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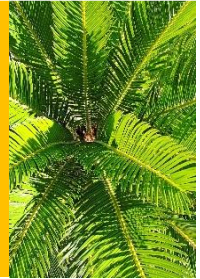
Training update, despite the Corona we found several possibilities to continue with the training sessions.

A new challenge: Teaching at the theological master's degree program



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In the agenda

02/12 Christmas at OMF office

04/12 Christmas with ECC in Tarlac

07/12 Online meeting with Thailand, India and Pakistan on how we can do more in theological education for those who struggle with reading and writing (orality).

09/12 Mission Committee with ABCCOP.

Week of the 13th Hopefully Visiting Shepherds home In Batangas.

Langham Local trainers training

Last month was mostly occupied by training local people, so that they can also pass on the training in preaching to others. Due to the Corona rules, this was not allowed face-to-face yet, so it had to be done via Zoom. Giving training via Zoom costs a lot more organization than a live training. We had to ensure that we all had access to the same documents, people had to "upload" their sermon and we had to be able to listen to them in small groups in order to give and receive feedback. Because of the bad internet here we had to have at least two backup plans for everything.

All credit to everyone involved in finding songs to listen to, Zoom games related to preaching training to bring energy for the time after lunch. In order not to be the only ones teaching, we coached several people to also teach part of the lessons.

Everyone had to record a sermon, but also show on paper that they understand the process and can apply it. The results were very encouraging! The training is paying off!



National Team for Langham Preaching PH.

Langham PREACHING Philippines Facilitators Training 2021



The next step is to finish the handbook and prepare materials they will need for teaching.

Langham has also made a book pack available to all facilitators, with a commentary on the entire Bible written specifically for Asian context and a number of books on sermon preparation. In fact, a book about listening to both the Bible and the context of the people has already been written in Tagalog. We also want to make certain material laminated, so that it can be easily used in rural areas.

Unfortunately, the face-to-face training for the tribes was cancelled due to Covid. Hopefully next year, just like the training for Samar and Leyte. And others... :-)



Even Online we found ways to share results. Everyone was challenged to represent the storyline of the entire Bible in a few pictures.

We look forward to many more training sessions next year!

Praise

For a good online Training for trainers with 22 graduates!

- Nearly finished material in Filipino so that the lesson can be taught by others.
- End of first semester teaching world mission on the master's degree in Theology here.
- For recovery after Covid infection.

Prayer

- Finishing the manual and all necessary materials (times 22).
- Further protection, when we try to slowly start doing some things face-to-face again.
- A lot of people still need to be vaccinated here in the Philippines. Many people are still afraid that there is a chip in it or something.
- Elections in May!

First Theological Training in Samar

As I was at home with Corona, two of my colleagues were in Samar for the first theological training there. Unfortunately, they became infected there and had to quarantine at home afterwards. Fortunately, they have since recovered! The first subjects focused on understanding the Bible, evangelism and conducting Bible study.

Next year we hope to go to 3 other places in Samar for a first sermon preparation training. There are quite a few churches on Samar, but most of them are very small and the pastors have often only followed a few training sessions of 1-5 days and therefore still need a lot of training and encouragement.



Teaching at Seminary

I am used to teaching people with no theological training and often not even finished high school. So I was curious how this would go. But it was a fun challenge nonetheless. The students asked a lot of good questions. One of them has now started his small congregation to support a missionary on another Philippine island. Others are now also thinking about how they can actively do something with missions even in their small churches.

At this level they could also reflect on the Lausanne documents (<https://lausanneworldpulse.com>), which my “normal” students cannot. This gave a new dimension to theological reflection. It was a great joy to see them asking so many questions and really engage with mission for their churches.

Also, my first article for the OMF journal for reflective missionaries in practice has been approved and will be released this month. This was also a very new experience with the many versions and improvement rounds. Also copyright on illustrations, which I knew nothing about. In the same issue, a colleague from Thailand and a Filipino theologian give their response. It is about the challenges of partnerships and projects with the Philippine Church, as a foreign onemission organizations.

Kind regards and a good, safe and blessed Christmas, despite all the COVID-measures,

Iljo de Keijzer



If you like to see a little impression from our online training you can click on the following link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/ddm5lg6v97ffduy/Langham-1.m4v?dl=0>



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