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## **Philippines**

We had a very upbeat worship service at the 33rd anniversary of Zion Church. Amazing since it had been flooded twice in the last 3 yrs, 6 ft deep in the recent storm. I called it the submarine church and joked that one qualification for the deacons we ordained included being able to swim and dive for coins during the offering.

Our main purpose on this trip to 3 Asian countries was to teach a module on Leadership at ZMI Bible School in P.I. and then teach the same module at ZMI's extension schools in Vietnam and Cambodia.

**Vietnam** Thanks to the grace of God and your prayers, our visa was approved. We weren't sure it would be because we were interrogated by the police in 2007 after being caught going to an unregistered church. Now the church is registered, but foreigners are still cannot speak in them. We still needed to ride into the compound on the back of motorcycles with our faces and all our white skin covered.

Eighty hungry pastors and Christian workers gathered for 5 days to study leadership. We shuttled back and forth as I took the morning sessions and Diane taught the afternoons. On the last day, we went together. After teaching there was a strong prophetic anointing so we took 1.5 hours to give a brief word to each one. Diane went one way and I ministered to the others. After about forty people, I came up empty for the lady kneeling in front of me. I was about to pray a blessing when my interpreter said she was the unsaved cook! I have had words for unbelievers in the past, but the Lord wanted her to get saved! Diane and my interpreter led her to Christ.

**Cambodia** Our 5 hr. bus ride across the border took 7! After limping along for miles, the bus gave up and we waited for another to come and rescue us. On the way back to fly out of Vietnam, it still took 7 hours because the bus had a flat.

The nation is still quite poor, but the capital, Pnom Penh, is bustling with life. 80% of the people are under 25 years old because the back-to-the-earth communism

of the Pol Pot regime in the late 70's killed an estimated 2 million people. If you saw the movie, The Killing Fields, you got an idea of the tragedy of annihilating everyone who was educated, spoke English, or even wore glasses! Now many nations have started schools all over the city.

New Life Church hosted 70 pastors and workers for 5 days. Our ZMI leadership module was quite appropriate since many of these people were from the rural areas and had been pastoring for only a few years. We were thankful to not need to sneak around in this country of religious tolerance.

The church, pastored by Sophea Sem, a growing work of 200+, has many conversions through their free computer and English classes. Diane again taught half the days and was invited to speak to the Wednesday night English meeting which many of the students attend.

### **Prayer for 2013**

Our next trip to the Philippines and possible China is in the planning stage, but it will include a 4 day Fire of God revival in Taytay, Rizal Province. We need the mind of God concerning how to respond to the requests for ministry in many nations.

**THANK YOU for praying for Diane and I as well as the teams we take to these places.**

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