

REGIONAL TRAINING CENTERS **EXPANDING NATIONWIDE**



CBS-ASIA IN VARIOUS PLACES: (Left) Director Nicky Joya, teaching a Hermeneutics course at Lifesource Christian Church in Tondo, Manila, for an independent group of Evangelical churches. CBS-Asia is being sought by groups outside the CB circle. (Middle) Students at GCF North--a newly established training center for North Manila. (Right) Dr. Glen Johnson, visiting professor from the U.S., speaking before pastors and church leaders of Laguna at the Calamba RTC.

The years 2006 and 2007 have been the most fulfilling and the most productive years since CBS-Asia has adopted the Regional Training Center (RTC) paradigm. It has been a tremendous blessing to see what God has done the past year as a whole new horizon for ministry has developed.

More than 300 students are now being trained in various RTCs located all over Luzon. Four new ones have been established in 2006 to address the need to train more pastors and leaders, bringing the total number of RTCs to thirteen.

Commendations are in order for its faculty and staff! CBS-Asia will not attain this level of success without the many hours of labor volunteered by several dedicated people who make the ministry possible.

NEW REGIONAL TRAINING CENTERS

In **Quezon Province**, Pastor Joel Macatangay, Quezon Province Council Chairman, has initiated the setting up of the RTC in Sariaya, Quezon. Twenty-seven students from a number of churches in the province are going through the Church Leadership Program. Even in the RTC's early stage, a number of students attending are now considering full-time careers in church ministry and missions. As of this writing, one student is doing a short-term mission exposure in Indochina.

Pastor Joel is currently pursuing a Master of Divinity degree at the Asian Theological Seminary as part of the CBS-Asia's faculty development program.

Zambales— Thirty-six *katutubo* (indigenous) pastors and lay leaders are going through non-

formal training program of CBS-Asia. This training center is located in the highlands of San Narciso, Zambales. Prof. John Pesebre, Academic Officer treks the mountains of Zambales to minister to Aeta pastors and church leaders.

GCF North serves **FLAG-CD** (Fairview, Lagro, Aguadiente, Caloocan and Dela Costa) churches. GCF North along Commonwealth Avenue, Quezon City, opened its newly renovated center to CBS-Asia as its RTC for the FLAG-CD district. About sixty students representing at least eight local churches are currently enrolled in two courses.

Another GCF satellite church, **GCF Marikina Valley** is now the 2nd RTC for **EASTMAR** catering to churches in the areas of Rizal. Both

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GCF churches send their elders and deacons to be trained at CBS-Asia.

LOOKING FORWARD TO MORE CENTERS

Mindanao Ministry: A new RTC in Hope Mountain, Davao, will open in June 2007. Rev. Johnny Dalisay, CBAP Mindanao Area Director will lead other qualified instructors to teach the courses. Pastor Johnny is pursuing a Doctor of Ministries degree at the International School of Theology - Asia.

CBS-Asia will also be extending its ministry to include other Evangelical groups. **Southern Baptist School of Theology** has forged a partnership with CBS-Asia to establish RTCs for its constituents. This partnership will widen our sphere to include this large denomination.

A group of churches in Tondo, Manila opened its doors to CBS-Asia. Although not an official RTC, trainings are being held for the pastors and leaders of these churches.

WITH GROWTH COMES CHALLENGES



While CBS-Asia praises God for its fast expansion, there

are a number of challenges brought about by its growth, that confront it.

The need to expand its faculty. Many of the RTCs do not yet have a pool of faculty to do the trainings in their schools and still depend on the national office to provide them with professors. CBS-Asia has four itinerant

Visiting Faculty

“He never fails to speak to our hearts!” This is the sentiment of many who have attended **Dr. Gene Wood’s** seminars a number of times already. On February 10, Dr. Wood lead another seminar on the topic “Developing an Effective Leadership Team”. One hundred and eighty pastors and church leaders attended the CBS-Asia sponsored seminar at GCF-North in Quezon City.

As in previous times, Dr. Wood spoke candidly about issues confronting pastor-board relationship - a topic that often elicits an emotional response. Yet, his gentle, humorous and not to mention biblical way of addressing the subject, often drew an “amen!” from the audience. Expect to hear from this prolific teacher again.

Last March 5-9, CBS-Asia Pastoral Ministries Program students were very honored to have **Dr. Glen Johnson** teach the subject, “Spiritual Leadership”. His wide pastoral

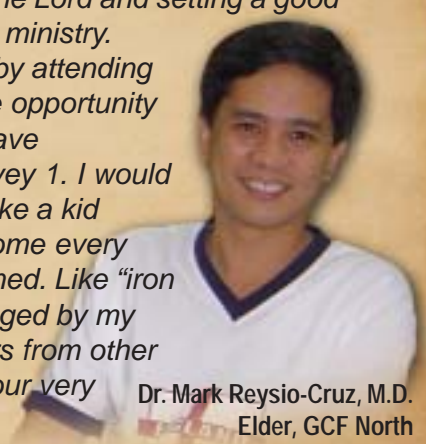
and mentoring experience, not only in the United States but also as a missionary to Brazil make him well-qualified to teach the subject.

Dr. Johnson comes with a B.A. (Political Science) from Stanford University, M.Div and Th.M. degrees from Western Conservative Baptist Seminary, and a Ph.D. in Education from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Dr. Johnson conducted seminars at RTCs in Calamba, Laguna and Dasmaringas, Cavite.

Rev. Donald Furrow, returning guest professor will be teaching “Pastoral Epistles” on June 4-8 at the CBM Guesthouse, 50-B, Road 13, Pag-Asa, Quezon City. Fee is P 1,650.00.



Philippians 2:3 says, “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility, consider others better than yourselves.” This is an exhortation from the Bible that seems simple enough to grasp yet is difficult in its application. I have realized that being chairman of the council of elders at GCF North this year is not so much about the position but developing my walk with the Lord and setting a good example to the brethren in my life and ministry. What better way to equip myself than by attending classes at CBSA! I am thankful for the opportunity to attend classes at CBSA. So far, I have completed Hermeneutics and OT Survey 1. I would go to class with a sense of euphoria, like a kid going into a candy store, and come home every night excited to tell my wife what I learned. Like “iron sharpening iron”, I have been encouraged by my fellow GCFers and brothers and sisters from other churches as we sought to learn from our very dynamic instructors.



Dr. Mark Reysio-Cruz, M.D.
Elder, GCF North

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professors that travel to these RTCs to train the students.

Financial support for operations and scholarships. While CBS-Asia has increased its number of financial supporters, its expenses have also increased. In addition, students from poor churches have found it very difficult to sustain their studies. CBS-Asia is providing them with subsidy to help them continue their training.

Changing mindsets. Some churches, due to financial constraints, see theological education as a luxury. Others, worse, see it as unessential. It has been a challenge for CBS-Asia to change the mindset of our church leaders.

Pursuing academic credibility. Although CBS-Asia believes that it is offering excellent training programs, it has a lot more to go to be taken seriously. The following steps of action are being done to increase its credibility.



I exited from postgraduate school teaching for 16 years and thought to settle for ministry work, though I have been involved for so many years before, as a church leader and otherwise. My husband welcomed my proposal to enrol in a theology school, pick up special courses but not necessarily to earn a degree title. One worship Sunday an announcement was made that CBSA offers special courses open to everyone who want to avail of study opportunity in Christian Leadership. I thought then that understanding the books of the Bible through preaching, fellowships, special seminars and the like would suffice to acquire in-depth biblical knowledge. Not until I went through Hermeneutics, OT Survey I and NT Survey I did I realize that I must undergo rigid interpretative analogy and cover to cover study of the Holy Book. I owe it to CBSA through its spiritually gifted professors respectively. CBSA thought of one great deal of a job in bringing the school to the students instead of the other way around.



Araceli Tria
Church leader
GCF-North

1) The seminary is now an associate member of the Philippine Association of Bible and Theological Schools, and is in the process of working on government approval.

2) CBS-Asia is seeking the assistance of other credible educational institutions here and abroad to accelerate the development of our faculty. The International School of Theology - Asia here in the Philippines and Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary are two institutions providing CBS-Asia with this much needed help.

3) CBS-Asia is also partnering with other smaller Bible schools, such as SBST to gain credibility in other denominations, and opening its doors to other groups to widen its acceptance.

What was once an intangible vision has now become a

magnificent testimony of God's grace to Christian training. The following testimony by J. Enrik De Guzman, a young deacon of GCF-Marikina Valley gives us a glimpse of the impact of the training provided by the institution:

Before taking up classes at our local CBS Asia Regional Training Center (GCF Marikina Valley), I had difficulty interpreting and understanding the Bible. Sure there were some portions of it which were very straightforward and easy to understand. But somehow, I just didn't get a good grasp of how to correctly interpret Scripture. I was at a loss as to whether my understanding, application, and appropriation of the Word was within applicable bounds or totally unwarranted.

Then there was CBS Asia. I praise God for this wonderful program, especially the Hermeneutics class. This class has equipped me with the proper framework, perspective, and tools necessary to systematically understand and interpret biblical

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text. Along with the other classes that I have gone through so far, this program has given me a deeper, surer, and better estimation of the Word of God and a more biblical approach to family life and ministry.



J. Enrik De Guzman
Deacon, GCF-Marikina Valley

Like David, I cried out to the Lord to "Give me understanding, that I may observe your Law, and keep it with all my heart." And He Has faithfully honored my desire to know Him in His word through the Bible classes held at the CBS Asia Regional Training Center.

I pray that God may continue to use this program to equip me and more and more saints to live lives pleasing to Him and glorifying to His Name!

The life-transforming ministry of CBS-Asia encourages people like Atty. Leo and Malu Mendoza, to regularly support the institution in prayer and finances. Bro. Leo wrote, "Pastors take care of their flock, but who will take care of the pastors? This, to me has to be addressed in the light of contemporary church setting. Pastors need continuous training in order to meet the ever-changing conditions of ministry. CBSAsia provides this support and infrastructure by bringing the training right at their doorstep. What a blessing and the great impact that this will have on the Lord's Kingdom here on earth!"



It has been my heart's desire to have program such as CBS-Asia's for us working individuals. I grabbed the opportunity after DZAS aired the course in one of its broadcast. Since then, the pursuit of CORRECT understanding of God's word and submitting to His will has become a way of life. There's more depth in my personal devotion as well as in my teaching ministry. I thank God for your unselfish love and comittment to minister to the body of Christ. Salamat po, CBS-Asia!

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