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ALAN HARRIS MINISTRIES

So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us. - 1 Thessalonians 2:8

We have been busy the last six weeks ministering **in churches in Pennsylvania, Indiana, and Ohio**. Also, along with our own **AHEA board meeting**, we were glad to be able to attend a national **Baptist Bible Fellowship Meeting in Cape Cod** and participate by way of preaching and singing in a national **World Baptist Fellowship Meeting in our own home town of Connersville, Indiana**. A special highlight on Friday, October 7, was to be invited to participate in the **Dan Rowland Benefit Event in Harrison, Ohio**. Dan has been the pastor of Harrison Avenue Baptist Church in Harrison, Ohio, for over 10 years. He was diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) in May of this year. ALS is a rare progressive disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord resulting in loss of muscle control and movement. We had never met Pastor Dan, but were invited by a mutual friend to participate in the fundraising event. We were blessed and encouraged by Dan's obvious reliance on the strength of God through this trying time and by the amazing outpouring of love and support of the Harrison Avenue Baptist Church as well as the community. God blessed their efforts tremendously with over \$30,000 being raised to help the Rowland family with medically related expenses. As you read this, *please lift Dan up in prayer, along with his wife Lisa, their two daughters Tian and Addie, and their church family* as they continue to walk together on this difficult journey. They are an inspiration to us as they continue to display the strength and joy that only God can give.



Alan, Dan Rowland, Angie

By the way....a side note to the above article, the mutual friend that introduced us to the Rowland family was once a member of a church in Indiana where we have ministered for many years. What a blessing to be a part of God's family network! We love watching young people grow up and stay faithful to God and active in His work!

ALAN HARRIS MINISTRIES MANILA UPDATE

We are happy to report that God is continuing to do a great work in Manila, Philippines! It is truly a field that is white unto harvest, **AND WE ARE GOING BACK IN JUST A FEW WEEKS!!!**

A few facts:

- Manila is regarded as the [most densely populated city](#) in the world with 111,000 people per square mile.
- By comparison, Manhattan has the highest population density of any city in the United States, with 27,000 people per square mile.
- Manila is the second most populous city in the Philippines after the former capital [Quezon City](#) with a population of 1,780,148 in 2015.
- Quezon City is the location of Hillcrest Family Life Baptist Church, planted by Reuel Tica and his family, who we have partnered with to minister in Metro Manila.
- Traditional Catholicism is the dominant religion in Manila. Thousands of people attend daily masses, where the ideas are reinforced that they earn favor with God by following Catholic rituals and that the priests and other church leaders are the only people qualified to read and understand the Bible.

While Catholicism is not reaching Filipinos with the Gospel, it has accomplished two helpful things. The Filipino people, in general, have a healthy respect for a Bible preacher or teacher and a foundational belief in God and in the truth of the Bible. As a result, when the Word is clearly presented and the truth of a personal, daily, living relationship with Jesus Christ is offered, the people eagerly accept!



Street Party in Quezon City!

While our desire is to make more frequent trips to work in Manila, our last trip ended at the beginning of 2015. At that time, our oldest son Alex, who was part of our team, met Ellain who was a teacher in a Christian school where we were ministering. To make a long story short, they were married in January 2016! Alex has been serving as youth pastor in Cincinnati, Ohio as they are anxiously awaiting Ellain's visa approval. **In January, Alex and Ellain had a civil wedding, with plans for a full ceremony later in the year. The date has recently been moved up from December 30 to November 26. With the lower flight costs available in November, we are thankful that our family will be able to join Alex in Manila for this joyful event.**



*Navotas City Mayor
Hon. John Reynald Tiangco
with Alex and Ellain*

The change in dates also allows us to go to Manila a little early and be involved in four full and busy days of mission activity before we focus on the wedding preparations. The extra expense (above our personal expenses of the wedding and flights, etc.) of the lodging, food, transportation, and involvement in mission activity and outreaches will be \$2,000 for the six of us who will be able to take part. We would normally plan a trip like this much further in advance, and we are now discussing with the Ticas some dates for a full mission trip in 2017. However, since we will be there for the wedding, we wanted to take advantage of the available time to do what we can while we can!



Andrew speaking in a school in Malabon.

Any donation you can make toward the needed \$2000 will be greatly appreciated, and will allow us to reach out to this densely populated region where there are thousands waiting to hear about a personal relationship with Jesus Christ! We will depart from Orlando, Florida, Thursday, November 17, arriving in Manila Saturday, November 19. These dates are quickly approaching! Please help us financially, if you can, and please pray for us as well! By the time we send our November newsletter, we will be able to share the exciting details of this mission trip!

Thank you for your prayers as we travel and minister!

Oct 30-AM: Blue Angel Baptist Church, 10900 Hwy 98 West, Pensacola, FL 32506

Nov 6: Landmark Baptist Church, 1536 N West St, Bushnell, FL 33513

Nov 10: Sensational Seniors Lockhart Church, 7601 Edgewater Dr, Orlando, FL 32810

Nov 13-16: Countryside Baptist Church, 2805 Register Rd, Fruitland Park, FL 34731

Nov 17-28: Manila Mission Trip and Wedding

Dec 4-AM: Crenshaw Community Baptist Church, 1067 Rutledge Loop Rd, Luverne, AL 36049

Dec 25-AM: Calvary Baptist Church, 309 W 24th St, Connersville, IN 47331