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### Graduation edition!

Many students have graduated since April. First the ACTS teacher training, with 37 participants from all over the Philippines. Then from the local ACTS schools: 1 student from Cavite, 12 in Daet, 14 in Tarlac and 12 in Ifugao. Finally, after 7 years of part-time study, I also received my Theology Masters. A great opportunity for a special newsletter.

### ACTS introduction

ACTS is the ABCCOP Christian Theological School. A two-year program, with one Saturday a month class, 1 day a week practical in the church, assignments and reading the entire Bible with a journal. We try to have these schools in strategic places throughout the country. This way nobody has to travel too far.

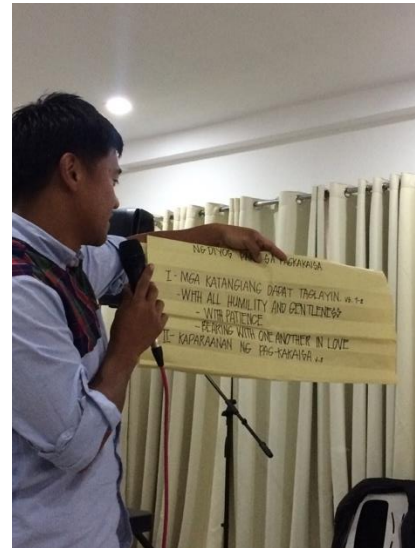
To ensure that there are enough trained teachers in the different provinces, we have recently trained a second batch of teachers in Manila.

Most of our pastors do not have the option to follow a full education in the big city. This work contributes to the further training of those who already lead churches.

### Testimonials from a number of students

*Pastor Jason Ledda  
Baguio City*

Praise God for wanting His people to be thoroughly equipped for works of service. I am personally blessed for many reasons by the ACTS 2 training. All the more I have a constant passion for the lost and to bind them to the local church, where they experience the joy of a believer. ACTS 2 is not only important, but also necessary for workers and pastors. I personally recommend this training for more people, and I also confirm its value and value for the ABCCOP program.



Likewise, praise God for a location that is very convenient and accessible to everyone. The new ABCCOP building is a real blessing, especially for members, as it offers a perfect location for various training sessions. The new ABCCOP building is now like a home for me. Praise the Lord!

*Pastor Jeffrey Tandoc  
Gumaca, Quezon*



It is a pleasure and a privilege to be part of the ACTS Teachers Training 2 program of ABCCOP for the growth of theological training in every



province. The help offered, such as offering half rates, manuals and other materials, accommodation, food and registration, was a blessing through the help of loyal ABCCOP partners to meet this great need, and is such a big help for us who are trained as teachers.

*Pastor Grezon Canceran  
Rosa City, Laguna*



In our training, the emphasis on facilitating is very clear with our teachers and trainers. There are discussions, learning tasks, assignments, in which everyone participates, and therefore I believe that there is better learning with this style than the traditional college type. Servant leadership, which emphasizes our spirituality and character, is a good start for the entire training. By keeping a diary, we remain intimate with Jesus, our true trainer.

*Pastor Adriano Punzalan  
Sihi, Buenavista, Marinduque*

I am a new pastor from the province of Marinduque. Although I did not attend a Bible school, I was installed as a small church worker with only five members. To become an effective worker, I studied at the ABCCOP Christian Theological School in Marinduque. This turned out to be a big help for me, because I became a more effective employee.

Another opportunity came my way when I received an invitation for the ACTS Level 2 Teacher training. I am grateful to the Lord for the amount of blessings I have experienced through the new knowledge I have gained with the training, especially on topics such as Participatory Learning, Church Management, Keeping Your Own Spiritual passion and Counseling.



At the moment I am applying everything I have learned in our church. The things I learned from ACTS level 2 have been such a blessing to me. Thank you so much for all your help and may our Lord bless you.

**My own graduation**

It has been a great joy and pleasure to study theology and Old testament in an Asian setting. I had classmates from India, Myanmar, China, Indonesia, Philippines. Our professors also came from many different countries all over the world. It was an enriching experience. It was good also to keep learning as my main ministry is teaching... The thesis writing was a challenge, but finally it was done. Our founder Hudson Taylor said: every good Christian work is first impossible, than difficult and than its done... This was also true for my Thesis writing. My title was : Dialogues of Hurt and Anger; Portrayals of Prophetic and Divine Emotion in the Book of Jeremiah.





**ACTS leerkrachten training**



**ACTS Ifugao (bergstammen)**



**ACTS Tarlac**



**ACTS Daet**



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#### Important data

- 3-7 June: Annual conference with all OMF missionaries here.
- 10-22 June: Veronica from Chile comes to help in our daughter church, especially in children's and youth work.
- 15-19 June: Samar island: Fred and Fely, who have worked there, are retiring and now have a farewell service. At the same time, several workers have joined in the last two months (Jerome, Jesusa, with two-year-old Liyab, James from Bukangliwayway and Mirjam from OMF. I hope to start the team building for them.
- 22-25 June: Our Dutch OMF-director, Maarten is coming to visit.
- June 29 and July 20: Overview of the Bible to ACTS students in Batangas.
- July 29- Aug. 5: HOLIDAY
- 7-9 Aug : Write retreat; to hopefully complete the translation of the sermon training and adaptation to Filipino culture.

Warm and wet greetings from Manila,

Iljo de Keijzer