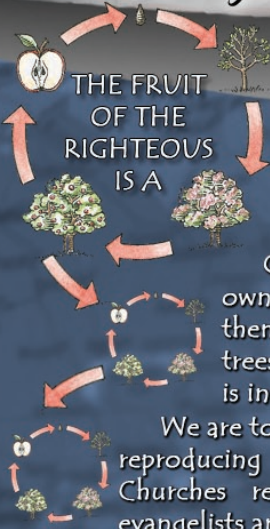


INDO-PHILIPPINE MISSIONS TEAM

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TREE OF LIFE

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God made every living thing to reproduce after its own kind. The fruits have the seed within that allows them to reproduce, not individual pieces of fruit, but trees bearing fruit that also contain a seed inside. God is incredibly wise!!!

We are to be in the reproduction business as well. Christians reproducing Christians through teaching and discipleship. Churches reproducing churches through the sending of evangelists and missionaries. God has placed within His children His life-giving Spirit to produce in us life-giving fruits.

As we abide in Christ and His Word abides in us, we are capable of bringing forth fruit. God works in our lives individually in different seasons to trim our branches or to enrich our soil so that we can become more productive for His glory. He manifests Himself and his attributes through us to draw others to Him. He produces love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance in us so that with these, others may come to know the love, joy, peace, etc...of God that we've come to know and enjoy.

How exciting it is to see our Lord at work in our lives, to know that He uses imperfection to do a perfect work. What a privilege it is to be used of God for His purposes. Psalm 127:3 tells us, "Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord; and the fruit of the womb is his reward." Proverbs 30:16 reminds us that one of the things never satisfied is "the barren womb." God has placed inside us not only the need to reproduce, but also the desire. If we don't reproduce, we become extinct, but there is more to delivering children than the propagation of mankind. There is joy after the travail, a feeling of accomplishment and worth.

In this issue of our team update, I want to share with you a couple of stories of those our team has had the joy of seeing not only born-again, but already bearing fruit of their own, or being used to help bring forth more fruit. We are sowers, waterers, and sometimes reapers, but we all get to share in the joy that comes over the increase that God giveth! As Paul reminded the Philippians who gave that He might serve in person where they could not, we remind you, that we "desire fruit that may abound to your account."



Mark Templa, whom we introduced to you in our update after our soul-winning week at West Negros University (Vol. 1 Iss. 6), has taken the step of baptism! We're thrilled for Mark and others who will also obey in this area soon. Please pray for Mark's mother to be saved.

In August, we mentioned a student from WNU on our website named Christine. She has not missed a Sunday morning service since she began attending, and this past Sunday, she brought her twin sister to church as well! On Saturday, Christine went with Lacey MacRae into their extension class area and helped Lacey lead four adult women to Christ by translating for her.



Just shortly after the Morrissey's arrived in the Philippines, Mike led a young man named Neil to Christ. Neil has been growing steadily and has been burdened for his family, especially his mother, to be saved. He has led two others to Christ on his own, and although several attempts had been made to get Bro. Mike to talk with Neil's mother about salvation, it didn't happen until this week. Neil's mother told Bro. Morrissey that she wanted her son to spend as much time with him as possible because of the impact it is having on him. She was very much ready to hear the Gospel and receive Christ herself!

ALIVE! PRAYER REQUESTS

Please be in prayer for our campus ministries. We continue to be encouraged about what is happening among the students and staff at West Negros University. However, we're still in search of "the seven" at another university. (See update Vol. 1 Iss. 9.) We are also hoping to gain regular access to a campus in Bago City; we hope to have an answer from them this week.

Our first course in our Bible memorization and instruction series is being used already. Please pray that we can speedily get other courses completed.



Since June, 2010, God has used our team to see:
◆ 1,508 saved ◆ 2,180 saved in special meetings ◆ 4 baptized



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