



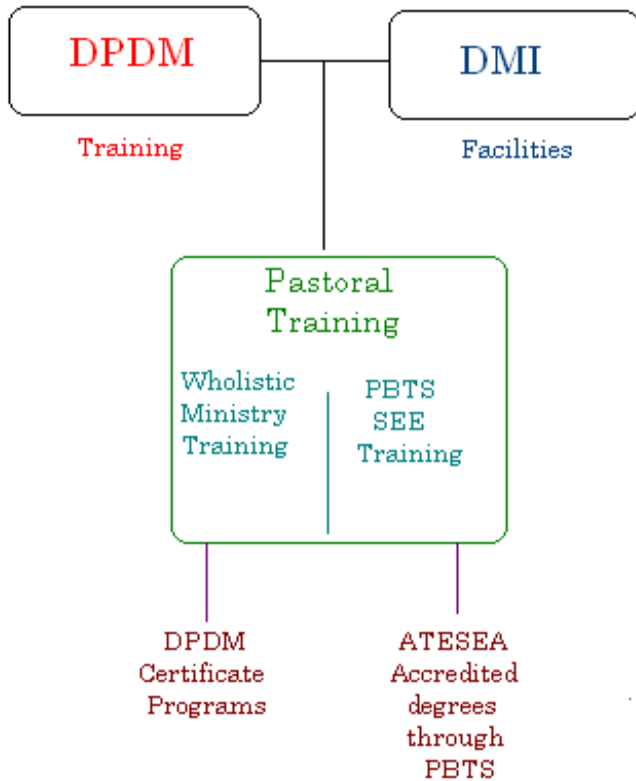
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DIADEM Ministry Training Center



DIADEM Ministries Training Center (DMTC) is now coming to reality. This is a ministry of Dakilang Pagibig “DIADEM” Ministries, Inc. We have written the course curriculum for the bi-vocational Bible school training and Seminary Education by Extension (SEE). The SEE is an affiliation of the Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary (PBTS), Baguio City. We are now in the height of planning the construction of a multipurpose center and other temporary structures to house the church, classroom, and student dormitories. Our ground breaking ceremony is scheduled for July 17, 2008.

Please continue to pray for us as we move forward to realization of God’s vision in Isabela. We are praying to start the bi-vocational Bible training with at least 12 students and the SEE training with at least 10 students. The first classes of the bi-vocational Bible school training and SEE instruction at the DIADEM Ministry

Training Center are scheduled to convene on October 13, 2008 in Burgos, Isabela.

If you desire to help, your gifts can be sent to DPDM and designated to the Training Center. See our website under “Donations” for details.

Bamboo Handicraft Workshop: Changed Hearts and Changed Lives

By Lerma Gabaldon

As a continuing training program of Dakilang Pag-Ibig DIADEM, 8 Pastors and 2 church workers applied the skills they learned during a 6 month COMDEV course held weekly from July – December 2007 at the One Hope Ministry (OHM) in La Union. The team formulated a COMDEV program and implemented the first project in Barangay Baraoas, San Fernando on April 8 - 12, 2008. Community appraisal and coordination was done prior to implementation.



Training at Baraoas

The project was a 5-day Basic Skills Training on Bamboo Craft to train 30 out-of-school youth. The training aimed to give the opportunity to the community to have livelihood and income out of the bamboo for future educational needs of the youth. Another purpose was for the Baraoas Baptist Church and OHM to evangelize and minister to the youth.

The COMDEV team applied planning and coordination skills to implement the first project in Baraoas in 2008. The lead COMDEV trainer Gabby Gabaldon coached the team members on improving similar activities in the future. Pastor Rey Abellera and I witnessed the closing ceremonies where 32 OSY ages 9 to 25 completed the training and in the process also received Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.

Witnessing a Wholistic Project for Baraoas Youth

By Gabby Gabaldon

On April 8- 12, 2008, I coached a 10 member team that the Dakilang Pag-Ibig Ministries trained in partnership with One Hope Ministry in La Union, Philippines. I witnessed the first project implemented this year. The project which was a 5 day basic skills training on Bamboo craft was designed to train out of school youth who cannot go to school because of the difficulty of their families to provide for their educational needs.

The out of school youth ages 9 - 25 are idle in the community and resort to early marriages, and vices such as illegal drugs and gambling. One Hope Ministry desires to help such communities solve social problem and lead them to productive activities. More important is OHM's desire to lead communities to know Jesus Christ while they are assisted to resolve social issues.

As a Community Development practitioner for many years, I was impressed how the young pastors and workers were able to apply coordination work with the community and implement the projects as a way of reaching people. I firmly believed that COMDEV is a strategic and wholistic ministry that local churches, Church leaders, missionaries can adopt to respond to social issues or problems while at the same time addressing the spiritual needs. It is a means to initially evangelize communities and particular groups (youth, farmers, women, or families) with a greater impact in their lives. It also provides an avenue where churches can partner with existing local organizations in the community like the local government in the Barangay and the school.

“The Christian faith is for living. It is not meant to be discussed in the abstract nor to be intellectualized in the aseptic halls of the academe. Nor does it need high-flown explanations. It does not even need vocal defenders willing to give up their lives for proofs of its claims. The Christian faith is meant to be lived.”

(“Filipino Values and Our Christian Faith” by Evelyn Miranda-Feliciano, pg. 91)

Half-Year Statistics (January - June 2008)

Medical Missions

Medical Sites	15
Total Patients	8556
Medical Care	5396
Dental Care	1407
Circumcision	454
Surgery	188
Eye Glasses	1628
Prayed to Receive Christ	6405
Want Home Bible Study	1002
Recommit to God	403

Community Development (Trained)

Bamboo Handicraft (Baraoas)	32
City Market Cooperative (Baguio)	40+
Marketing Training (Baraoas)	15

Other Training

Nurse Training at Medical Missions	66
Bible Students at Medical Missions	20



Hands-On Work at Bamboo Craft Training

BOTH IN THE MISSION FIELDS

by Dr. Evita Buada

June 21, 2008 was not an ordinary Medical Mission Day for my husband and me. It was our 24th wedding anniversary. Two years ago, on the same day, we were on the road to Bicol for a medical mission. Today, we again join the Dakilang Pag-ibig DIADEM Ministries spearheaded by Brother JR in ministering to hundreds of patients at Pagudpod, Ilocos Norte.

During the medical consultations, my heart cried out for three small frail bodies of children who were abandoned by their mother. As tears overflowed my eyes, I could not help but look back at my marriage that survived 24 years. There were ordeals, struggles, and storms in between happiness and pain. There were trying moments of giving up on each other. But God did not give up on our marriage. He made use of our weaknesses and perfected it through His power.

My heart has been beating for the missions for 18 years now. I was carrying my youngest son in my womb when God invited me to join Him in His work. Ever since that day, I felt unending fulfillment as a Christian. There was this indescribable joy I felt inside. I finally found my purpose here on Earth.

It took my husband years later to understand what mission is all about. I knew God had something to do with it. Me alone convincing him was far from possible. We journeyed on as husband and wife and parents to three loving wonderful children. It dawned upon us that we were for each other and both for the Lord. We both grew together in the missions, appreciating what God has blessed us with. We can see each other face to face and see the beauty of the “team-mate” God has purposed us to be. We are no one else but servants of the Lord for the sick and the needy.

On the same afternoon, the church (Christian Fellowship Center) at Dampig, Pagudpod requested us to join them for a short program. We praised God with singing and sharing of testimonies. To my surprise, Brother Jr. announced our wedding anniversary. There it was...in the middle of the mission field was a beautiful wedding anniversary cake! I was dumbfounded. I stuttered a speech hoping that all marriages and families would be sustained by God’s amazing grace and that God would cover each one of them with the blood of Jesus as they journey on. Finally, I bid them to go on winning souls for the Lord. We were greeted with joyful faces of pastors and leaders. We were warmly hugged by our family members of the medical team. Everyone extended their hands to us and covered us with such powerful prayers. There could have been no other memorable way of celebrating our anniversary than to be in the mission field with these volunteer missionaries and servants of God. Yes, we were also celebrating God’s abundant harvest.

My husband and I hurried off to catch the bus. We had to go ahead earlier than the medical team to catch up on our clinic day on Monday. As if the celebration of the day wasn’t enough, the bus stopped over the seaside and we marveled at God’s awesome creation. A lovely breathtaking sunset greeted us as it slowly sank into the deep blue horizon. There are no words to fully describe God’s goodness and faithfulness in the mission field. With so much joy in my heart, I can only smile and whisper “THANK YOU LORD.”

Also on the Pagudpod trip, many of our members had a chance to visit Shekinah Home. It was a wonderful place to be refreshed and minister to the children there.

www.shekinahhome.org



Project Tuli (Circumcision Team) Baguio City

News

A. Teaching Roles: **Pastor Justice Kubi**, will be returning to his homeland, Ghana, to serve as a professor at Regent University there. **Bob Munson** has joined Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary as adjunct faculty teaching Missions classes.

B. Milestones: In February at San Isidro, Tarlac, we treated our 20,000th patient since DPDM officially formed in November 2005. The day before, in Bolinao, the 10,000th person prayed to receive Christ through the DPDM medical missions. Our trip to Pagudpod this June was our 60th medical site. We expect to treat our 25,000th patient sometime in August of this year.



JR with Medical Mission Wall Hanging at Sorsogon Trip

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