

FULL GOSPEL ASSEMBLIES

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"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

Global
Ministry

God At Work In Asian FG Congregations

Pastor Marissa Strauser, wife of FG Chairman Simeon Strauser represented Full Gospel Assemblies with a recent mission to India and the Philippines. Pastor Marissa happily reports of God's great work among the FG congregations visited there April to May of this year.

The 5-week mission journey began with her landing in India where she was welcomed and hosted by FG Pastor Alex Itty of Bethel Gospel Ministries-India. (The Bethel Gospel Ministries is a fellowship of some 30 FG congregations largely of the rural Chattisgarh region) From the airport, they drove to the state of Punjab in northeastern India where they ministered to four separate village congregations, ministering to each local church and holding one village wide evangelistic crusade bringing the salvation gospel and the delivering power of Christ Jesus to believers and nonbeliever alike. Amidst the sweltering heat, men, women and children came eager to worship and hear the Word of God atop rooftop sanctuary spaces and in open air (street) gathering venues. *(for more of what God is doing within the Asian FG congregations.....see reverse side)*



Above: Ptr. Marissa (2nd from left), Ptr. Itty (3rd from left) with FGAI pastors in India

Home Mission: A Weekend of Raising Up New Missionaries

Pastor Popovich holding prayer for the next generation



Pastor Ed Popovich, of Shiloh Fellowship in Washington, PA, joined with the FG congregation of Bluffview Center of Hope in Prairie du Sac, WI on the weekend of May 20th and 21st. A special youth service was held Friday night with Pastor Popovich speaking on reaching out in Missions. During the service, several youth commitments were made to spread the Word worldwide. On Saturday, the church held an old-fashioned campfire service at the home of Pastor Regi and Narcedalia Licht, senior pastors of Bluffview

Center of Hope. Pastor Popovich once again gave the challenge to work through the storms of life as God uses that which we see as storms, to develop a greater character of His likeness in us. Along with the solid preaching of the Word, the weekend of challenge brought with it a time of great fellowship and food. Many praises to God for continually raising up workers among us who will labor toward the Great Commission. Glory be to our Lord God.

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God At Work In Asian FG Congregations (cont'd)

(from front page) These FG congregations all minister to this impoverished region of India hungry for the power of God. During her visit, Pastor Marissa was able to meet with the pastors who care for these congregations, themselves in need of resources and support. Prayers are continuously coveted for the Full Gospel Assemblies Indian saints of God for their every need.

After her trip to India, Pastor Marissa flew to the Philippines to conduct ministry with the Philippine Alliance of Full Gospel Churches (PAFGC), the Philippine arm of FGA. These visits included a visit to Pastor Juliet Badong and the Philippine Bethel congregation in Quirino Province for their 12th anniversary celebration. We praise God, for He is outpouring His love and drawing more and more people unto Himself through this ministry. The body of Christ is growing spiritually, and in their community outreach as well.



Above: Church in Quirino.



Above: Taysan brethren hiking to their outreach.

In the Batangas province, the Taysan Full Gospel Church also welcomed Pastor Marissa under their tin roofed structure, this one with no walls. We thank God that this congregation, a mission of FGA, has already given birth to their own outreach in an even more remote village, an hour's hike away. This congregation has been steadily growing, now numbering near 100, with an abundance of children who are eager to learn about Jesus. Our FGA churches in the USA regularly support the children's ministries and the pastors who shepherd this church, in addition to slowly raising funds to build this congregation a more permanent house of worship, which we continually pray for.

God is truly raising up a new generation that seeks His face - from the children of Taysan to the youth of the FG congregation, Hope of Glory Bible Gospel Church (HGBGC) in Roxas, Capiz province, with Pastor Leopoldo DeOcampo. It was here (Oct 15), where Pastor Marissa challenged the youth to evangelize their own. This year the fruit of evangelization was witnessed. Many new souls that have been added to the Kingdom as a result of young people accepting the challenge. We continually pray for the growth of this ministry, and for strength of God to be upon Pastor DeOcampo and his family.

Below: The young people of Roxas.



Above: Meeting of the PAFGC pastors.

Lastly, a vital part of Pastora Marissa's trip was to meet with the pastors of PAFGC to discuss recent developments and evaluate needs, all the while giving God glory for the growth He brings to each ministry. PAFGC have been providing leadership support and encouragement to new pastors and congregations throughout the Philippines, especially to smaller congregations with more limited resources. We pray for unity of the leadership amongst our Philippine pastors and congregants. We ask God for steadfastness in the abundant harvest that lies ahead.

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