

Manila, May 2017

May 1, labor day, is a free day here. This is also a day when the ABCCOP churches, meet around a common topic by province and in the afternoon often talent show, or sports activities.

This 1st of May, there was also Bible School graduation in three provinces! What a joy to graduate in three provinces at the same time. Too bad I could not cut myself in three :-).

But fortunately I could be at one of the schools. The enthusiasm of the students was great to see. One of the graduates was brought in by his grandson! He stole the show.



After all the investment in the renewal and updating of theological education, it was special for the first school to graduate under the new program. The other two have finished the former program.

### Growth

It seems that me travelling around in the different provinces and islands, with the testimonies of current students, has helped to create more interest and enthusiasm for the program.

In the first 4 months of 2014, we started 5 new schools. In the next 4 months we hope to start another 6.

I am so glad that the first teachers have completed training with ATS in time. Otherwise, we really had a problem. With this growth, however, a second training batch will be needed soon to train new skills.

Most of the 27 graduates work as a minister, missionary or church worker!



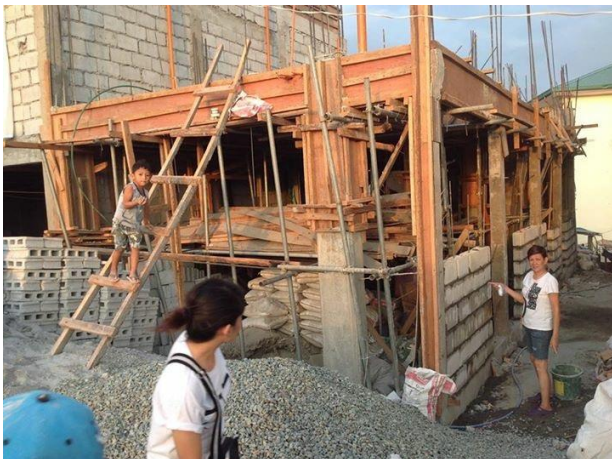
*all ready to march...*

ABCCOP is currently one of the fastest growing denominations in the Philippines. By continuing to train new ministers and missionaries, we can keep up this growth.

### Fire in Welfareville

The rebuilding was and is a long process, but thanks to all donors BL has been able to give food, hygiene items and beddings to the victims.

In the meantime, the rebuilding has begun. People have been assigned a piece of land of 3 \* 5 m2, to which they themselves have to build. Two of our workers and two independent sons have been able to get a house next to each other. They are giving the first floor to BL. In return, Bukang Liwayway also builds second and third floors for these families. In this way, both the work and the families are benefitting. A friendly contractor of mine has taken the project and one of my godchildren is the architect. Longer working in a country has its advantages .



*Rebuilding in process...*

The part of the government's work is now stopped, because of conflict between the different levels of leaders. Who should do what

### First grandchild

In the Philippines, people do not only have godparents at baptisms/dedication. Even at weddings they have these people who take on the role of second parents and are available for advice when needed. If these "second children"

get children then those become your grandchildren.

So here I am 40 years old and single, but grandmother 😊.



### Financial matters.

Thank you for all support in prayer, interaction and finance in the past 12 years! Praise God this year is the only first year that the TFC does not have enough resources for what is needed. Do you want to pray along that they will still come in?

*Iljo de Keijzer*



### **Martial Law in Mindanao**

Please pray for the situation in Mindanao. After fights last night between army and militant groups, the state of emergency was called out over the whole island.

Prisoners were released, a priest was kidnapped, a school burning, but information is still hard to confirm.

Please continue to pray for peace in the Philippines.

Our workers in the South seem to be safe so far. Whole country is under high alert and foreign nations have put out negative travel advice. But so far things seem ok here.

### **Important data**

**May 19:** Council meeting of Shepherd's Home in Batangas

**May 20th:** I hope to get around 3-4 Bible schools with the motorbike to see if everything is going well. 150-200 km.

**May 22:** interview of possible ABCCOP missionary

**May 31:** Godparent at VJ and Erica' wedding. VJ came to believe in the church plant in Sariaya. He has gone to Bible school. Has worked as a pastor for 3 years and is now serving as a missionary in the Philippines.

**5 June:** prayer day OMF

**8 June:** Theological Committee meeting.

**10 June:** start of a new theological school south of manila

**26 June-1 July:** Helping a Seminary Module about how stories can help in Bible study with people who cannot read properly.

**July 22,** my parents hope to come together!

### **COLOFON**

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