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A Non-Denominational Outreach to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the people of the Philippines

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Happy New Year

It is great to enter the new year. 2007 was an exciting year, but we pray for even more excitement in 2008.

Videos

We have two more videos done of medical mission trips.



Church-Based Community Development Training led by Rene ('Gabby') Gabaldon, VP of COMDEV at DPDM

A. Medical Mission to Iligan City, November 5-6, 2008. (4 minutes) Produced by Annabelle Trickel. Available on Godtube.com. http://www.godtube.com/view_video?viewkey=4c9f5716774e9fc80f83

B. Medical Mission to Apayao, October 12-13, 2008. (20 minutes) Produced by Darwin Bayani, Vernacular Video Ministries. (VVMI) <http://www.vvmi.org>

(Darwin, along with leading VVMI in the Philippines, is on our board of directors. Annabelle and Brian Trickel are very supportive members of our ministry from the US)

We also have some older videos:

C. Tabaco, Albay. June 21-25, 2007. (22 minutes) Produced by VisionWorks.

D. Bacara, Ilocos Norte. November 25, 2005. (17 minutes). Produced by VVMI..

E. Baguionas/Ba-ay, Benguet, April 25-26, 2005. (10 minutes). Produced by VVMI.

F. Vintar, Ilocos Norte. July 10, 2004. (16 minutes) Produced by VVMI.

What happened during the fourth term?

- Medical Mission at two sites in Apayao. This was in partnership with Vernacular Video Ministries..
- Medical Mission at two sites in Iligan City. This was hosted by two churches there and our ministry partners, Brian and Annabelle Trickel.
- Continuation into Phase 4 of the COMDEV training program at One Hope Ministry in Dulao, La Union. Initial funding comes from Virginia Baptist Mission Board for Community Development work in Baraoas and Pugo.
- One week training in Church-based Community Development, held at the Munson's house in Baguio. Nine completed the course.
- Dental, Blood Pressure Screening, and Evangelism done at event for Night Establishment Workers in Baguio.
- Board of Directors Meeting (at the Andres' house) and our annual assembly meeting held at Klondike Hot Springs in Camp One, Benguet. New officers elected..

Quote

“One of the questions that is being asked and will be asked over and over again is that of the authenticity of the church. Nationalism, ethnicism, and political ideologies all rise up to ask the same question- 'Is the church genuine?' In the context of real-life concerns, human suffering, isolation, hunger, displacement, loss of franchise and basic freedoms, they may also be asking, 'Where is the church?'

-John Cheyne, 'Incarnational Agents: A Guide to Developmental Ministry', p. 56.

Year 2007 Statistics

13 Medical Mission Trips

- Baguio City (PBTS), Feb (1 sites)
- Mayantoc, Tarlac, Mar (1 site)
- La Union/Ilocos Sur, Apr (2 sites)
- Baguio City (Maharlika), Apr (1 site)
- Dasul, Pangasinan, Apr (1 site)
- Bohol, Apr (2 sites)
- Tamauni, Isabela, May (1 site)
- Baguio City (Honeymoon), Aug (1 site)
- Umingan, Pangasinan, Sep (1 site)
- Philippine Military Academy, Sep (1 site)
- Apayao, Oct (2 sites)
- Iligan City, Nov (2 sites)
- Baguio City (red light district workers),
Nov (1 site)



n Total Patients Treated:	5883
n Total Medical Treatments:	3923
n Total Dental Treatments:	1002
n Circumcisions:	502
n Cyst Removal/Surgery:	87
n Prayed to Receive Christ:	2361
n Desire Home Bible Study:	1562
n Eye Screening/Glasses:	393
n EKG/Diagnostics:	100

Training

Type	# of Trainees
CHE TOT I and II (1 week)	19
Med Missions/ Practical Ministry (3 days)	20
Wholistic Community Development (2 days)	7
Wholistic Community Development (weekly for 5 months)	14
Church-based Community Development (1 week)	9
Total	69

Total man-hours of training (trainees x hours) = 2160 hours

We are working toward opening up our Wholistic Ministry Training Center in Isabela Province in 2008. Also we hope to be publishing our trainer workbook for church-based community development in the Philippines.

Thought on Church-based Community Development

“One problem today has been that the church is not involved in developing its communities. Often, the church has been an unfriendly neighbor in communities across our country. Churches are guilty of being open only on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights and being almost irrelevant to the needs of the people around them. Because of this, many para-church organizations have started to do the work of loving their neighbor that the church had neglected. Christian Community Development sees the church as taking action towards the development of its community.”

It is the responsibility of the church to evangelize, disciple and nurture people in the Kingdom. Yet, from the command of Jesus, it is also the responsibility of the church to love their neighbor and their neighborhood. Churches should be seen as lovers of their community and neighborhoods. It is out of the church body that ideas and programs should emerge.”

From “The Eight Components of Christian Community Development” by Dr. Wayne L. Gordon



Our team enjoying recreation in Iligan City



Our team crossing the Apayao river in a “balsa” (bamboo raft) to go to medical site

Annual Meeting, December 8th

We met for our annual members meeting at Klondike Hot Spring in Camp 1, Benguet. It was a great time for swimming, relaxing in the hot springs, and joining in a lunch fellowship (food organized by Celia Munson, Flor Salas, and the Andres' family). For the formal meeting, member of the board of directors, Ptr. Rey Abellera, led music. VP of Training, Bro. Bob Munson gave the meditation based on Isaiah 58. President, Bro. JR Andres, led the business part of the meeting. Finally, lead dentist, Dr. Deo Laxamana organized the gift exchange. Approximately 45 individuals were in attendance.

Based partly on the recommendations of the Board of Director's meeting on December 1st, most offices at DPDM remain unchanged.

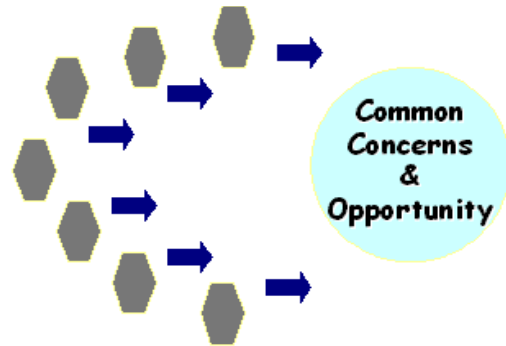
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The meetings also verified plans to move forward with our training center in Isabela, expansion of our COMDEV program, and development of our missionary program. The missionary program would provide an a support system for Filipino nationals seeking to serve God in the Philippines in the area of Wholistic ministry. More to follow.

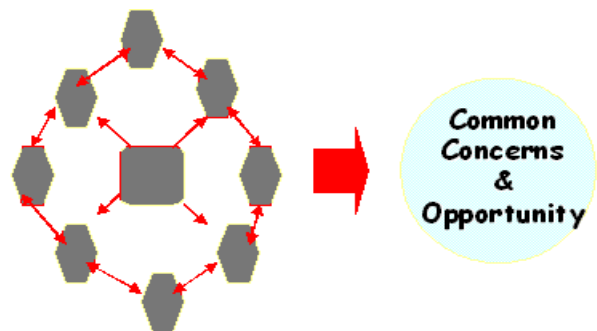
Thoughts on Collaboration

(Most of this comes from Stan Rowland's Presentation, “Collaborative for Transformational Ministry”, CCIH Conference, May 2007)

The following shows the “Old Way” of how ministries work. Different ministries do not communicate with each other but hope to achieve the same goals.



The “Partnership” or collaborative way is where ministries *retain their individual identity but are linked in a common vision* and empowered by a facilitator or facilitation team



We, of course, already partner with various mission groups, churches, schools, and government entities. But we are looking to the next step.

We hope to develop such collaborative partnerships with those that share common vision and goals, so that resources, gifts, learning, and such can be more effectively utilized for God's Kingdom.

Our Website was injured in December. It is back up but in a less functional form. Please be patient with us. Our photo galler may be viewed at <http://picasaweb.google.com/dpministries>

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