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ICM Singapore's twentieth year of mission work in Nepal saw the graduation of our 19th batch of CPI trainees (known as 'Timothys'). Comprising 33 men and women from across the country's villages, they are a tangible sign of Nepal's strong church-planting movement.

Their graduation was witnessed by our mission team of 9 there on 14-20 Oct. Within the team, 7 of us are from Cornerstone Community Church. We are blessed with their partnership.

# NEPAL MISSION: Experiencing His Faithfulness

By *Charles Vun*

Mindful of the restrictive conditions prevailing in the country, we prepared prayerfully and conducted ourselves discretely. Our Lord demonstrated His faithfulness to us by shielding us from harassments and unwanted attention.

We are encouraged by the steadfastness of our Nepalese co-workers.

Nevertheless we urged them not to let down their guard in prayers and in feeding on the Word. We can rest assured in His faithfulness.

*Being confident of this, He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus  
~ Philippians 1:6 ~*





# A DIVINE APPOINTMENT

By *James Aruldoss*

It was a small but impactful 3-man mission team to Sri Lanka, 5th to 9th Nov 2019. The same year where almost 300 ppl, mostly Christians perished in the Easter bombing and while the whole nation awaits coming General Elections in the hope of a better government.

Dieu, William and James had the privilege of teaching The Kingdom of God, part of the CPI program. It was inspiring and vibrant time engaging with the Timothy's.

Together with our co-partners and interpreters Shawn, Feran, Stephen and businessman Krishanta, we witnessed 30 graduands. We had the privilege handing out certificates of completion to the beaming faces of the graduands who having been equipped with God's Word and the Holy Spirit leading now return to their villages to begin their spiritual task of spreading the Good News.

What was most captivating and the high point on this trip was our meeting with Pastor Sherine and her ministry team. During the meeting, Dieu shared his thoughts and prayers of what the Lord revealed to him about Ps Sherine's ministry. Sherine's team members were cut to the core. They were amazed as the revelation was exactly what was in their hearts and mind. It was no mere coincidence but a divine appointment!



Further, we had the privilege to share at the Pastors Conference. We shared on God's Kingdom and Forgiveness, a rather challenging theme and messages. Several pastors began to share openly their experiences, and received healing of unforgiveness. Others had plans to forgive their parents, ministry partners which have hindered personal relationships and ministries for so long. Praise God for that!

Apart from the mission work in Sri Lanka, we enjoyed good accommodation and amazing food in Colombo, thanks to our dear friend and businesswoman Roshan. Our next visit to Sri Lanka will be in April 2020.



## BIBLE SCHOOL IN A BAG Training in Baguio, Philippines

By *Claudia Ow*

I am a bi-vocational missionary with my church, Covenant Evangelical Free Church and have been serving under the Urban Missions Thrust since 2012. I had the wonderful privilege to join ICM Singapore for the 'Bible School in a Bag' Training in Baguio. As I reflected on this journey, my heart simply welled up with gratitude to God for His divine leading.

It began with a prayer asking God whether it was time for me to move on to other regions after 6 years of my missions focus on the Philippines. Then I had a dream and saw a diary and a map of the Philippines with her 3 regions – Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. While seeking God, I was impressed by I Kings 19:15 – “Go back the same way you came ...” and immediately ‘Baguio’ came to mind. The Lord confirmed it at the ICM Luncheon when I heard that in 2020 they will be focusing on the Philippines, and their next BSIB training was to Baguio and Davao! So it was clear to me that the diary was pointing me back to where the Lord had first led me to, the Philippines; the map unmistakably a confirmation for me to continue His work there.

So, to Baguio I went with the ICM Team for the purpose to share Steady Readers Missions (SRM), a literacy outreach programme of my church. I'm grateful to the Kingdom-minded team who accorded me the air time to present at their already tight schedule. It was fruitful, and within a short time it seemed I was on the way to a divine partnership in Baguio!

Apart from seeing the amazing hand of God's leading, I was blessed beyond my expectation. Just to sit at the feet and learn from God's faithful servants who tirelessly shared modules after modules of Biblical truths and principles; coupling with the conviction of their testimonies, this trip had turned out to be truly an inspiring retreat for me. Finally, before we left for the airport, I was led to a personal ministry time by the team; a childhood issue over the deaths of my parents was addressed and released to the Lord... an unexpected divine moment to wrap up this mission trip.

May the Lord continue to bless the ministry of ICM Singapore!  
To God be the Glory!





# DAVAO- PANABO

## 12-18 Oct 2019

By *Cheah Sin Hean*



Being in the same church and occasional fellowship group with Dieu ES, I had heard from him about ICMS's work in training and supporting church plant workers in Asia. Having retired from work earlier this year, I decided to take up Dieu's invitation to join an ICMS trip which happened to be, at this time of the year, to Davao & Panabo.

Our group of 8 was split into 2 teams - 4 to conduct BSIB training in Davao City, and 4 to Panabo to do the CPI leadership training. I was part of the Panabo team and assigned to do 2 lessons.

The camaraderie of the Singapore team was palpable. We gathered at the start of each morning for worship, devotion and prayer before heading for breakfast. At one of these devotion sessions, I was particularly struck by Grace's sharing of her vision of "Philippines" appearing to her as "Philiddines" and how when she obeyed God's instruction to turn the 2 d's down to become p's, streams of living waters were released to the people. So that's the calling for why we were there, to humbly do our part for the greater body of Christ.

The 25 or so Filipino brothers and sisters who came for the training in Panabo were very eager learners. I did feel that the program of 12 sessions in 3 days was quite a lot to absorb, but I do understand the constraints of time and availability of both trainers and trainees. So it was good that half the training sessions were conducted by the local Panabo pastors, who would be able to help the trainees with follow-up and revision. Our "reward" was the delicious food during the lunch breaks, especially Ps Erene's very own curry chicken. The third and final day ended with prayer ministry time for the trainees.

A mini-highlight of the trip was during the monthly "Acoustic Night Life" outreach event at Destiny Church Davao on 16 Oct evening. As Ps Carlo was speaking, at around 7:40pm, the floor started to move, the loudspeakers that were hanging down from the ceiling and stage decorations started swaying. Some of the people in the audience ran out of the building to the open carpark. It was my first experience of a strong earthquake! Some minutes later and with the assistance of Mr Google, we learned that it was a 6.3 temblor with its epi-centre about 80 km southwest of Davao City. The cool Ps Carlo paused just a short while, then resumed his message to the crowd.

From this first trip with ICMS, I am very inspired by the work ICMS is doing in obedience to our Lord Jesus' call in Luke 10:2 "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few...". God willing, I will come on more such trips with ICMS.



# ICM PHILIPPINES

## Inaugural Train the Trainers at Baguio

By *Elen Dee*

A Journey of Divine Appointments aptly describes the year 2015 leading up to the launching of ICM Philippines Foundation Inc. in October 2019 and I believe will continue to be so in the years to come.

It all started in 2015 as a personal mission in response to God's challenge to do something to help the ministry of underprivileged pastors. In a vision where God showed me the difficulty of HIS servants in breaking hard ground, The Lord asked me "What can you do?" To this I told God, Why are you asking me? I am just me, I am not a pastor or a church leader and I do not know what to do! But the question lingered in my spirit and I simply offered my 2 fish and 5 loaves and the Lord took over. It is in this context that I met ICMS in their outreach in Davao and in meeting them, the Lord provided exactly what the pastors in the Philippines needed for their work in the harvest field- it was the ICMS outreach material which is officially called CPI/Bible School in a Briefcase but which I fondly renamed BIBLE SCHOOL IN A BAG.



The challenge was given to me in February 2015 in Puerto Princesa City in Palawan. I was a guest speaker in the God Bless Israel conference hosted by Grafted-In International Ministries. Come April 2015, I met ICMS in Davao City and 3 months later, together with ICMS, we flew to Palawan and ICMS conducted the 3 day Training the Trainers attended by about 40 pastors. The next two years, together with two other ladies, we conducted Trainer Trainings in Batangas and Pangasinan. During these 3 years, I have been a regular attendee in the ICMS outreach in Davao, grateful for the opportunity to remain in touch with my dearest brethren from ICMS. On certain occasions, I connected other churches in Davao to ICMS and have likewise brought some friends to experience "Short term Missions". Being a businessperson, my concept of missions is that it is something only pastors and missionaries do.

Ordinary people like me are just church attendees and at best cell group leaders. I did not know business people could be missionaries as well. In 2017, Bro Wilson Teh of ICMS asked me to consider engaging members of the weekly bible study group I am attending to take part in the BSIB (Bible School in a bag) outreach. So I did invite them to join me in Palawan and Davao. However, in 2018, Bro Willian Ng asked me if I would consider formally organizing a group that would become the Philippine version of ICMS. I hesitated because I knew this would be a huge responsibility. I was afraid for many reasons so I pondered and prayed about it. I told the Lord my 3 major fears: I do not know what to do because I neither have the skill nor the experience; I do not have time unless my husband approves (because I am the VP for finance and administration in our companies); and I do not have the resources to sustain the ministry long

term. I told God if He will answer all my concerns, I will have the confidence to push through because I know it is His will and not mine. Amazing things began to happen. To my fear of lack of experience and ability, ICMS assured me that they will run along side me, teach, guide and support me in any way they can- much like a big brother; to my fear of time and availability, my husband gave his approval and support for me to lead the ministry; and lastly to my fear of financial sustainability, the Lord sent someone who gave me a 7-figure check specifically for the ministry and coincidentally is the amount required by Philippine law to set-up a foundation. And so I told Bro William, OK, I will accept the responsibility because God made it clear that He is more than able and this is His will. So what better name for the Philippine organization but to name it after our big brother- and thus came ICM Philippines Foundation Inc.



ICM Philippines formally launched its first BIBLE SCHOOL IN A BAG Training the Trainers in a 3-day conference held last OCT 8-10 in Baguio City. Attended by 45 pastors and leaders from 28 different churches from 27 different communities in the Cordillera region, it was a glorious 3 days of God's presence and providence. What is normally typhoon season were clear sunny days. Everything I failed to anticipate such as the registration, technical and administration team was prepared in advance by the Lord through the assistance of Light of the World church that owns the venue of the conference. The pastors were all so blessed and re-ignited, revived and refreshed. Everyone was so encouraged. It was the culmination of God's excellence in bringing together HIS people, His church to fulfil His purpose. As we thank The Lord for His overflowing grace, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the entire ICMS. You are the model and inspiration for ICM Philippines. May the Lord continue to bless the work of your hands in all the places you reach. To God be all the glory and praise!

## CALAMITIES ARE GOD'S OPPORTUNITIES

By Ps Erene

In interview with Dr. Erwin Lutzer, originally published in the wake of the 2011 Japan earthquake and tsunami, the pastor and author asked: Where is God in Natural Disasters? Dr Lutzer says, it was Martin Luther who said, "When you look around and wonder whether God cares, you must always hurry to the cross and you must see Him there."

When we hear about a natural disaster we should grieve with those who grieve. And we should ask what we can do to alleviate their suffering.

Open door opportunities to share the pure Gospel through the Child Friendly Space approach and relief distribution in order to debrief and ease the earthquake victims. The trauma and the stress due to

several earthquakes with a magnitude of more than intensity 6 troubled the residences in the Davao Region and Cotabato areas. They don't have safe drinking water and markets are closed due to the damages of building structures.

CPI volunteers went to the area to assist the impact and need was terrible. You cannot hold your tears because of the pitiful condition the people experiencing especially the children. No water to drink and no food to eat. People are asking for help.

Praise God! He has given as the opportunity to respond in times of calamities like this. Thank you for the prayers and encouragement.

Our prayers are with the people who lost homes and loved ones in the recent earthquakes. Please join us in praying for those who have been affected.





15 of us went as a team to Cambodia and Vietnam from 5 Dec to 11 Dec. It was my first time having a look at the mission field in these countries.

As we were heading out to GTIS after touching down in Cambodia, many stories were shared by the people who visited GTIS over the past years. One of the stories was about how education in Cambodia still has got a lot of improvements to be made where some kids are not even able to afford education or have proper learning opportunities in schools. It was exciting to hear how GTIS has made a positive impact at Kampong Speu. Kids were able to learn and put their learning into action such as conversing in English. This has showed me that education is indeed a privilege and an opportunity to create a greater impact for the future of Cambodia where leaders of values can be raised up for the nation.

Personally I was very encouraged to have finally seen GTIS for myself. The entire experience was very surreal especially after having heard and seen many photos of it. Seeing the school structure, the kids, the teachers, etc - I could only thank God for the work that has begun at GTIS and for the people who have faithfully sown into it. We had a look at Edelweiss Hub across GTIS as well. Even though this started not long ago, it was still amazing to me that we are now reaching out to younger kids and, growing them from a young age to be a person of good character and values.

My prayer would be for both GTIS & Edelweiss Hub to bear fruits for the Kingdom of God which would last for eternity.

I would definitely recommend anyone who has heard about GTIS to go and have a look at the school for yourself. It will be an eye-opening experience as you walk through the grounds of GTIS and see what God is doing in the nation of Cambodia.

After the time spent at Cambodia, we travelled across the border to Vietnam. It was heartening to see a young

church with such a vibrant community for God. Their vision for people to be transformed inside out by Christ and to portray to the world what it really means to be a true Christian is inspiring. I pray that God's presence will continue to move amongst the hearts of the people in this young church and for them to bring even more people into the Kingdom of Light as they boldly proclaim God's love and truth.

All in all, this mission trip has been memorable and am grateful to God for such an opportunity to be able to see God's heart in these places.

What I took away from the Cambodia trip was that it was really inspiring to see the children able to study and play together, not bothered by their backgrounds. It's also very refreshing to see how they are all so hungry and eager for learning unlike in Singapore where that kind of attitude is honestly quite rare. I'm just very happy to see them filled with such joy and hope even though they may have lesser than I do. I'm also quite excited to see how the expansion of the school will turn out to be.

In Vietnam though, I was reminded of how God is everywhere. Even though I was born in a Christian family, I feel like I'm only just starting to understand what it really means to be a Christian and accepting that this journey is not easy. I was really encouraged by the way the Vietnamese worshipped, like their lives depended on it and it just reflects their faith and hunger for God. I was also really impressed with the technology they used for worship, one keyboard can do a lot of magic, and the programme they use to project the lyrics is the same as the one we use for youth Gen back home. I think I've been too shielded for I've never thought that Vietnam would be so advanced

All in all, I just have this one thought: God has big plans, and He wants me to be part of it.

I really learned a lot and enjoyed myself during the trip.

~ Elizabeth Lee ~



This was my first trip to GTIS and it felt surreal to finally step foot in a place that I've grown up hearing about, praying for and giving to. During my time there, God's presence was so real and He was clearly doing a great work there and we were just partnering Him in what He is already doing. There were two precious moments that I had in GTIS.

The first instance was when the children led worship during the Christmas programme. It was so heart-warming to see the children singing and playing instruments, leading the entire school in worship unto our God. They sang with so much passion, giving all the praise and glory to Him. From the way they led worship, I could sense that it is birth forth from a place of deep intimacy with God.

The second instance was when we had the teachers' programme and played games with them. As the teachers' were about my age, we got along well and got to enjoy some time together. During lunch, I also got the opportunity to speak to some teachers and hear about their lives and teaching journey. It encourages me to see that many of them are in this for the long haul. Despite the difficulties in teaching, they believe in transforming lives through education. I believe that through the way they lead their lives, the children will also come to see the Christ in them.

My prayer for the school is that God will always be the inspiration for all teachers, that He will inspire them with creative ways to teach and mentor the students. In a world that is constantly changing and evolving, being a teacher can be extremely challenging as they prepare the students for the future. However, may they always look towards God, who is our ultimate teacher. I also pray that God will grant the teachers such a strong bond within one another



that they will spur one another on in their spiritual walk and teaching career. May God also grant them the lens to see each child through His eyes, that the teachers will be able to call out the unique gifts and potential of each children, and journey with them into their God-given destiny. In the days to come, may students of GTIS infiltrate into different sectors of society to impact and touch more lives.

Lastly, I enjoyed the inter-generational dynamics among the team. There is so much to learn from each other as we spend our days together and serve alongside one another. Mission trips are always a great opportunity to foster stronger inter-generational ties and I look forward to more of such opportunities.

The second part of the trip was to visit Agape New Generation Church in Vietnam. I felt that it was so timely that God opened this opportunity. As their church is in a season of building

and expansion, our GTC (Glad Tidings Church) story of how we rebuild the church after the fire came as a timely encouragement for them. I'm heartened by their commitment to their God-given vision and how it overflows to the way they run the various ministries. Their hunger and passion for God were contagious.

For both trips, I had time to reflect upon how a country's political, economical and social climate impacts missions. The different climate may present more opportunities yet may also challenge us to explore different approach towards missions. All in all, this was a very enriching trip to come and see, learn and partner God in what He is doing in the Nations. I came back with a greater love for these two countries. Though I may not be physically there, the two countries and the people I've met will always be in my prayers.

I had the opportunity to interact with some children in the school at GTIS during the mission trip. I was pleasantly surprised that children as young as 7 could hold a simple conversation in English. The English teachers must have worked very hard to ensure these precious ones learnt the language. Indeed, when I sat in 2 of the English classes, I saw how students learnt to use the language through games and group work. The smiles and laughter in these classrooms certainly testify to the fun and engaging lessons. I was further blown away when a grade 9 student interpreted for the speaker during the youth meeting at Edelweiss. It is no mean feat to be speaking in a non-native language, let alone interpreting it with such fluency. Praise the Lord for the teachers and students in GTIS!

~ Jeanie Lee ~

# Through the lens of a Photographer

By *Andrea Toh*

I often wonder what is God's calling for me when it comes to serving Him in his Kingdom. So when my husband, Jay, signed up for his first mission trip, I hesitated not knowing if I should go. Eventually, I decided to go along with it.

Elder Thomas Seah called one day and asked me to take on the role of photographer/videographer/journalist; I did not reply immediately not because I did not want it but for fear of not able to deliver the end product after the trip. I was also not familiar with the use of my camera and video editing is out of my league. But I trusted in the Lord,



thinking that since He gave this to me, He would have already paved the way and so I agreed.

Before leaving for the trip, I consulted a colleague, who is our division's photographer, about video shoots and edits. He showed me what he did for his family videos, gave me some tips and to



my surprise, he volunteered to help me with it! I thanked God from the bottom of my heart and knew that this was going to be a good start for the trip.

D-Day came and I just rested in God, letting Him take the lead. So for that 5 days, the group took plenty of photos and videos with their phones and me with the camera. There were a few hiccups along the way like not having enough memory card and battery to support the shoots and losing the

tripod's mounting plate on day 2! Without it, I had to be the human tripod for the next few days! By the end of the trip, my body was so tired from body aches that I wished I could fly home immediately to look for my masseuse. Regardless, it was a very memorable experience for me.



# MY FIRST MISSION TRIP

Thailand Chanthaburi  
3-8 November 2019

By Jay Phua

*“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light of my path”  
~ Psalm 119:105 ~*

Hi, I am Jay, I am on my 1st mission trip to Chanthaburi a remote town area form by many village communities, and I am very excited to be nominated as the driver and camera man for this mission trip.

We were soon welcome by the busy traffic of the airport, there were honking and whistles everywhere while our team gathered, we than hop on to our minivan and soon I am on a 4 hour driving journey to our hotel, while everyone were enjoying their nap, I drove smoothly and finally reached our destination.

We than settled into our rooms for the night, the following day after our spirit lead daily devotion we set out towards our 1st school as our focus for this trip will be on the children and church ministry, as I drove into the school memories of my childhood flashes. Wooden house built on stilts with classrooms on the upper floor greeted by colourful painted

structures of the school compound, children running everywhere and some forming a line getting ready for classes or food. I now realised the importance of our gifts to these children as many wore broken socks, shoes in their daily life.

We than unload and carry out our works setting up the stages, preparing props for the children’s most favourite puppet show, we will start off with sister Eileen from our dance ministry, children were lead and blessed by our dance moves as all of them jump and dance with joy, as we stage the puppet show we could see children shouting with joy and yet gaining valuable lessons from our show!

As we move into the final phrase of the program I lead Poo Bear mascot played by our brother Marcus as we walk amongst the children they receive gifts with happiness and joy from the mascot. It reminds me of Jesus coming amongst us.

As we progress into the night I drove into the 1st church on a rainy weather, we were warmly welcome by the church pastors and members with lots of food prepared for us. I could sense that they deeply appreciated Singapore team coming over to spread the gospel and preach for them.

We laid hands on many church members and witness miracles during this period of time as many were slain in the presence of the Holy Spirit. Unlike the grand temples all over Thailand, the local churches are form by either family members or people from their own villages, many lack proper facilities and financial support and one church left me a deep impression as their wooden beams and roof were infested by termites. Yet these villages continue to worship God in such environment. I could clearly sense God’s cry for this little Thai generation.



I just want to summarize that this mission trip has indeed left me a deep impression of the living conditions within these villages, no doubt we were exhausted by the hot weather and the curvy roads conditions yet all of us served the communities with so much passion and I really had so much joy and laughter together with this team during this mission trip, it's amazing that God hand-picked each and every one of us for our role.

I thank Elder Thomas for his leadership, patience, prayers and fellowship, I pray that God continue to uphold him and lead us towards every fruitful mission trips forever and ever. Amen!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

**January 10-12**  
Founders Weekend | *Penang*

**January 14-18**  
CPI 3 | *Myanmar*

**February 16-23**  
Schools & Church Ministries | *Thailand (Nakorn Phanom)*

**February 24-29**  
CPI Training | *Nepal*

**March 4-16**  
BSIB Train The Trainers, CPI Training & Marketplace Conference | *Manila, Davao, Panabo*

**March 16-21**  
CPI 4 | *Myanmar*

**April 4**  
Luncheon | BOD Meeting 1 | *Singapore*

**April 6-9**  
CPI Train The Trainers | *Cambodia*

**April 22-28**  
CPI Train The Trainers & Advance Timothy Training | *Sri Lanka*

**May 1-21**  
CPI Training, Pastors Conference & Church Ministries | *Central Asia*

**May 24-31**  
Schools & Church Ministries | *Thailand (Hatyai)*

**June 8-12**  
Pastors Conference | *Cambodia*

**July 4**  
Luncheon | BOD Meeting 2 | *Singapore*

**July 17-19**  
Prayer Retreat | *Malaysia*

**July (TBC)**  
CPI 1 | *Myanmar*

**August 10-15**  
CPI Train The Trainers | *Cambodia*

**August 24-29**  
CPI Train The Trainers & Marketplace Conference | *Sri Lanka*

**September 3- 5**  
IDMC & Dinner Gathering | *Singapore*

**September 19**  
BOD Meeting 3 & AGM | *Singapore*

**September 21-26**  
CPI Training | *Nepal*

**September (TBC)**  
CPI 2 | *Myanmar*

**October 5-14**  
BSIB Train The Trainers, CPI Training | *Manila, Davao, Panabo*

**October 19-31**  
CPI Training, Pastors Conference & Church Ministries | *Central Asia*

**November 1-7**  
Annual Fire Conference | *Thailand (Hua Hin)*

**November 8**  
ICMS 30th Anniversary Dinner Celebration | *Singapore*

**December 3-9**  
Christmas Outreach | *Cambodia*

**December 19**  
BOD Meeting 4 | *Singapore*

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