

## **PHILIPPINES MISSION TRIP**

**APRIL, MAY, JUNE 2019**

TUESDAY, APRIL 23: Left Tulsa Int'l Airport flying to LAX (Los Angeles)

Thursday, April 25: Arrived in Manila airport at 4:40 a.m. were my son Erwin and daughter Gina Sambire pick me up and we headed to Montalban which is about five hours from Manila. Had a full days rest and visited with my son and daughter because I did not want to go to bed until evening.

Friday, April 26: A rather quiet day but then in the evening went to a prayer group at Masters Touch Ministries and prayed for those in attendance and the Holy Spirit was there.

Saturday, April 27: Attended a formal Filipino wedding and it was beautiful. So many people were involved.

Sunday, April 28: Ministered at Masters Touch Ministries in Payatas, Philippines (Luzon).

Monday, April 29: Spent the day with the family making plans for a big event on Wednesday, May 1.

Tuesday, April 30: Had breakfast with a small group of Pastors. They were very receptive. Ministered to several by the Spirit.

Wednesday, May 1: Traveled to San Jose Del Monte City for a special ceremony of the ordination of my son Erwin to the office of Bishop. Him and another Pastor were ordained. The ceremony was very impressive and I was invited to pray three separate times over the ceremony and the candidates. What an honor!

Thursday, May 2: Minister to a group of Pastors at a breakfast. The Holy Spirit in His excellence was present. Several pastors were ministered to. Had a great time of fellowship later. I will be having dinner with my family this evening and I know I will enjoy it.

Friday, May 3: Another day of rest and spend time with my family and packing my suitcase to travel to Davao tomorrow. I love my family here in the Philippines. They are a true family to me.

Saturday, May 4: I will fly to Davao today. The plane was one hour and 25 minutes late in departing from Manila. No exclamation! Arrived in Davao, finally! Was met by several Pastors. Pastor Larry Monte, Pastor Alan Pelobello, Pastor Marvin Collares, and Bishop Joshua Banks from here in the states. I was very honored. This evening I will be ministering at Christ For Life Church, Pastor Alan's church. There will be a tremendous move of the Holy Spirit in this service. Thank you Holy Spirit!

Ministered at Christ For Life Church this evening and the service was absolutely fantastic. It was packed with about 50 youth and they were very receptive. God has given me great favor with the youth here. The Holy Spirit manifested in a very special way. These youth are very precious to me and I have watched them grow from children to become wonderful young men and women. Several are graduating from college this coming June 13.

Sunday, May 5: I ministered at Tubod Community Center. The people were very receptive as they always are. The Holy Spirit was very active in the service. Prayed for 99% of the people in attendance and that includes the children. Three churches came together for this service. The Holy Spirit was there in a grand and glorious way.

That afternoon we traveled to Davao to pray for a precious elderly couple. Many problems in their bodies. A major attack of the spirit of infirmity. Pastor Larry Monte prayed the prayer of salvation to restore them to right relationship with God through the shed blood of Jesus. We then prayed for their healing and restoration of good health. I promised to come back and meet with them when I return to the Philippines.

Monday, May 6: Spent most of the morning with my granddaughter Keren Monte. She is a wonderful, beautiful young Filipino lady.

This afternoon with with Pastor Monte and granddaughter Keren to visit with Pastors at their churches.

Granddaughter Keren then announced to me that she was taking me to her doctor because of my bout with a small bottle of coconut milk. I went and I am glad I did. I was badly dehydrated and needed medication. No more coconut milk hereafter forever!!!!!!!

Tuesday, May 7: Spent part of the day with granddaughter visiting Pastor at a new church.

Evening was spent ministering to leaders of Tubod Community Christian Center on leadership principles and then counseled with several families and prayed with them.

Wednesday, May 8: I will take time this morning for prayer and study of God's Word. This afternoon I will pray for a baked goods business dedication and then travel on to Rehoboth Community Church with Pastor Zarino Plania and wife. Two youth received Jesus tonight as their Lord and Savior. Praise the Lord!!!

Thursday, May 9: Spent the day visiting with several different families and establishing new relationships. Many new doors are opening and now I pray for wisdom to pass through these new doors properly.

Friday, May 10: Quiet day because of much rain and mud. Unable to travel to any outlying areas.

Saturday, May 11: Visited with 5 new Pastors that I had not met before. I will minister at 2 or 3 before leaving the Sto. Tomas area. I am needing to find a place to be able to exchange my dollars to Philippine Pesos. They will not take my \$100 currency for exchanging because it is old. Two years ago they would not exchange the new \$100 bills because it was new. Most interesting! I have myself covered though with my Debit Card for emergencies like this. Experience is a good teacher but the Holy Spirit is a better teacher.

I will prepare now for 3 services tomorrow.

Sunday, May 12: Mother's Day here also. I am ministering at Sto. Tomas Christian Community Church, Pastor Marvin Coralles. Two adults receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior this morning. Praise the Lord!!! Had a mighty move of the Holy Spirit this morning.

Ministering at Carmen Christian Community Church in Carmen this evening, Pastor George Libre and wife. One adult received Jesus as their Lord and Savior and we had a mighty move of the Holy Spirit! Had a time of food and fellowship with Pastor and his wife at a new McDonalds.

Monday, May 13: ELECTION DAY!!! Things are rather quiet today and this evening because this is a BIG DAY HERE. Thank you Jesus, no more loud speakers on the top of vehicles advertising for candidates.

Tuesday May 14: Breakfast with Pastor Alan Pelobello, Pastor of Christ For Life Church and his son Shalom. Shalom is a fine young man and is very gifted in music. He is now a school teacher in the mountainous area. He travels 1-1/2 hours morning and afternoon to his destination.

This afternoon I was blessed with several of the youth from Christ For Life Church. Hannah, Michelle, and Ella. I have watched them grow from little girls into beautiful, dedicated young ladies. Today is Michelle's birthday. Happy Birthday Michelle!!! Hannah will graduate from College on June 13.

Later my granddaughter Keren came and visited with me for about 3 hours. We discuss a lot of scriptures.

Wednesday, May 15: Pastora Weng, her daughter Shekinah and son Shammah Pelobello and Jeza Goloran came and visited with me. A wonderful time of fellowship. Jeza is another young lady that I have watched grow from a child to a beautiful young lady. She will graduate from College on June 13 also. I am very honored that they want to visit with me. Many questions from the young people.

Thursday, May 16: A quiet morning to study and pray and prepare myself for upcoming services. Late afternoon and into the evening had some visitors. Several youth from Christ For Life Church visited with me. They have many questions about the scriptures. I had just finished studying most of the scriptures with the answers for them. The Holy Spirit never ceases to amaze me.

Friday, May 17: Had breakfast with Pastor Alan Pelobello this morning. After he left I had a good time of prayer and study of God's Word. Afternoon I was visited by two of the youth from CFL Church. They left and brought back some lunch for us to fellowship over. Later Keren, my granddaughter visited with me. It's a beautiful day in the mid 80's today.

Saturday, May 18: A quiet morning for prayer and study. Pastor Alan and his youngest son Shammah visited me about 7:30 PM with pizza. Good time of fellowship.

Sunday, May 19: I will minister at Greater Life Ministries Church this morning> Pastor Tabile is the Pastor. Tremendous service. Ministered and prayed for several people.

This evening I ministered at Christ For Life Church again. A mighty move of the Holy Spirit and His gifts.

Monday, May 20: A little before 1 AM this morning we had a SUDDENLY! A tremendous rain storm that sounded like a locomotive was coming through the motel rooms. Thundering and lightening! This went for about 30 minutes and then another SUDDENLY! GONE!

Spent several hours fellowshiping with the youth from Christ For Life.

Tuesday, May 21: Had breakfast with Pastor Alan, Pastor of CFL Church this morning.

This afternoon I had a great time of fellowship with my granddaughter Keannu Molero and her sister Karryme. I don't get to visit with Keannu very much because she is always studying or working, teaching English on the internet.

Wednesday, May 22: Another quiet morning of prayer and study of God's Word. Communicated with my daughter Gina and then with my granddaughter Analyn. Also had fellowship with some of the local Pastors.

Thursday, May 23: Another quiet morning. I love these quiet mornings because I have study time and prayer and can listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit. My granddaughter Keren spent time with me today with many questions and needing encouragement. This evening, youth from CFL Church came to visit and they had many questions about the scriptures also. I love these young people. While fellowshiping Pastor Alan and his wife Wilma came with fresh baked TUNA!!!! I love the TUNA!!!! They were there for a while and then left.

Friday, May 24: More visits with the youth from CFL with still many questions. They certainly want to learn about God's Word. While they were there it rained very heavily for a while. They always want to know if I have eaten anything.

Saturday, May 25: Breakfast with Pastor Alan again. They like to eat!!! I will exchange some US dollars for Philippine Peso today to cover some expenses. Well, no one wants to exchange finances because the \$100 are too old they say. I will have to travel to Tagum City with granddaughter Keren and her brother Kemuel to try the ATM. Success!!! The ATM accepted my debit card and now back in business.

Sunday, May 26: It's a beautiful day and I will be ministering at Mangalcal Christian Community Center this morning. Pastor Jun Alconzoin is Pastor here. He and his family are beautiful people and they certainly love the Lord. They were prepared for a mighty move of God and they were not disappointed.

This evening I will be attending a Youth Reload Service but just as a guest. About 60 youth attending and I was honored by being asked to attend.

Monday, May 27: I am supposed to be leaving for Sto. Nino today but there seems to be a kink in the plans. Someone dropped the ball. I will clear up my expenses at the Aloha Inland Resort where I have been staying. They dropped the cost of my room because they like to see me studying God's Word and praying. They also know I am praying for the Resort. Praise the Lord!

I had lunch at Pastor Alan and Wilma's house today. He had gone somewhere so I had lunch with her and the children. A good lunch and a good time of fellowship. I also visited with Shalom, their oldest son in his home. Back to the Resort to visit with the youth again. I love it!!

Tuesday, May 28: Today, I will be travelling if I have to take the bus. I met my ride on the other side of Davao which is about 2-1/2 drive and then another 4 hour drive to Sto. Nino where I will stay for the remainder of my time in the Philippines. I am staying in the guest house of Joselito & Chrismore Cabello, they are a wonderful couple. I love them very much. Had a really good lunch in Tacurong and then back on the road. We stopped in Isulan and visited with Chrismore's sister, Virgie. We visited there for about 1-1/2 hours and then on to Sto. Nino. When we get there we encountered a "brown out" which is a rotating shut down of electricity for several hours because of the pull on their electric system. It wasn't bad. It was only about 91 degrees F. We won't see Cabellos today because they are very busy preparing for the dedication of their new school building which I have the honor of dedicating on Thursday.

Wednesday, May 29: Had a wonderful breakfast with Joselito, Chrismore, & daughter CJ. CJ has just graduated from college. We will rest today and prepare for the dedication tomorrow at Koronadahl, Philippines which is about an hour down the highway.

Thursday, May 30: DEDICATION DAY!!! DOLORES PENEZA MONTESSORI ACADEMY INC. Much excitement in the air because this is a BIG EVENT! It started with a parade through the city. A rather large city but we had police escorts and it was really a sight to behold. We then returned to the school and had a ribbon-cutting, tour of the school, special speakers, special music and then I ministered and did the dedication ceremony. What an honor! I had spent many hours praying for the construction of the new facility and it was beautiful. Following the ceremony we then had a great lunch and met many people. People from the Philippines Education Department were there and very supportive of the school and what it stands for several were graduates from the school over the past several years. At the end of the day, TIRED!!!! Traveled back to the house and rested!!!

Friday, May 31: Chrismore's Birthday!! Early celebrating!! People from Capitol Site Baptist Church came and celebrated with us! They arrived at 5:30 AM! Singing, sharing prayers and birthday wishes and then returned to Isulan which is about a 25 minute drive. I love my Filipino family very much.

We stopped in and visited the newly renovated DOLORES PENEZA MONTESSORI ACADEMY INC. in Sto. Nino and visited and prayed for the teachers. They are preparing for a new school year.

Later we traveled back to Koronadahl to meet with more family and friends and prayed for the teachers that are preparing for a new school year also. All of the teachers look like High School students. Very young! This is truly an amazing family. Part of the family came from the UK. Then we traveled to The Farm for another Celebratory Lunch.

I have been invited by the older sister to come to Zamboanga to minister and I believe I am to go. It's in a mountainous area overlooking the Philippine Sea. A very beautiful place!

Saturday, June 1: Today is granddaughter Keannu's Birthday. I wish I could be with her but I am several hours away from her. HAPPY BIRTHDAY MY BEAUTIFUL GRANDDAUGHTER! One of my other granddaughters, Analyn and her family will visit me this afternoon. I am excited to her and her family, my Filipino son and daughter. They are Pastors of a Church about 45 minutes from Sto. Nino. We had a wonderful visit. I love my Filipino family very much.

Sunday, June 2: Today I am ministering at Capitol Site Baptist Church in Isulan, Philippines. This is a fabulous growing church. I have been coming here for about 4-5 years and it is always growing in number. I have the privilege of baptizing 26 new converts with their new Pastor Kenny Roger Bogador and his lovely wife Shyrrel Faith Lopez Bogador and their small son Klay David. I am their Lolo (grandfather). I am always honored to come to this great church and I am received as part of it.

We had lunch at the Peneza family home with the family all in attendance. They are a tremendous ministering family. A great time of fellowship during and after lunch. I have accepted an invitation to travel to Zamboanga to minister my next trip here.

This evening Pastor Cris and Evelyn Fernal, their daughter Krishnel (another of my Filipino granddaughters) and son John came to the Cabello's home and visited. Pastor Cris has been having quite a battle with his health and we had a time of prayer with him and believing for his total and complete healing!

Monday, June 3: Had a good breakfast with the Cabello family and preparing to depart to the airport in Davao where I will fly to Manila this evening. Looks very stormy! I will have them drop me off at the airport and return home before a large storm that is supposed to hit.

Tuesday, June 4: Fly from Manila to LAX Airport in Los Angeles and then to Tulsa. It has been a fabulous trip to the Philippines with many manifestations of God's Word. I am preparing to return as soon as possible. The Philippines is my second home!