

CONFERENCE 2013

We are grateful to be able to report on a good conference this year. We were blessed to have Eld. Gary Howard of Tulsa, OK with us again this year. He has helped us in every conference for the past several years and is always a great blessing. This year was no exception. He preached graduation service and God used him to touch the hearts of our young people in a special way. His ministry throughout the conference was a great blessing. Besides speaking conference and in graduation, he conducted seminars with worship leaders from many of our churches. We are especially grateful for his great burden for the work of God in Asia.

Pastor and Sis. John Bullock from Vidor, Texas were with us again this year along with their daughters, Sis. Bethany and Sis. Rebecca. Pastor Bullock first came to the Philippines in the early 80's. He has returned many times since. On some visits he stayed several months and has always been a great blessing. In 1985 he and Sis. Bullock helped with my medical airlift of the island of Mindanao. This is the second conference the girls attended. God used Pastor Bullock in the conference as well as in a seminar where he challenged our Bible college students and alumni. The Spirit moved in a special way.

Caption: Sis. Miemban singing before I spoke at the conference. It has been our tradition since the early 80's that Sis. Miemban sing before I preach.

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Bro. and Sis. Short along with Carter and Avalyn arrived early in January to help us. By the time conference came, they had moved into a house and had received their shipment from the US. Bro. Short ministered to the youth and the Spirit moved them to make new commitments. He and Sis. Short poured themselves into these young people in each youth service. We want to thank the Shorts for leaving the US and moving to the Philippines to help us.

We are taking this year to reorganize our Bible College. Bro. Short will be taking a very active role in this project. He will be helping us develop some of our curriculum as well as adding new curriculum. He will also be working with the youth in our fellowship. The Shorts are also helping Eld. Bugay in the church in Payatas. We are thankful for a new soul that was added to that church after they began working there. We ask you to pray for this fine family each day as they adapt to a new culture and learn more about the work in the Philippines.



We are so grateful to have made so much progress in reorganizing our offices in Asia. This has helped me so much as the task of overseeing the work continues to grow. We are already seeing a great difference. My wife is such a blessing to me in that she oversees our offices in Manila and Phnom Penh.

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Sis. Taruli, our secretary here in Madera also helps us track important projects in the Philippines and Cambodia. This helps me continue to oversee the works and will be especially helpful as we reorganize ACTS.

It was a touching moment when Sis. Joy Navales, one of the ACTS graduates, gave her address at graduation. She was born with a hole in her heart. By the time she was nearing her teen-age-years, she could only walk a few steps at a time and then would have to sit and rest before walking another 5 or 6 steps. At one of the conferences a few years ago, God gave her an instant and complete healing. A short time later we saw her up sweeping the church, which she had never been able to do before.

A few years ago, a helicopter crashed into the Navales' home, burning it completely. Sis. Joy's sister, Rowena was burned to death almost instantly. Sis. Joy was severely burned, but survived. For several weeks, Bro. Navales had to carry his daughter wherever she went. We were deeply moved as Sis. Joy gave God the glory for sparing her two different times and voiced her determination to serve Him

We were disappointed that we could not have conference in Mindanao this year. This is an election year and there was a great risk of our people being kidnapped - not just our foreign visitors, but even our people visiting from Luzon would have been likely targets as various political groups are "raising funds" for their political campaigns.

Caption to Right: Sis. Joy Navales giving her adress at graduation.



Bro. Short prayaing with young people.



Pastor Bullock teaching ACTS graduates and alumni.



The Bullocks singing at graduation.

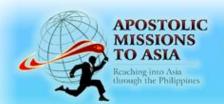


We brought our Mindanao pastors up for the conference. Some are getting along in years now. Three of these men have been in our fellowship since the 70's. Pastor Gawangon is a tribal man living up in the mountains and is in his early 70's. I first met him in 1975. He is pastor of a small remote church and walks a few miles each Sunday to attend the main church in the region. It was so good seeing these men again.

We were also very grateful to have our two faithful couples - the Vans and Minhs in from Cambodia. Both are anxiously awaiting the birth of a child in a few months.

Another very touching moment in the conference was a flag ceremony. A group of young people presented the US and Philippine flags in a very special way showing great respect for the flags of each country. A drill team of small children performed in a very touching way. The beautiful, large American flag was presented by the US Embassy for the burial of Mr. Pabanil who was a highly decorated World War II veteran and was a survivor of the Bataan Death March. He was the grandfather of Sis. Balmes whose husband is the pastor of our headquarters church. We appreciate this family allowing us to use this special flag.

We are grateful for those who received the Holy Ghost in conference this year. The number was down some from the past, but that was due to the fact more of our churches are maturing to the degree that they are now having people receive the Holy Ghost in the home churchs. We see this as a milestone.

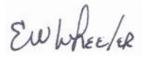


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It is not possible to properly explain the special work God did this year. We were able to pass a milestone this year and will remember it for many years to come. The progress we made this year has added a dimension to this work that we have never known before. We are working with the first, second and third generations of people that God brought out of paganism. Someone in Eld. Cajanding's church in Calamba wrote a song to that effect and the church sang it in conference. They sang about how they worshipped gods of wood and stone until the truth came to them.

None of this could have been possible without so many generous people back home who were giving, praying and offering moral support. We were so humbled at the sacrificial giving that helped make this trip possible. I made a special appeal asking for help to meet the needs of this conference and our visit to the Philippines. I knew this would be a special visit, but I did not know how very important it would be. Sis. Wheeler and I join the Filipino and Indochina people in thanking each of you who helped make this conference possible. It is our prayer that God will bless you abundantly for your help at this important time.

In His Service,





Children from Calamba singing in Tagalog, Vietnamese, Khmer & English



Bro. Short preaching to the youth.



Sis. Short praying in the altar service.



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Carter, Bro. Short, Pastor Bullock, The Wheelers, Sis. Bullock, Sis. Short and Avalyn, Sis. Rebecca Bullock, Sis. Bethany Bullock



Altar service in Conference



Brother Howard speaking at the conference.

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> To Left: Eld. Howard addressing the worship leaders from various churches.

Below: A welcome to the Bullock family.

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Flag ceremony honoring Elder Wheeler.

