

# PPCOC MISSIONS NEWSLETTER

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## PPCOC Mission Month

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...”  
*Mt. 28:19*

### IT'S OUR 2ND ISSUE!

It seems like only yesterday that the inaugural issue of the PPCOC Missions Newsletter was launched and now we are already into our 2nd issue.

There was much positive feedback on our 1st issue and members were glad that they got to read about the mission areas that PPCOC is involved in.

The church's focus for the month of Oct will be on Missions where there will be messages from the pulpit on missions, updates on PPCOC's mission efforts and the Annual Mission Giving on 20 Oct. Continue to pray for God to bless PPCOC's mission efforts and for the mission giving that more can be done for the Kingdom of God.

Peter Lim  
Overseeing elder for Missions

#### Did You Know?

- Preparations for each Youth Mission Trip to the Philippines start as early as 6 months prior to the trip. There are sessions for skits and singing practices, bonding as a team, briefings and get-together with the chaperons and parents of the youth in the team.
- The average number of days of leave an adult volunteer takes for each mission trip is 4 days. The longest number of days so far is 12 days. Thank God for these brethren who give of their time and effort for God's Kingdom work.

## THEN CAFE



After John and Wendy returned to Singapore, they decided to open a cafe and not just a regular cafe, but one that will be used as an outreach for God. Ever since it opened, brethren (some from other congregations) have had bible study and fellowship sessions at the cafe.

This is an excellent example of one of the many ways we can reach out to others with the gospel in the marketplace. Missions is not only just about going to other nations, but we can also reach out to other nationalities who are working in Singapore. PP's Filipino and Friends Fellowship (FFF) is another example of that. Let's do what we can in, where we are, with what God has given and blessed us with!



## INDIA MISSION PARTNERSHIP

By Patrick Ong

God wants all whom HE has saved to serve HIM in whatever situations HE puts them.

What I've learned in the 2010 to 2019 India Mission partnership with Bro. Joel Madiki:

1. New and old believers should immediately begin bearing witness for Jesus Christ. I have learnt by doing, not just by acquiring head knowledge. Of course you need a certain amount of head knowledge before you speak out for the Lord. But there is no better way to learn than to get involved and get nailed!
2. New and old believers should take time to deepen their roots with the Lord. I am encouraged to deepen my knowledge of scripture by reading and studying it until I know it well.
3. Servant-leaders should be prepared to face opposition and rejection from within the church and without. Often we are naive to think that since God loves us, He will protect us from all trials and hardship.
4. Mature Christians should be quick to come alongside younger Christians to encourage and accept their efforts in mission ministry (Galatians 1:18-19).
5. All servant-leaders should use times of peace to build up one another in the Lord and to continue reaching out with the Gospel of Christ. (Acts 9:19-31).



### Take home:

I am reminded of the shortness of life, and so we make every opportunity count for eternity.

But when the pressure is off, the danger is that we will kick back and coast, rather than to be disciplined to seek the Lord.

Our goal in our relationships with one another as believers should be to build up one another in Christ (Romans 14:19).

We should use peaceful times to continue reaching out to the lost with the gospel. We should not get comfortable, and forget about the condition of souls without Christ.

"Someone has said that secret discipleship is a contradiction in terms. Either the secrecy kills the discipleship, or the discipleship kills the secrecy."

If our Lord Jesus came to seek and to save the lost (Luke 19:10), then we must commit ourselves to the same goal.





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## **PROVINCIAL YOUTH CAMP - ARTHUR GTATARA (PNG)**

Arthur Gtatara graduated from SIBI Singapore in 2016 and, after his graduation, continues to be active in Melanesian Bible College (MBC) and other ministries in Papua New Guinea (PNG). One of the many activities that he helped organised was the Provincial Youth Camp. Below is his report about the camp that was conducted this year.

**Brief History:** Morobe Province is one of the biggest provinces in Papua New Guinea. The province has ten districts and those districts have a good number of Church of Christ congregations. Jab Mesa and I, together with other brothers in Morobe, came up with a plan to have the provincial youth camp. The aim of this camp is to bring youth from all parts of Morobe together to know each other and hear God's word. The outcome of this idea was fruitful as many young people are now actively involved in leading and preaching in various congregations in Morobe.

Apart from the camp, we also visit each district every year to strengthen the church and the Christians. This year in April, we went to Tami and next year we will travel to Kabwum district.

The fourth Morobe Provincial Youth Camp was held at Tami Island. The guest speaker was Elmer Palacio from Babag Church of Christ, Cebu Philippines. Brother Elmer was the first Asian brother-in-Christ to speak at the camp. The message he shared at the camp was so powerful and moving that among the 350 participants, 15 souls responded and were added to the Lord's church.

Christians and youth from six districts of Morobe attended the camp. They travelled for five to six days to attend the camp. Fortunately, their journey to the camp venue and return back to their home village after camp went well, without danger or injuries.

At the camp, the youth enjoyed swimming at the sea and had fun games at the beach. We praised God Almighty and the people who supported us to host this camp successfully. God is praised!

The next Morobe Provincial Youth camp will be held in Asama, Waria Valley from 24-28 Dec 2020. Over 600 to 700 youth and Christians will be attending the camp and the guest speaker will come from Singapore. The preparation for the camp is underway at this moment as the Churches of Christ in Waria and I are doing fundraising.

So far, we have raised K2000 (approx. S\$815), by selling chicken and noodles. The total amount for the camp is K15000 (approx. S\$6,100). This money will go towards the buying of canvas and a small generator to light up the camp sites, store food, and so on. Please pray for us as we gather those these things for the camp. God is faithful!



Morobe Provincial Youth Camp, Tami Island



## - NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELDS -

### Tuao Church of Christ 14th Anniversary

PPCOC sent a team to support the 14th Anniversary of the Tuao Church of Christ on 6 Oct 2019. Brethren from Midtown, Tuguegarao and Laning Churches of Christ were also present for the worship and celebrations. We give all glory and honour to God for His faithfulness and blessings on this village church. Through the years, many families in the community have responded to the gospel message and we thank God for the love and dedication of Bro. Jhun Ma, Sis. Babes and Bro. Oscar (before he returned to his hometown in 2017).

*"Thanks to all who attended and expressed your love for the Tuao brethren. God bless you more with overflowing blessings and steadfast*



### VBS Support for Can Tho church of Christ, Vietnam

Three of PPCOC ladies (Marissa, Veronica and Pearlynn) and one SIBI student (Bles) were in Can Tho, Vietnam from 18 to 22 Jul 19 to support the local church in their VBS program. The theme for the VBS was **"Do What's Right!"**. The lessons were taught by the local brethren and they were ably supported by our team of ladies. The team taught the children different kinds of craft, had fun games with them and even did a 3D jelly for the finale! May the seed of God's word grow in these children that they will one day respond to the gospel call. Thank God for the team and their excellent work!

