curious about Jesus, and some of them already accepted Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. Her labor and patience were not in vain.

“It really takes time. But it's all worth it. The joy of seeing His light glowing in their lives is indescribable.”

*\*Real name withheld for security purposes.*



# Global Anihan

## WEST AFRICA



Last November, **Benjamin\*** mobilized pastors to bring God's Word to an animist tribe camp through evangelism tracts and film showing. He also ministered to a demon-possessed woman, who accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior after her deliverance. Many were also reached out through a night of worship and Scripture and music workshop.

*Pray for favor and protection for Benjamin as he strengthens his ministry.*

## CAMBODIA



Just when **Nancy** felt she was at the end of her rope due to tiredness and

frustrations, God encouraged her to press on with 20 new people who received Jesus in their hearts. Nancy and her team went to minister to a village, where they met a lady involved in spirit worship. But after hearing the Gospel, this lady received Christ as her true Lord and Savior.

*Pray for spiritual nourishment for these new souls hungry to know more of Jesus.*

## INDONESIA



**Rick\*** and **Faith\*** are thanking God for eight years of ministry among Buddhists in Indonesia. Rick was blessed to teach English not only among university students but to members of the regional judiciary and parliament. They are also praising God for a church plant, where students, expats, and Buddhists who undergone water baptism are now involved in different ministries.

*Pray for their family as they prepare for their new missionary journey to Taiwan.*

## NORTH AFRICA

**Raji\*** praises God for his disciple who is now a successful lawyer and an influential person in his country. He's also thankful for the opportunity to minister to the locals through prayer, counseling, evangelism, and discipleship. He has 22 people attending his discipleship class. He also praises God for a new believer who was recently baptized.

*Pray for more opportunities for Raji to minister to the local people.*

## THAILAND



**Winnie\*** handles English classes and drama skits for children. She reports about Damrung Suk, an infant who got very sick. The boy's mother invited Winnie and her team to pray for the baby, and indeed Damrung Suk was healed. The miracle led the mother to publicly confess her faith in Christ.

*Pray for God's provision and favor upon Winnie and her team in Thailand.*

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