

2023

ANNUAL REPORT



As of First Importance Ministries
A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION



PRAISE GOD!

Having just returned from our short-term mission to the Philippines, God gave us a preview into what our life and ministry would look like in the near future. We learned a lot, and being back in California gives us some much needed time to continue planning and preparing for our long-term mission.

One thing we are especially grateful for in our time on mission is the confirmation after confirmation from the Lord Jesus that Philippines is where He has called us to be.

Our God-given passion to fulfill His calling to admonish the churches there in Christ Jesus has only grown stronger.

We thank God for your continued support in our ministry and we pray that through this report, you will get a better glimpse of our heart and our mission to be simply and purely devoted to Christ, our rightful First Love.



Pastor Bong Cabuhat

OUR VISION

To restore the honor and glory to **Jesus Christ** as first love of His messengers, as first place in His church, and as first importance of His gospel.

OUR MISSION

To provide free **Christ-centered** Bible training to pastors and teachers in the Philippines.

Meet Our Team

The Board of Directors: Pastor Narciso “Bong” Cabuhat, Bea Cabuhat, Normita Panuncialman, Freddie Realon, Pastor Matt Thibault



Highlights of the Year

MAR 5-19

Winnipeg: Pastor Bong and Bea with their children travelled to Winnipeg, Ontario, Canada.



Had several coffee fellowships with pastors and leaders from many churches to share our mission and seek partnerships.



Pastor Bong guest preached at 3 different churches and set up a missions booth.

MAR 23
- APR 2

Edmonton: Pastor Bong and Bea with their children travelled to Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.



Shared our mission and sought partnership in prayer and finances through coffee fellowships and Bible studies.



Visited their previous home church. Pastor Bong preached and shared the mission, Bea sang led and shared her testimony.

AUG 3

El Toro: Attended a fellowship with Filipino Southern Baptist Ministries. Pastor Bong was officially invited as one of the speakers at the January 2024 Lide-Walker Bible Conference in Baguio, Philippines.

Pastor Bong invited to hold a Bible seminar for pastors and church leaders in Tarlac.

OCT - DEC



California: Begun sharing the short-term mission to churches in the San Diego area.



Made final preparations for the short-term mission.

SHORT-TERM MISSION REPORT

JANUARY 13-22, 2024 | TARLAC, PHILIPPINES



The Mission Team from left to right:

Rea, Pastor Augusto, Shekinah (host church family); Pastor Matt, Pastor Bong, Bea; Magdalena (host church family); Thess, Joy, and Malu.

SHORT-TERM MISSION GIVING

\$10,887.87

**Total Contributions to the
January 2024 Short-Term Mission**
From 10/01/2023 to 02/29/2024

63

Total contributions

41%

Gave online

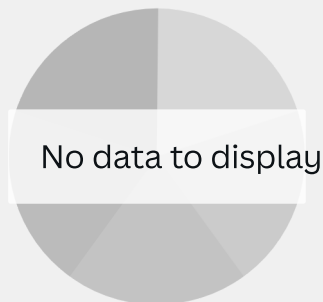
\$178

Average donation

43%

From Canada

Mission Expenses



\$9,551.23

**Total Expenses during the
January 2024 Short-Term Mission**

Christ-Centered Seminar	\$3,962.12
Christ-Centered Evangelism	\$960.92
Total Program Expenses	\$4,923.04
Lodging for 8 delegates (x10 days)	\$1,307.00
Food (daily delegate debriefs)	\$76.75
Travel (vehicle, driver, gas, tolls)	\$946.95
Total Delegates Expenses	\$2,330.70
Food Fellowship	\$311.37
Love Gifts to Pastors & Churches	\$1,986.12
Total Gifts	\$2,297.49



**Through your donations,
we were able to distribute:**

- ✓ 10 ESV Study Bibles
- ✓ 3 Bible study workbooks/person
- ✓ 4 boxes of clothes
- ✓ 2 meals each day
- ✓ Love gifts for every pastor in attendance



81+

people attended the
3-day Christ-Centered
Bible seminar

24

pastors

22

churches
represented

7

cities
represented



Day 1: Christ-Centered Bible Interpretation.

Jesus Christ is the Word of God. The study, teaching, and preaching of the Word of God must testify of Jesus Christ.

(John 1:1-18 & John 5:39-40)



Day 2: Christ-Centered Gospel.

Jesus Christ is the gospel. The gospel must reveal the righteousness of God in Jesus Christ.

(1 Corinthians 15:1-5 & Romans 1:16-17)



Day 3: Christ-Centered Messengers.

Jesus Christ is the message. The passion of His messengers must be Jesus Christ.

(1 Corinthians 1:22-24 & Revelation 2:1-5)



Testimonies



“I am very thankful and blessed by the seminar. It was a great help for me and to other pastors who attended. I was also reminded that faith, love, and obedience is essential for us to glorify God, not our education or anything that a man can accomplish. Thank you very much AOFIM. May you continue to share the love of God with other people, especially to us pastors with the church leaders.”

Pastor Ryan Senapilo, Bamban First Baptist Church



“Praise God from whom all blessings flow. For truly indeed the seminar was a great blessing and big help to me. Pastor Bong taught us to always remember our first love and in everything we do it must be Jesus Christ first. (Hebrews 12:2). I praise and thank the Lord to the team of Pastor Bong Cabuhat for imparting their God's given knowledge with love and humility. As they speak, I can see Jesus in their lives, truly they are Christ-centered messengers and faithful bond servants of the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Pastor Jerry Alimurong, Macangcong Baptist Mission



Thank you Ptr Bong for your dedication and compassion in teaching God's word. Thank you because you taught us love God with all our hearts and explained the word of God very clear. I know you love Jesus Christ our Lord. Thank you for your team who supported you in this seminar and mission.

Pastor Augusto Aguilar, Capas Baptist Church



“Glory to God for the seminar by Ptr. Bong Cabuhat and his team. God once more reminded me to the calling He made for me and to every Christian, that we should love God first above anything or anyone else. Ptr. Bong gently reminded us that we do the ministries that we are doing because we love our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. The love of Jesus Christ is the one who drives us to continue in our calling. I pray that God continues to bless the ministry of Ptr. Bong and to those who were willing to share their blessing to bless people who they didn't know; like me. Their love and commitment to the Lord shouted through their actions. God bless you po and maraming salamat po.”

Pastor Lito Victoria, Sacobia Baptist Church



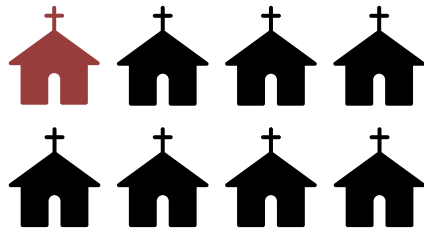
500+

people heard the gospel of Jesus Christ through personal evangelism from house-to-house, in marketplaces, on the streets, and in schools.



250+

people at the evangelistic outreach where the gospel of Jesus Christ was shared through preaching and singing.



8 churches

partnered with us in sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ to their communities



Through your donations, we were able to distribute:

- ✔ Bibles and gospel tracts to every person we shared to
- ✔ 2 boxes worth of clothes and toys
- ✔ Food for 250 people during the outreach
- ✔ Bags of rice to 36 families during the outreach

Frequently Asked Questions

When are you going to permanently move to the Philippines? God-willing, we will permanently move to Philippines within 6 months after a new senior pastor has been installed in Pastor Bong's place at his home church, and after we travel around USA and Canada to seek partnerships with churches.

Why are you raising funds now if your permanent move date to Philippines is still tentative? The funds we raise now will be saved in prayerful hope that when we begin traveling in USA and Canada to gather partnerships, there will be a reserve or enough monthly support to fund our expenses moving forward.

When you move to the Philippines, how long are you planning on staying there? We will be residing in Philippines for at least ten years, as the Lord wills, and as long as the Lord will call us to stay there. We plan on visiting with our families and with churches who support AOFIM in USA and Canada every other year, God willing.

What will you do in the Philippines? We will travel from city to city, partnering with local churches to conduct two ministry programs: Christ-Centered Bible Training and Christ-Centered Evangelism. Free Bible training classes will be held at each mission point consisting of 10-15 students, focusing on pastors, leaders, and teachers. We will stay at each mission point for at least 2 months before traveling to the next mission point.

Where are you going to live in the Philippines? Our first few mission points will be in Tarlac. And since we will be traveling to different locations every few months, our prayer is to have a mobile home. This will allow us: (1) mobility to go to any town, no matter how remote, and be in the vicinity of the churches we will be ministering to; (2) flexibility for our partnering churches who won't be burdened with the need to accommodate us; and (3) stability for our family, especially our young children, who will have to adjust to a new place to live as we travel to different mission points.

Will you be pastoring a church in the Philippines? Will you be planting a church? No. We have no intention of planting a church or pastoring a church there. Our calling is to admonish existing churches and partner alongside their pastors and leaders in fulfillment of our mission and vision.



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Or visit our website at www.aofim.org for more information and answers to frequently asked questions.

Or contact us anytime with your questions at info@aofim.org



"For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for I am under compulsion; for woe is me if I do not preach the gospel. For if I do this voluntarily, I have a reward; but if against my will, I have a stewardship entrusted to me."


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