

## 2010 Mission Trip:

# A harvest of souls Nov 20 - Dec 12

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## Agape Mission Team Returns from the Mission Fields

*Psalm 46:10 "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."*

The 2010 Mission started on Nov 27, when most of the team members converged in the Fairview Headquarter in Casa Milan, Novaliches, Quezon City. Thanks to the generosity of Pastor Ferdie and Sis. Fidest Ramos for welcoming the team in their beautiful house. Pastor Ferdie quoted "they are only stewards of God's blessings— particularly their house in Casa Milan."

The mission team obeyed the call of God, and did the tasks assigned to them. With the grace of God, the mission was successful. The team came back with the confidence that God is at work not only in Australia but also in the Philippines and the rest of the world. God is indeed to be exalted.



## Other churches joined the 2010 Agape Missionary Team

The 2010 missionary team was composed of three churches which was headed by Agape Mission Ministry.

The mission trip core leaders were Ben Masanga, Jun Velasco, Val Adefuin, Ps. Tom Chua and Ps. Rudy Fetalsana.

The 2010 Missionaries were:

### *Agape Christian Church*

Ben Masanga, Jun Velasco, Val Adefuin, Alvin Adefuin, Joy Chua, Lars Bongco, Zaira Sulangi, Zaimon Sulangi, Zaion Sulangi, Rie Manaloto, Moses Awitan, Dave Merchant, Pinky Merchant, Ben Merchant, Nath Merchant,

Josiah Merchant, Elvie Rufo, Vi Chua and Pastor Tom Chua.

### *Joy of Life Church*

Chaz Axalan and Chrsytle Cabrera

### *The Saving Grace Family Church*

Jovelle Estrella

## 2010 Mission Trip:

### Hope Manila: Harvest of souls in Nova

*“As they witnessed, they encountered rejection...”*

The mission team had experienced one-on-one evangelism in the streets of Novaliches, Quezon City using the Evange-cube as a tool for witnessing.

The Agape team partnered with our partner church's young people. The united teams were divided by four groups and went to the streets and became fishers of men.

As they witnessed, they encountered rejection but it was rewarded by more than 30 people accepting Christ as their Lord and Savior. The teams were empowered by the Holy Spirit who promises power in witnessing. Zechariah 4:6 says it is by the Spirit of God we can accomplish mighty things for God.

After witnessing in the streets, the team assembled back in Foundation of Truth Christian Church, our partner church, and rejoiced for what the Lord had done on that day.

### God turns fear into boldness

Before going to the mission field in the Philippines, the mission team prepared themselves theologically in Sydney. They studied evangelism, and salvation prayer. They also learned about Philippine culture.

When they arrived in Manila and set themselves to counsel and witness, they became fearful of the actual witnessing they had to do. They had never witnessed to anyone before in Philippine environment. The task ahead seemed impossible to do.

They asked God to help them and let God direct them in what they were about to do. God answered their prayers (2 Chronicles 30:27).

Their fears turned into boldness as they witnessed to the students, bystanders, fruit vendor, and shoppers.



### Medical and Dental Mission

God leads people to do His works here on earth. He directs us to change our plans to suit His plans.

God allowed us to experience a mission within a mission. This medical mission was not originally in the mission plan but God by His power allowed this to happen. Not also did He change our plans, He did supply our needs for us to be able to conduct the medical mission in one of the poorest sections of Novaliches, Quezon City.

He did use the son of a Congressman, Ehdd Ar-

quiza, to supply us with some of the medicines we needed for the mission.

As a result of this medical mission, our mission team participated in counseling, entertaining the patients by singing gospel songs and assisting the doctors to carry out their duties. The medical mission served more than 250 patients in total.

The remaining medicines were sent to our partner church in Pangasinan.

To God be the glory!



**Hope Pangasinan Scholarship Projects impacted town and barangay**

The Senior Pastor of Aliaga Church, Pastor Tom Bautista, has confirmed that the project of Agape Christian Church in Malasiqui, Pangasinan, had impacted their town and barangay.

Their church experienced tremendous church growth with God’s grace and power. The project becomes a tool to reach out to the people of Malasiqui.

When we arrived in Pangasinan from Quezon City in the afternoon of December 5, 2010, we were welcomed by the Malasiqui mayor, barangay captain and his staff, church leadership and members, children bands, sponsored kids, and the barangay people. The welcome we received was unsurpassable, reserved for kings and queens.

The town mayor said he dropped everything

just to see us. In fact he waited for 1.5 hours before we arrived. Being an educator himself, he saw the importance of our projects which benefit the town people. I had the privilege of praying for the mayor, asking God to impart wisdom into his life as he performs his duties as the highest officer of the town.

The team also ministered to the Hope Pangasinan scholars, their parents and to the non-schooled kids and their parents in Bangkusay. To reach the place, we had to travel by Kuliglig, their mode of transport in that area.

There you go church, our sacrifices are touching lives and town officials. We are encouraged by the reality of God’s power working in the hearts of these people as shown by hundreds giving their lives as a response to the gift of God, Jesus Christ.

**God is still saving souls**

God’s business is the most important business in the world today. God’s people should not slow down in participating in the harvest of souls wherever God assigns them.

Christians are the salt and light of this world. They are the light because their Lord and Master is the source of that light.

The mandate that is given to the church is still relevant and up-to-date: Preach the Word. *Mark 16:15 He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation."*

Let us declare God’s saving power to those in need of the gospel. Let us tell them that Jesus saves. And He saves indeed! AMEN.



**A Heart’s Desire - Pasig: A Mission within a mission**

Elvie Rufo’s desire is to see her family in Pasig know the Lord in an intimate way. She joined the 2010 mission trip because Pasig was one of the destinations for the mission trip. Elvie played her role in the mission trip and even led a fruit vendor in Novaliches to accept Christ as her Lord and Saviour. This is only a part of the blessing God had reserved for Elvie.

On Dec. 13, Vi and I took the MRT and Taxi to Pasig to meet Elvie Rufo at McDonalds in Pasig.

Then, Elvie Rufo took us to their house in Pasig. Dave and Pinky came to meet us there as well. We assembled for a bible study with a Christmas message. When the invitation was given, 7 of Elvie’s relatives put their trust in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Master. Praise the Lord!

Elvie’s desire to see her family having a relationship with the Lord had been realised. To God be the Glory. God grants the desires of His people.