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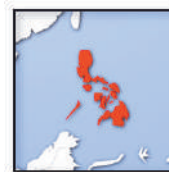
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Bible School In a Bag Davao



By Christine T Jipos

It has been a very exciting week for Destiny Church Davao.

The team of business professionals, entrepre-neurs and missionaries from Inter-national Christian Mission (ICM) Singapore were invited to conduct a three-day Bible School training course for leaders, entitled *Bible School In a Bag* (BSIB), as well as a two-day conference for professionals in the marketplace called the *Marketplace Crossover*

Conference. This took place on August 7-9 and 10-11 2018 respectively.

The BSIB was attended by a total of 72 trainers, pastors, ministry heads and life group leaders not just from Destiny Davao, but also from different churches and organizations as well in the Davao Region. The training is an equipping course on fundamentals of Christian life, Church planting and Church growth.

Though the topics may sound heavy, but the ICM team was able to convey the message of God's Kingdom through eight levels or modules with simplicity and clarity in just three days of training.

The BSIB training course is a new level of knowing God and what He wants to accomplish in our local churches, communities and nation, as well as experiencing God like never before.

Marketplace Crossover Conference

Right after the BSIB course, the *Marketplace Crossover Conference* was launched.

The conference is open to all professionals, entrepreneurs, businessmen and executives who want to make an impact by bringing God's principles and integrating His divine purpose for our lives in the marketplace. It brought excitement to Destiny Davao as many of the church's leaders are young



3 days of intensive training for trainers at *Bible School In A Bag*.

The 8 Levels/ Modules of BSIB (CPI)

- 1 A Biblical Assurance of Salvation | Establishing an Effective Prayer Life
- 2 Principles for Profitable Bible Study | You can be a Real Winner
- 3 Biblical Praise and Worship
- 4 The Baptism and Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- 5 A Simple Guide to Preaching | Basic keys to Diving Healing
- 6 Biblical Keys to Successful Church Planting | Your Church Can Grow
- 7 How to Become a Successful Christian Leader
- 8 God's Glorious Kingdom

ICMS Trainers: Dieu, Edwin Chua, John Teo, Swee Lin, Richard Toh, William Ng

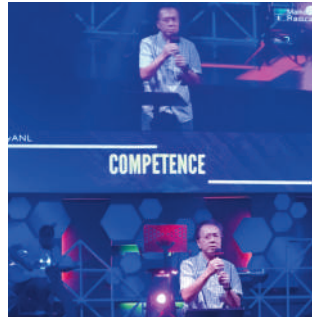
professionals and businessmen who are also handling ministry work, missions and big-small groups of professionals as well.

The ICM team, being seasoned professionals in the corporate and business world, gave practical insights and advice to the delegates.



The 3 boxes of life		
8760 units of time to deposit into one of these boxes		
1 st Box	2 nd Box	3 rd Box
Present	Future	Eternal
CONSUMPTION	INVESTMENT	REWARD
It is about SPENDING	It is about SAVING	This is about SOWING
Prudence is required	Wisdom is needed	Faith is called for
Comfort zone: Filling these boxes comes naturally		"Faith zone" we neglect it

Session on *Provision (Money)* – *Making a Living* by Edwin Chua



Destiny Acoustic Night with Dieu Eng Seng

The four dimensions of work		
PLENARY SESSIONS		TOPICS
10/8	Provision [Money]	Making a living Receiving sustenance
11/8	Pruning [Maturity]	Making a Life Refining the soul
11/8	Purpose [Ministry]	Making a difference Releasing service
11/8	Platform [Message]	Making a statement Revealing the Saviour

Dieu shared on the *Devotions of Work* while others share on the *Dimensions*.

Aside from plenary discussions of *Devotions* and *Dimensions of Work*, there were workshops held to target specific topics such as *Starting a Business*, *Viewing Crisis and Starting & Sustaining a Christian Office Fellowship*, which made it more interactive, allowing the speakers to connect more with the delegates.



accomplish through us. It made me realize that our purpose is not just boxed within our own city or nation or church, but it is reaching out to all nations and seeing miracles happen even through the hands of ordinary disciples of God.

After the BSIB, I am more excited to read and memorize scriptures, as well as delve deeper into the Word and really gain knowledge and scriptural wisdom. Most of all, I am more empowered to speak God's Word and operate through the Holy Spirit in everything as we do God's work.

The *Marketplace Crossover Conference* is such a breath of fresh air. It reinforced my calling in the marketplace and gave solid advice on being an excellent worker while bringing God to the workplace. It erased any excuse that advancing God's kingdom can only happen in Church ministry. Being an excellent business professional or entrepreneur, you can create an impact and ripples of change when we carry God's Spirit and light in the marketplace. I have great respect and admiration for the ICM team, as they embodied humility, wisdom and being full of God's Spirit. They are an inspiration of being 'Christ-in-the-flesh', worthy to imitate in the marketplace."

Christine Jipos, Finance Professional, Young Pros Lifegroup Leader

The BSIB and *Marketplace Crossover Conference* surely inspired and motivated Davaoeños to be the salt and light as a church in their communities and as an excellent worker in the marketplace.

Check out some of the impressions and testimonies of the people after the events.

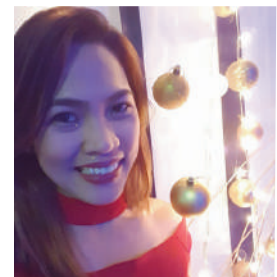
"The Bible School in a Bag brought in a new revelation of who God is. It opened my eyes to this bigger picture of what He wants to



opened my heart to accept God's urgent calling for me for this season and generation and for the nations. The *Marketplace Crossover Conference* is an answered prayer. Professionals and business people were gathered in one place to hear from experts in the marketplace who don't only excel in their field but worship God with their success. It was really an awesome experience and it brought me excitement to win the marketplace all the more for Jesus."

Grace Migrifio, Destiny Davao Pastor, Paediatrician

"I now have a strengthened heart ready to expand God's Kingdom through taking care of the church. I have become more passionate to intercede and be proactive in reaching out to new people, families and eventually communities. It rekindled the desire to level up my intimacy with the Lord, for me to become more effective in leading His church."



Berliza Briones, Youth Life Group Leader

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"It was refreshing! I felt exhilarated with the 3 days of training and my mindset was renewed all the more."

*Mardean Malinao,
Destiny Davao Pastor,
Physical Therapist*



"Before the BSIB, I already made up my mind to resign as a Public School Teacher due to workloads that I can't handle anymore and tasks that I

need to settle in my advertising business. As part of the mission team, I am very excited to hear from our Singaporean speakers whom I have heard to be business people. I learned a lot from them in how they do missions and how they excel in their businesses. The topics they share are incredible; it gave me new revelations that would greatly help my walk in doing missions.

On Saturday during the *Marketplace Crossover Conference*, Sir Dieu had an altar call for all those people who are not happy anymore in their workplace and those who want to resign. I immediately walked to the front because I knew it was for me. Sir John Teo was the one who talked to me, prayed for me, and he shared this verse from Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

I was crying because I was being ministered. I realized that I became selfish for quite some time. I've been doing things on my own and Sir John told me that I need to go back to the very reason why God put me in that school and why He made me a teacher. Everything became clear to me now and my mission in the school must resume because it is all for God's greater glory."

Neil Licmoan, Businessman, Teacher, Destiny Davao Primary Leader

More on the Crossover conference



Workshop 1: *Starting a New Business* by John Teo.



Workshop 2: *Viewing Crisis in Life* by Swee Lin



Workshop 3: *Starting and Sustaining A Christian Office Fellowship As A Lighthouse* by Kok Ping.



Session on *The Devotion of Work* by Dieu



William Ng facilitating the Q&A session.



Participants dedicating their lives.



Participants at the conference sessions.



Session on *Pruning (Maturity) - Making a Life* by Laurence Ong



An evening of prayer for Singapore and the Philippines with the senior pastors and leaders of Destiny Church Davao.

CPI Panabo 3rd batch graduates celebrate

Ps Erene P. Pastor

Graduation day brings with it a roller coaster of emotions for grads and their families alike. It's a time of celebration and achievement.

There is reflection on past trials and successes as well as hope for the future. The 27 graduates was Inspired by Pastor Richard Toh through God's Word.

"Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." *Isaiah 40:28-31*

Indeed, God's message is evident in the life of the speaker. Everyone is

blessed to hear a wonderful message from the untiring and itinerant man of God.

The presence of the ICM Singapore team, pastors and visitors from Manila and Davao highlights the celebration as a memorable moment for the graduates.

These are the people who have truly invested through prayer and financial support to make the event possible and a successful.

Martin Luther King Jr. said, "Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education". The holistic approach of CPI mobilised the graduates as equipped workers

actively involved in any Church Planting activity.

ICMS visits CPI Panabo

The ICM Singapore team stayed in Panabo city for 5 days last May 14-18 to visit new churches planted in different areas as far as Sto. Tomas Davao Del Norte, 32 km away from Panabo city.

They also gave lectures last May 16-18 on Module 8 Kingdom Living to 69 participants, including the graduates, Manila visitors and Davao friends of Sir Simon and Ma'am Elen Dee at Roadside Café and Restaurant, Panabo city.



CPI Panabo 3rd batch graduates.



CPI trainers (from left): Laurence, Lay Hong, and Kam Fook.



CPI Panabo training



Ps Richard praying together with CPI students.



Panabo: 14 churches planted in 2 years

Ps Richard and William Ng visited new churches planted by CPI trainees and graduates to send greetings and prayer.



(Above) Ps Marcelino Bullen is a fresh graduate of CPI batch 3. He has 5 children and testified that God is calling him to start a new church in Southern Davao, Panabo city. He is a committed and faithful worker of God.



(Two photos above) Newly opened house church by Pastors Jonathan Asio and Dolly Asio in FD. Road, 4 Sto Tomas, Davao del Norte.



JO2 Johnrey Sedayao (wearing green polo shirt above) passionately started the church in Urban, Cagangohan, Panabo city, with 5 family members. Fifteen children attended Bible story while the young people and adults gather to worship the Lord through singing and listening to the Word of God. This is a depressed area. Many feel hopeless and their families are scattered because of poverty. But when they heard the Gospel and they received the Lord Jesus Christ, Johnrey said, the people become happy and hopeful.



(Above) This church near the seashore was organized by CPI first batch graduate, a retired company employee and now Pastor Eugenio Pejera. He testified during last graduation that his wife hindered him to be a pastor at first. But now his whole family is well supportive of his calling through prayer and financial support.



(Left) Ps Fred and Ptra Lanny Porcalla, CPI graduate. They are now trainers and church planters. God is using them in a very special way.

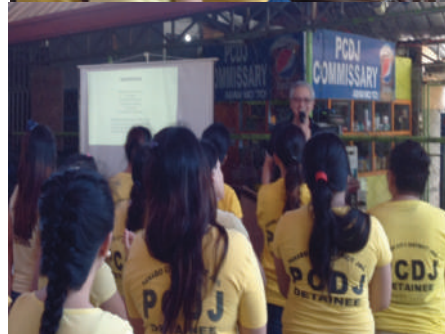
God's love and joy at Panabo City Jail

Inmates received good news last May 15, 2018 through Pastor Richard Toh. They listened seriously and responded fervently by raising their hands when Ps Richard invited them to receive the Lord Jesus in their hearts. Praise God!

William Ng led the singing *10,000 Reasons* passionately. Inmates testified that they were so blessed to be visited by the Singaporean team. Seldom do they get visitors, especially those who make them feel that they are loved.

Jail ministry in Panabo City was strongly established because God is using JO2 Johnrey Sedayao, a first batch graduate of CPI Panabo. God is using him mightily to establish the fellowship in jail as a church where the saved and new inmates gather every Tuesday at 9:00am-11:00am.

Many saved inmates already go to church regularly when they are acquitted or dismissed. Praise God! Johnrey also planted a church in Barangay Cagangohan, Panabo city.



Pastor Richard Toh and William Ng ministering to the Panabo City Jail inmates.



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Nepal milestone – new Timothy Centre building

Lye Fei and Charles Vun

Since Dieu responded to God's calling to work in Nepal, we have been overwhelmed in witnessing what God has done in the nation. More than 1,000 Timothys (church planters) were trained by Pastor Nehemiah and team, with our participation. Several hundreds of churches have been planted and God is adding to the number by His Grace.

During the many years working with Pastor Nehemiah and team, we were blessed to witness many breakthroughs. He surprised us with a new church building within months, and a training centre another few months later, all built during the early years of our Nepal ministry.

As the ministry grew, we were flooded with wonderful reports of successes in remote areas of Nepal. Many churches were planted by our Timothys, and many signs and wonders showing us God is truly in charge and He is blessing Nepal.

Christian population grew from 0.1% in 2001 to an estimated 3.5% a couple of years ago. We were truly blessed to be witnesses of this great works of our God! All praise to His Name!

In 2013, we felt the need to have a more permanent place to train our Timothys and provide proper dormitories for them. Some of them had travelled for three days to get to the training centre. After discussion and prayers, God allowed us to purchase a piece of land of 1000 sq.ft. next to Nehemiah's training centre.

We did not start the building works as we felt the timing was not right. We used the years to plan for the project instead. Proper consultants were engaged to prepare the



New Timothy Centre under construction.

building plans for submission to Government authorities.

Finally, construction works began early 2017 after winter. Our Nepal brethren decided to build a 4-storey building with the first 3 floors designated to be the Timothy training centre.

The new building will provide much needed living quarters for our visiting Timothys. The second floor is purpose-built to house the men and the third storey for the ladies. Both floors will have bathrooms and toilets. The ground floor is a reasonable size classroom/conference facility for up to 100 people (sitting space).

The project faced several obstacles. Funds was lacking, and we had to stop construction late last year. In mid-2017, we experienced a rare flooding of the river that damaged our training room, kitchen and part of the church office.

Thank God the church was able to

“ Many churches were planted by our Timothys, and many signs and wonders show us God is truly in charge and He is blessing Nepal. ”

raise funds to repair the damage. Then, there was a Government project to widen the river by the side of training centre. This would cut into part of our land.

The church had appealed to the Government to divert the river and avoid cutting into its compound. As we wait for the outcome of the appeal, we are grateful that God blessed us with fresh funds this year.

The Timothy Centre should be completed by October this year. We are excited to attend the opening/consecration of the Centre when we visit Nepal early October.

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From life in cave to life in Christ

Rakesh Dong and his wife Sunita Dong, our alumni holding 9th and 12th batch Timothy, respectively, are truly inspirational role models.

Rakesh Dong is now serving as a pastor in two Churches whereas his wife Sunita Dong is helping him in different church activities and fellowships. Both of them have fully submitted their life to God's mission.

Rakesh grew up in a strong Buddhist community. He was a Buddhist fellow who spent most of his teenage and youth days in a Buddhist temple (Gumba) in a cave, learning Buddhist rituals and faith.

After his conversion to Christianity, he has been living a committed life putting God and His Holy Mission first in every moment of his life.

Journey with Timothy Training Nepal

Rakesh graduated in 2010 honoring Timothy 9th batch and his wife Sunita in 2013 honoring Timothy 12th batch.



Rakesh and his wife Sunita.

Ministry update

He has planted two Churches (Sinai Church Sarikhet, Makwanpur and Sinai Church Newarpani, Makwanpur) in his own birthplace at Makwanpur district (200km away from Timothy Training Nepal head



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Train the trainers – June / July 2018 in Singapore

Crash course! Eighteen hours held over six Tuesdays that usually takes 40 days. The Church Planting Institute (CPI) Training Program, also known as Bible School in a Briefcase / Bag, has been a highly effective tool in the training of church planters especially in the rural places – villages, towns, mountainous areas. Many church planters have been trained and over a thousand churches have been planted in Cambodia, Philippines, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam, *et cetera*.

"As a course participant with little experience in church planting, I have found the lecturers to be engaging and inspiring. I have found many topics in the 8 modules to be useful and relevant to my interest in Church Planting. With God's help, I hope ... to train church planters in Myanmar.

Francis Chan, Singapore

"We are going to start another Bible School in the frontier ... the courses you have given me at ICM (CPI) are very effective and we are going to teach these courses there. I appre-



Participants at the *Train the Trainer* course in Singapore.

ciate ICM for compiling this wonderful course."

Ps Shaukat, Pakistan

"The CPI Training Program provides one of the best materials for missions work."

Bishop James Mindein, Myanmar

"CPI in Panabo, Philippines, is not just a program but a movement by God to equip leaders."

Ps Erene Pastor, Philippines

"CPI impacted my inner life. It is not only information but a tool for total transformation. I

was changed inside out. Thanks to CPI."

Ps Jonathan Asio, Philippines

"From humble beginnings with 8-10 students in 2004, the Lord has helped us see close to 1,000 CPI graduates, thousands being impacted and 550 house churches being planted! All glory to God. The testimonies of our past CPI graduates are so amazing with most of them declaring they have been "made bold" to declare the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the perishing despite the persecutions they faced ..."

Ps Feran, Sri Lanka

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office). These two Churches are branch Churches and have their head Church in Kathmandu.

Rakesh is serving among 70 local believers in two different places.



They have altogether 15 house fellowships. They are doing regular fellowships, including combined weekly fellowship (once a week), youth fellowship, children fellowship, women fellowship, house fellowship, and outreach.

Timothy Centre

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With the completion, our future building will not only provide proper training space but also proper dormitories for our Timothys as well. The facility is large enough for us to hold future seminars for our Timothys and ease the shortage of living spaces as well as training space for the church.

We are also grateful to Nehemiah's team of brothers and sisters who have persevered through the years, and our many faithful partners who joined us over the years in Nepal and sowed into the harvest of God! And to our ICM Singapore directors who prayed and joined us many times to bless the land.





Insights into the road less traveled – Central Asia



Picturesque country

By W Sally

My friend PC in ICM has often mentioned his trips to Central Asia and unbeknownst to me, a ministry connection was made 8 years ago. “The stan?” Where on earth is this place, I didn’t even know it existed in the world map until I ventured into the unknown.

My opportunity to travel there with the team from ICM finally came this May and after 2 weeks of travelling and mingling with the people there, I came home with experiences and memories which will last a lifetime.

My previous similar trips were all outreach rallies with altar calls and me praying for random people who attended those rallies in droves.

This trip with the ICM team

pleasantly surprised me with a euphoric experience.

The beautiful countries in Central Asia with scenery that could only come from the heavens. And the people were the kindest, the warmest and the most hospitable I have ever met.

Let me start by stating that I was not given any mandate for this trip, just pure observation and learning the ropes of the ‘trade’ so to speak.

I witnessed the desire of the local shepherds and leaders for learning and soaking in everything that was imparted by our team and their intense need for prayers and encouragement. The team ministered with God’s word, prayers and prophecies as the Spirit led. This

was much to their delight and spiritual uplift.

The highlight of the trip was traveling out of the capital city into the countryside and into lesser known towns and villages, to seek out and visit like-minded friends. It reminded me of St Paul’s journey.

Along the journey, we met several local shepherds in their homes and communities. They told us stories of trials and hostilities they have to face from within their community; we heard first-hand testimonies of adversity and hardship that they endured.

One of them was even tied to a horse and dragged on the ground. He miraculously survived the ordeal and lived to testify God’s goodness



“ Yet, in all these trials and tribulations, these brethren remain faithful to the call to witness in ‘Judea and Samaria’. ”

and protection.

There was also controversy over burial grounds. In some communities, believers were denied burying the dead in public cemeteries. Bodies were dug up overnight after burial. Thankfully, the issue was eventually resolved when the state decided to allocate a separate burial ground for believers.

We visited one such cemetery where a young believer was buried. He died one evening in winter when he was lost in a fog while rounding up his herd of cattle for the night.

These were heart-wrenching stories.

Yet, in all these trials and tribulations, these brethren remain faithful to the call to witness in 'Judea and Samaria'. My brother called it “incarnational” witnessing. They wept while interceding for the lost. That’s their zeal and passion.

In one city, we joined the local



Crossing mountain lake at 9 o'clock in the evening.



Praise and worship.



A local bazaar.



Hospitality to strangers.

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shepherds up on the mountains to pray over the city: Your Kingdom come!

We were often invited to their homes for fellowship meals.

I was overwhelmed by the simplicity of life and the generosity and hospitality of these folks. How could these people with so little give so much? That could only come from the love they receive from God. I was ministered to and to think that I was going there to minister to them. Indeed, these shepherds are 'faithful servants' of God in their own ways.

I'm reminded of the Lord's saying "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field." Indeed, there are brethren out there who risked their lives, 'sacrificed' the comfort of urban living to work in the field. The question I asked of myself: "Is this the beginning or end of the road?"



Ministering the Word.



Travelling over mountainous roads.

ICM Singapore Calendar of Events 2018

Note: Please check our website and Facebook page regularly for updates and changes.

Jan 12-14: Malaysia | Annual Retreat

Feb 24: Singapore | Luncheon | BOD Meeting

Mar 4-11: Nepal | CPI Training

Mar 26-31: Myanmar | CPI Training

Apr 16-22: Sri Lanka | CPI Training

May 14-19: Philippines | CPI Training | Church Visits

May 11-31: Central Asia | CPI Training | Church Ministries

May 21-28: Thailand | Church Ministries

May 31 – Jun 5: Nepal | Advanced Timothy Training

Jun 2: Singapore | Luncheon

Jun 12-22: Myanmar | CPI Training

Jun 5, 12, 19, 26: Singapore | CPI Training

Jul 3, 10: Singapore | CPI Training

Aug 6-13: Philippines | CPI Training | Marketplace Conference

Aug 30 – Sep 1: Singapore | IDMC

Sep 22: Singapore | AGM | BOD Meeting

Sep 23-27: Myanmar | CPI Training

Sep 28: Singapore | ICMS 28th Anniversary Dinner

Oct 7-13: Nepal | CPI Training

Oct 10-19: Central Asia | CPI Training | Church Ministries

Nov TBA: Japan | Marketplace Ministries

Nov 20-22: Thailand | Annual Fire Conference

Nov 20-30: Myanmar | CPI Training

Dec 1: Singapore | Luncheon

Dec 7-14: Cambodia | Annual Christmas Outreach

Front cover photo: Senior Pastors Roy and Rochel Oliveros of Destiny Church Davao hosting the Marketplace Crossover Conference.

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