



CBS-Asia Ministry Update

2008 Progress Report

Mission

As its mission, "CBS-Asia exists to serve and function as the official and exclusive theological education and training arm of the Conservative Baptist Association of the Philippines (CBAP) and as such, to train Philippine-oriented Baptist pastors, evangelists, and other Christian leaders for effective ministry."

This is summed up in the statement:

"To develop competent church leaders."

Vision

It has as its overarching vision, "To be the premier theological institution of CBAP that develops church leaders who are maturing in their spiritual standing, increasing in the knowledge of the Word, and exercising leadership abilities and ministry skills that enables their churches to grow and multiply."

Equipping Leaders

CBS-Asia's Role in the Fulfillment of Vision 2025

In our effort to assist CBAP in fulfilling Vision 2025, the seminary has set a number of goals at the beginning of the year. When these are accomplished, they would help the association establish the desired number and quality of local churches.

To establish 2,025 local churches in every city and municipality in the Philippines is an ambitious goal. This requires more church planters who will sow the seed, consolidate new believers, and form and organize congregations. Further, the vision necessitates pastors who will nurture and develop these new churches to reproduce more churches and perpetuate the cycle. The success of the new program rests largely on the quality of leaders our churches have. CBS-Asia's task is to come alongside our churches to help them develop competent leaders.

As soon as the present program was introduced and accepted, the seminary began to formulate goals and strategic plans designed to help realize Vision 2025. The following are the goals and reports on progress of CBS-Asia's effort to accomplish the goals:

RTCs IN EVERY REGION

The most major goal of CBS-Asia is to establish a training center in every region in the country, each with a pool of competent faculty and staff.

North Manila: North Manila has two training centers that cater to the leadership training needs of the local churches in the region. Capitol City Baptist Church in West Avenue, Quezon City is the training center for the Central and CAMANAVA districts, while and GCF-



Prof. Marcelo "Bot" Abelado teaching Pastoral Counseling to students of the Pastoral Ministries Program. He observes that many pastors lack the skill to counsel their people, and help them resolve spiritual and emotional issues. This he adds, is a major ministry of the pastor.



Erwin Carreon, a student at CBS-Asia and lay leader of Christ-Centered Bible Church in Caloocan, seen here reporting the discipling program he is implementing in his church. Students are taught to develop a process of discipling their people.

KEY RESULT AREAS

- Making Ministerial Training Accessible
- Developing More Competent Faculty
- New Campus: Pastoral Ministry Training
- More Ministry Personnel
- Setting the Pastoral Standard
- Continuing Education



GCF-Manila students of the class set up in Binondo, Manila.

CHARACTER:

The emphasis of our training is to develop students in their personal walk with God and manifest the virtues demanded by Scripture from church leaders.

COMMUNICATION:

CBS-Asia trains students to become biblically-founded in life and ministry, able to interpret Scripture and teach sound doctrine to others.

CAPABILITY:

CBS-Asia equips students to become proficient in leading and shepherding the local church.



Eleven tribal pastors in Mindanao graduated on May 30, 2008 from the Christian Foundations program. CBS-Asia envisions developing mentors for remote tribal churches.

North covers the FLAG-CD district. About 60 members are attending the courses offered at these centers.

South Manila: The SOMA region council is having great difficulty identifying a local church that would be the host for CBS-Asia. Much effort has been made to negotiate with various local churches but none has opened up.

However, a Filipino-Chinese church, Gerizim Evangelical Church (non-CBAP) in the Binondo area has opened its doors to CBS-Asia and invited her to train its leaders and that of GCF-Manila. By 2009, it committed itself to do aggressive promotions of CBS-Asia and offer it to other Fil-Chi churches in the area. About 26 leaders from the two churches enrolled in the initial course.

Region I: The RTC in Agoo Christian Fellowship and occasional trainings in other churches, have a small number of participants. They average only 8 students. Yet the RTC in RI has sent a number of pastors and workers to be trained in the PMP. Further, Prof. Danny Medina conducts/coordinates trainings in different local churches there.

Pampanga, Tarlac, Bulacan: Clamor for the revival of the RTC in Region 3 has moved the council to designate a new host for CBS-Asia—GCF San Fernando. This will open in 2009, and is in partnership with IGSL's Foundations for Christian Leadership led by Rev. Lito Sampan.

Laguna: The RTC in Community Baptist Church in Calamba led by Pastor Oscar Bantatua is training about 25 pastors and leaders in the region. A number of these are slated to graduate from the basic and advance programs next year, 2009. On the other hand, the RTC in Sta. Cruz/Paete has been put on hold due to the resignation of Rev. Arnel Bernal, the Administrator of the RTC in the area, from his pastorate. Assurances were made, however, that this will be revived in 2009. About 20 leaders, mostly pastors are being mentored by Rev. Bernas. This year, five leaders were sent by Laguna to enroll in CBS-Asia's Pastoral Ministries Program.

Cavite: There are two RTCs in Cavite—at Imus Conservative Baptist Church and New Life in Christ Community Church. Both are thriving and producing quality lay leaders and pastors. Fifty to sixty leaders are attending the various trainings in the two RTCs. In addition, a special training program for the youth of Dasmaringas is being led by students of CBS-Asia.

Recently, CBS-Asia, ICBC and the Cavite Regional Council have agreed to conduct other programs to help develop more pastors and faculty for the RTCs. ICBC will host the M.A. program of CBS-Asia in 2009!

Quezon: The trainings being led by Rev. Joel Macatangay in host churches, Sariaya Conservative Baptist Church and Lucena Baptist Church serve about 20 leaders. In addition, Quezon has sent a number of students to the Pastoral Ministries Program.

Mindanao: Eleven tribal pastors have graduated from the Christian Foundations Training led by Prof. Rolly Lindain. Next year, he will be based in Davao to continue his training ministry and set up a RTC in Davao with the following objectives:

1. To conduct the Church Leadership (in two phases) program for tribal pastors.
2. To create a pool of faculty to teach in tribal areas.
3. To set up a RTC in Davao City for urban church leaders.

Every year also, Pastor Johnny Dalisay and team visit Sultan Kudarat to lead a Pastoral Ministries Conference for about 100 Manobo tribal pastors and leaders. CBS-Asia plans to do this every year.

MORE FACULTY MEMBERS TO SUSTAIN THE RTCs

For the various RTCs to be sustained and brought to a higher level of efficiency, they must each have their own pool of faculty and administrators. Thus, CBS-Asia's thrust is to *develop more competent faculty members who would be deployed to the various regions to mentor pastors and leaders.*

The seminary therefore, will conduct a Master of Arts in Christian Education Administration program which will commence in January 2009. The graduate training program will be hosted by Imus Conservative Baptist Church. Local faculty led by Prof. John Pesebre will be reinforced by guest professors from various institutions abroad. Some guest professors slated to teach in 2009 are the following:



Dr. Jeffrey Arthurs (*Homiletics: Preaching for Maximum Impact*, July-August 2009)
Dr. Arthurs' personal mission statement is "To communicate the truth and to equip others to do the same." He brings a wide range of ministry and communication experience to his position as Associate Professor of Preaching and Communication: teacher, pastor, missionary, actor, director, radio announcer, and consultant. His passion is preaching, and he carries on an active ministry of pulpit supply and conference speaking. He is a past president of the Evangelical Homiletics Society. His most recent publication is a book on genre-sensitive preaching, *Preaching With Variety*.



Dr. Roy Ciampa (*Introduction to New Testament Theology*, July-August, 2009)
A native of New England, Dr. Ciampa came to Gordon-Conwell with 12 years of cross-cultural experience in Europe where he taught in two different theological schools. Dr. Ciampa's special interests include exegetical methodology, Old Testament and Jewish backgrounds to New Testament texts and theology and Pauline exegesis and theology. His dissertation was published as *The Presence and Function of Scripture in Galatians 1 and 2* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 1998).



Dr. Glenn Daman (*Principles of Church Growth*, September 2009)
Dr. Glenn Daman was appointed Director of Village Missions Center for Leadership Development in September, 2004. Glenn grew up in Tensed, Idaho in a small Village Missions church where his mother first came as a Village Missionary, before marrying his father. It was through the ministry of this church that Glenn learned the value and importance of the small church and the important contribution that small churches have in the spiritual development of people in the church and in the community.

CAMPUS FOR PASTORAL MINISTRIES TRAINING

In its effort to improve the Pastoral Ministries Program (B. Th. in Pastoral Ministries), CBS-Asia will set up a headquarters or main "campus" at the World Venture Guest House, with quality teaching facilities.



CBS-Asia's campus is located temporarily on the 3rd floor of the World Venture (WV) Guest House at 50-B Road 13, Pag-Asa, in Quezon City. WV has allowed CBS-Asia to make use of its facilities for class, and board and lodging uses.

Early this year, WV has agreed to allow CBS-Asia to set up a fourth floor to house its classrooms, office and library. Moreover, the third floor will also be expanded to

include a men's quarter for the students of the seminary.

This new home will serve as the hub of a network of training and sending church leaders in the Philippines and Asia.



EXPANDED MINISTRY MEANS MORE MINISTRY PERSONNEL

In view of the vision to expand its ministry, CBS-Asia has as its goal *to raise adequate support for the following personnel: Academic Officer, Field Education Officer, Discipleship and Spiritual Formation Officer, Registrar, Mindanao Training Coordinator and Bookkeeper-Accountant.*

So far, CBS-Asia has been able to raise the support for the Academic Officer. Pledges have been given towards the Mindanao Training Coordinator, and the Spiritual Formation Officer.



John Peterson of Youth for Christ leading a seminar on fund raising. CBS-Asia provides enhancement seminars that help pastors and leaders deal with pressing issues such as the lack of financial resources. This seminar was held at Capitol City Baptist Church, CBS-Asia's training center in North Manila.

SETTING THE STANDARD FOR PASTORS

CBS-Asia has as its goal *to set up a standard for ordination and licensing of CBAP pastors, thus ensuring adherence to CBAP Statement of Faith and Doctrinal Positions, and loyalty to the association.*

In coordination with the CBAP Church Development Department, Rev. Norbert Manzano is developing a training program that would assist pastors applying for ordination.

ENHANCEMENT SEMINARS

In 2008, a number of seminars were held designed to help enhance pastors and other church leaders in various areas of ministries. These were *Chronological Bible Study* by Rev. Dennis Till (February 26-27), *Global Trends and Local Expressions* by Dr. Jon Swanson (March 29), *Shepherding the Small Church*, Dr. Glenn Daman (April 14-18), *Fund Raising Seminar* by Mr. John Peterson (September 17), and *Living in a Stressed-Filled World* by Rev. Gene Beck (October 24).

In addition to these major seminars, CBS-Asia's faculty travel about the country to teach seminars and meet with church leaders. These talks are meant to address specific issues our local churches are confronted with.



Director Nicky Joya seen posing with leaders of Christ the Good Shepherd in Caloocan City. They sought his help to prepare their leaders for next year's ministry challenges. Dir. Joya exhorted them to "keep the main thing the main thing! Make disciples!"

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2009

1. A graduation ceremony is set for March 28, 2009. The second batch of Pastoral Ministries students and a number from the various Regional Training Centers are about to complete their training. The venue for graduation will be Imus Conservative Baptist Church in Cavite.
2. Danny Medina, Field Education Officer will graduate in 2009 with a Doctor of Ministries degree in Preaching from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary.
3. Marcelo Abelado, faculty member, will graduate in 2009 with a Master of Arts degree in Counseling from Alliance Graduate School. He is also being developed to lead the Discipleship and Spiritual Formation Ministry of the Seminary.
4. Target completion of the construction of the fourth floor is June 2009. An inauguration and thanksgiving fellowship will be held after full completion of the headquarters.