

MEL & CAROL BROWN

Missionaries



WAS THE INVESTMENT REALLY WORTH IT?

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Dear Praying and Sharing Friends,

It has been a while since my last letter to you. In September and October our church in Manila provided transportation for Far East Field Director David Harris and me to spend 3 weeks in the Philippines preaching in many of our National churches, conducting a two day Pastor's and Workers Conference as well as many other activities while there.

From Birmingham, AL to Manila we flew over 21,492 miles, on a total of 10 jet airliners which included over 36 hours of flying time, plus 10 days of jet lag on both ends of the journey. What an exciting time we had!

Over the next few prayer/news letters I will be sharing with you many of the events that took place while we were there. Bro. Harris and I flip-flopped in our preaching, meaning while I was in one church he was in another. A few times we were both together.

Carol could not travel because of her handicap and our daughter Diane and Tom her husband, cared for all her needs while I was away. I appreciate their care for her. I couldn't have made the trip without them. Bro. Harris went along to assist me along the way. Thank you Bro. Harris.

Well I ask you, was the investment of your prayers and financial giving worth it??? Was it worth leaving our two grown daughters, our parents, families, friends and the church ministries we were engaged in since 1966? and go to the Philippines where no one knew us? Many tried to persuade us not to go. We arrived in Manila July 1, 1980.

Our vision was to plant a church but God had other plans for us. We planted our first church on September 27, 1980.

We began a Bible institute ministry to train people for the ministry in 1982. Today our graduates have planted around 90 churches and over 60 Bible Institutes, training their people for the ministry. Many are serving the Lord around the world. All praise be to God for what He has done!

As you have read in the past, we had to leave the Philippines in 1997 because I had a stroke in my eyes and I could only get on going medical help here in the State. However, as you have read in previous letters we are still doing ministry here and around the world the best we can. So much for the history of our ministry.

Now let's get back to my trip to the Philippines.

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What a joy and a blessing it was to see the fruit of our labors in the Philippines those 17 plus years! The pastors and churches continue to do exactly what Carol and I taught them. They are still preaching and teaching out of the KJV Bible, still singing the traditional songs, still maintaining Godly standards and Biblical separation. Each church is independent, soul winning, and total ministry is self-supporting. Each church supports their many missionaries using the Faith Promise Missionary Giving system. You would be blessed and surprised if you knew of their great faith in their giving.

Was the investment of your prayers and financial giving worth it??? YES, YES!!!

Thank you for your continued help. In His service 'til He comes, Mel and Carol Brown

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Workers ready to fetch the people



Pastor & Mrs. Toquero
of the LaLoma B.C.



David Harris
Far East Field Dir. of BIMl



432 first time visitors



1,150
came in
the 2
morning
services



Pastor & Mrs. Fernandez
serving the Lord in E. Timor



Youth Choir



Children's Church Sunday 2 P.M.



God gave us a great day for our
33rd Church Anniversary.
It poured down rain all that day
but the people still came to
celebrate. Many were saved.
To God be all the Glory,
great things He hath done.



Some of our Pastors and families