



# Mission: Asia 2000

*A mission with Christ's vision (Matthew 28:19)*

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*"For Christ's love compels us..." 2 Cor 5:14*

### Dear Mission friends,

The glory and truth of Him who is Truth; the beauty of His righteousness; the holiness of His love; the honour of His power as He opens the Red Sea, are all in His great Commission: "Go therefore ....." The smallness of the frail creature; The dependence in his every step is the human being which says: "Yes I will go .... Because you God, is great." The shiniest light which shines in a dark night is He, He is light who is life (Joh 1:4) Let us carry the light – the Good News of eternal light And eternal life – in His grace. Please pray for us... (Message of late Pieter Conradie)

The closer we come to the end, the much more we feel dependent on Him. This leads to a more intimate relationship where our eyes remain on Him. What wonderful grace to know Him even if we go through the shadows of death.

### News from the Philippines



*Dr. Sharon on the far-left while healthy.*

Two dear Filipino sisters left this earth to go to our eternal Father in Heaven...

#### 1. Sharon

The first time Yvonne met Dra Sharon, was when she came to South Africa and worked for a short period at HCF (Hospital Christian Fellowship). That was the beginning of a wonderful friendship that developed throughout the years, and

the Lord worked it out that they became closer and closer in their friendship. Later on Pieter and Yvonne visited the Philippines on a regular basis, and there was always close contact with Dra Sharon. Of course, she was also their Medical Doctor and

what a wonderful doctor she was. It was always hard to get her to take money for her treatment. What a wonderful spirit she had in her, a spirit of give, give and give more.

At some stage she was asked to join the Mission: Asia 2000 team, and she willingly gave her support. Her report was usually very good and she often sent the most interesting and clear pictures of the people attending the Bible studies.

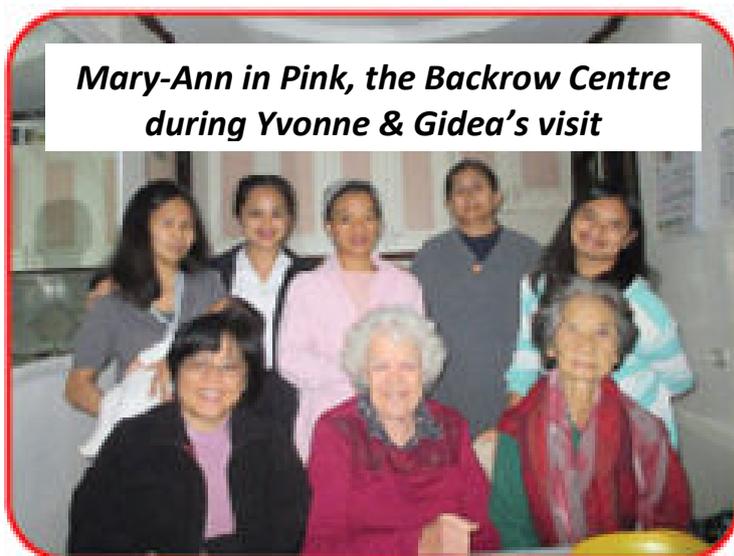
She often complained of back ache, especially if she went for a long trip and especially when she was on a long flight. We at the mission often worried about that and wondered what is really wrong with her. But, whether sick, or not feeling well, she always had a smile, and very seldom complained. On top of it all, she would seldom see a patient and not pray for him. Sharon's love for the Lord just shone through everything she did. He was definitely number one in her life, and absolutely in the center of her life.

So, the years went by and whether the Conradies visited the Philippines long term or short term, there was always some way that they saw each other, and had a good, friendly visit. Some years back she completed her studies to become a Specialist doctor, and she became very involved in teaching at some of the hospitals. The last time Yvonne saw her, was February of this year, the diagnosis for cancer stage four was made. What an upsetting time that was for all her friends and family. They could not believe that she would ever get so very sick! Of course everyone prayed and she also prayed and believed that the Lord will heal her. God did heal her, but not here on earth, she is healthy in heaven now.

## 2. Mary-Ann

Ely has an open house to take in people and children who are abused, mistreated and going through rough times. One afternoon, two years ago, Priscilla told Ely about her sister Mary-Ann who is going through a very rough time and is also diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. Ely decided to take Mary-Ann in with her three kids. She looked so desperate and hopeless when Ely first saw her. Ely did

not think that she would live longer than two weeks with them at the Turning Point Home together with her kids. Every night Ely would have a session with Mary-Ann. She led her to the Lord and after that she started to do discipleship Bible studies with her. It was a wonderful night when she prayed the sinner's prayer. Since then she was so hungry for God's Word. Almost every night and early morning they



feasted on God's Word. Miraculously God extended the life of Mary-Ann for another year. God had others plans. God also used her to share the gospel with her husband and mother in law. Ely had the opportunity to assist her in her witness by travelling to her village in Kapangan. After her death the kids were reunited with their dad.

### **Ely's open house named 'Turning Point'.**

We herewith would like to give you some information about the amazing and precious things that Eleanor Sebiano (called Ely) is doing. Apart from the fact that she is heading the Administrative department of a very prominent and excellent seminary, named Asian Pacific Theological Seminary, she also does



many other things, namely: After hours she does Bible studies with nine groups every week. Some are people who live with her in the Turning Point house. They start very early in the morning, 5h00 or even earlier. Apart from that she takes in people like Mary-Ann which we wrote about, and there must be seen to everyone's needs.

On the photo you will see that there are easily fifteen people, but at times there are even more. Everyone has to eat, must have room to sleep and no one will ever complain that they go hungry. Some of these people have a job, but most of them are still in school or in college. She even helps some of them financially, but if they want to study they must find a part time job. But one thing is of the utmost importance to her, everyone is confronted with the Word of God, and she makes certain that each and everyone starts with a relationship with Jesus Christ. In most cases, she also starts with a series of Bible studies which were still compiled by the late Pieter Conradie. And, in such a way she looks after everyone to the best of her abilities and with the strength that God gives her.

### **Pastor Joel writes the following:**

*"The Bible studies my wife and her companions started to the family of Lourdes Gines had to be stopped temporarily because she moved out of her house due to the flood. Together with my wife and some of our members we conducted three successive nights for the funeral service because Bro Romeo Marquez passed away. That gave us also the privilege to share the Good News with the family and also at the burial service. In San Isidro we could not have Bible studies because the waters are still in the houses of the people in the community. Eighty percent of the people are in an evacuation center because the waters have not yet subsided."* So you see

how these people suffer when it is typhoon time. And their small homes are in many cases so damaged, and the furniture after that becomes water damaged and worthless, that it is a real tragedy.

**Now here also follows a portion of Julie's report:**

*"I praise the Lord for His abundant goodness and mercy for the past weeks that we had been visited by typhoons. He had kept us, (our family) safe of what the stormy weather could have done. Maybe you had seen on the news how the Philippines are flooded: there are mudslides burying houses and other disasters causing people to panic but for most people if they are in these difficult times of danger they draw near to the Almighty God for protection."* We praise God as they draw near to Him.



While busy writing the newsletter, Ely our coordinator reported that classes had been postponed by management of the APTS because of the damaging rainstorms. This has truly not been known to Yvonne in all the years she had worked in the Philippines.

### **Thanks & Prayers!**

We want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the wonderful friends you are to us. Thank you very much that you support us in such a significant way, especially to pray for the work. Thank you also for the persons who support us through the funds which we received from you. Your reward is with the Lord. We are truly thankful for every friend of the Mission who support us and who does not forget us. May you truly be aware of Jesus Christ who stands next to you day by day and blesses you. Please remember all the people and the points mentioned in this newsletter, in prayer!

Lots of love and genuine prayer and regards, Yvonne and the two teams

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