

Over-all Report

PAGHAKBANG 2: Maging Pagpapala!

May 30 to June 4, 2016

Paghakbang 2: Maging Pagpapala! (*a Filipino word which means “make a step” while **MAGING PAGPAPALA** means “be a blessing”*) is a short-term mission exposure initially hosted by MCTV Novaliches which first happened last December 2015. The theme revolves in the idea that every step we make, wherever we are, should always create a ripple of blessings to the people within the community we are in (Genesis 12:1-3) and that we are there to serve them, not to be served by them.

This 6-day short-term mission (STM) exposure primarily aims **to encourage local churches to pro-actively participate in cross-cultural missions** as a response to God’s mandate to go and make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19). Together with MCTV Novaliches, this year’s Paghakang 2 was planned by 2 other churches namely, Christ Community Church of Aguardiente (CCCA) and Novaliches Christian Fellowship (NCF) – Greenfields. In addition to our primary goal, we have agreed to have two other goals which were the following:

- to empower existing MCTV churches in the target areas through ministry seminars and Bible studies; and
- to equip missionary workers by addressing their most felt needs.

I. Communities

For this year, we have chosen 5 communities/sitios of Abra De Ilog, Occidental Mindoro. They are: Poblacion, Alatin, Magnot, Recudo and Pandanan. We chose these areas because we already have established MCTV churches in each of these, thus making it easier for us to penetrate the communities.

- **Poblacion** — this location is our first stop after Ro-Ro (ship); it has an abundant water supply and but with an intermittent power supply; most people in Abra De Ilog consider this as the “bayan” where places like the market, pharmacy, hardware, school are easily accessible; within lies MCTV Poblacion which is under the leadership of Ptr. Bonifacio Pineda.
- **Sitio Alatin & Sitio Magnot** — these 2 sitios are both 10-15 minute tricycle rides from Poblacion; both have very scarce water supply and have no power supply; most houses are built made from wood, mainly from cogon leaves and bamboos; livelihood of the people are mostly kaingin (“slash-and-burn”) and farming; MCTV Alatin is currently being led by Bro. Peter Lastra while MCTV Magnot is under Ptr. Buddy Panalasagan
- **Sitio Recudo & Sitio Pandanan** — these 2 sitios are along the seashore; both also have very little water supply and have no power supply; most houses are also built from wood but some are already cemented; livelihood of people are mostly fishing, farming and pebble picking; MCTV Recudo is currently being led by Ptr. Orly Binarbar while MCTV Pandanan is mostly under Ptr. Arman Tamisan’s guidance

II. Accomplishments

- **First Day (May 30) : MCTV Poblacion** — Highlights were as follows:
 - Right after our re-orientation, we started the packing of school supplies and prizes that will be distributed to 4 communities (Alatin, Magnot, Pandanan & Recudo) for the next 2 days



300 sets of school supplies being packed

- In the afternoon, we hosted Ministry Seminars primarily addressing MCTV Poblacion's need of reinforcement in their music team. There were participants assigned in tutorials for bass, drums, guitar and song leading.



Young people from MCTV Poblacion who attended the seminars

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- **Second Day (May 31) : Sitio Alatin & Sitio Magnot** — We divided the participants into two teams, each team having a team leader and nine members (total of 10 per team). One team went to Sitio Alatin and the other, to Sitio Magnot.
 - **Sitio Alatin:** Highlights were [1] VBS (with gift-giving and feeding), [2] Bible study for adults, and [3] honoring of MCTV Alatin's worker, Bro. Peter Lastra, by giving him goods and a love gift, and for the church's use, a solar panel and an acoustic guitar.



Ate Nhickel, gathering children of Alatin



Feeding of Alatin children



Ptr. Anthony, leading a Bible Study



Alatin Team, praying for Bro. Peter Lastra



Gift-giving of school supplies for Alatin kids

- **Sitio Magnot:** Highlights were [1] VBS (with gift-giving and feeding), [2] Bible study for adults, and [3] honoring of MCTV Magnot's pastor, Ptr. Buddy Panalasagan by giving him goods, school supplies for his children, and materials for his house re-construction, and for the church's use, a solar panel and an acoustic guitar.



Ate Ivy, teaching kids of Magnot



Feeding of Magnot children



Ptr. Raul, leading a Bible Study



Magnot Team, praying for Ptr. Buddy's Family



Ptr. Buddy and Family



Materials for House Reconstruction of Ptr. Buddy



Gift-giving of school supplies for Magnot kids

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- **Third Day (June 1) : Sitio Recudo & Sitio Pandanan** — At 4:00 AM, we started to get ready as we'll be leaving MCTV Poblacion (our first homebase) to go to Recudo and Pandanan. We had a 30-minute ride via tricycle that brought us to the drop point (Apias) where we started trekking.



Apias (drop point): Loren Pioquinto orienting the participants before trekking



Then, we started the almost 3-hour walk from Apias to MCTV Recudo (our second homebase)

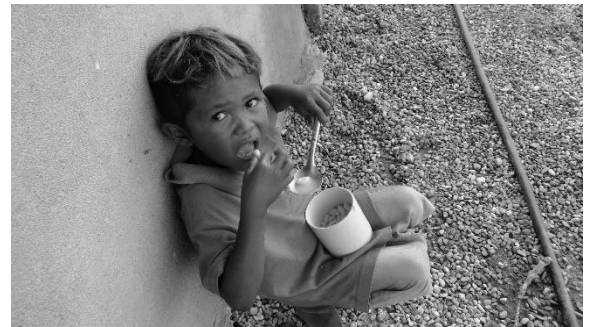
After reaching the Recudo, we had lunch. After that, the other team went to Pandanan, which is another 30-minute walk.

In the afternoon, both teams did the scheduled activities simultaneously.

- **Sitio Recudo:** Highlights were [1] VBS (with gift-giving and feeding), and [2] Bible study for adults.



Linsley, leading the children of Recudo



The little boy is enjoying his cup of sopas



Gift-giving of school supplies for Recudo kids

- o **Sitio Pandanan:** Highlights were also [1] VBS (with gift-giving and feeding), and [2] Bible study for adults.



Ivy, Cindy, Evan teaching kids a Bible verse



Feeding of Pandanan kids



Gift-giving of school supplies for Pandanan kids



Aldrin, songleading before Bible study



Bible Study inside MCTV Pandanan

- Fourth to Fifth Day (June 2-3) : Community Immersion in chosen families of Sitio Recudo & Sitio Pandanan** — In their own respective places, both teams divided in to pairs for community immersion. This is where we spent 1 ½ days with a chosen family to experience their everyday living: we shared stories with them, ate what they ate, go where they work (fishing, slash-and-burn, pebble picking, farming, etc.), blessed them through goods all of us individually prepared and brought, and most importantly, empowered them through Bible study and praying.

Here are some of the participants' pictures together with their assigned families:



Jed, Aldrin, Ivy, Cindy with their assigned family



Cai and Dods with Tamisan family



Evan, playing with their family's kids



Ptr. Anthony & Nnickel, fellowshiping with Nanay Nene and family

** For All Community Immersion Pictures: [Click Here](#)

III. The Participants

Eighteen (18) people coming from different churches responded to God's call to leave their comfort zone, their work, their families to be a blessing to other people. A week before the mission trip, we have oriented them about what to expect: limited water supply, no beds, no electricity, 3-hour trek/hike. We thought that by doing so, that would make them back out but to our surprise, none of them did. It made them even more excited!

Participants were then divided into two (2) teams. One team, was assigned to **Alatin** and **Recudo** (we named them, Team Alat-Cu) and the other team, was assigned to **Pandanán** and **Magnot** (this is Team PanNot).

Different names with different personalities coming from different churches with different skillsets, talents, and strengths . . . who could have thought that a team work is possible? It became possible because it was God who held us together. It is true indeed, that if God is with us, who can be against us?



1st to 2nd Row, Left to Right: [1st Row] **Dods Braga** (Young Adult/Lead Guitarist, MCTV Antipolo); **Ben Ruiz** (Youth/Guitarist, MCTV Antipolo); **Brian Sanchez** (Young Adult, MCTV Antipolo); **Ptr. Anthony John Ellorin** (Head Pastor, Christ Community Church of Aguardiente / History Professor, NCBA); **Ptr. Bonifacio Pineda** (Head Pastor, MCTV Poblacion); **Aldrin Tadeo** (Youth, MCTV Bakodbayán / Student, Pastoral Studies); **Haniel Malinao** (Youth/Drummer, MCTV Novaliches / High School Student); **Josel Jaminal** (Youth/Drummer/Guitarist, MCTV Novaliches / College Student); **Loren Pioquinto** (Paghakbang 2 Director/Team AlatCu Leader/Youth President, MCTV Novaliches / Computer Engineering Student - STI); **Ptr. Raul Durante Jr.** (Dean, Evangelical Leadership Institute); **Jed Samson** (Young Adult, MCTV Novaliches / IT Professor, STI); **Ptr. Giov Afuang** (Head Pastor, MCTV Novaliches / National Coordinator, MCTV Philippines); [2nd Row] **Zeyn Afuang** (Young Adult/Leader/Registered Nurse, MCTV Novaliches / Graphic Designer); **Linsley Malinao** (Youth/Guitarist, MCTV Novaliches / College Student); **Hazel Malinao** (Youth/Songleader, MCTV Novaliches / Computer Science Student - STI); **Cherry Ann Garcia** (Registered Nurse/Lecturer/PhD Student, UP Manila / Sunday School Teacher / Youth Leader, The Lord Reigns Christian Church); **Gen Calumpang** (Young Adult/Songleader, MCTV Antipolo / Call Center Agent); **Cindy Navarrete** (Young Adult/Sunday School Teacher, CCCA / Nursing Graduate); **Evangeline Jones** (Young Adult/Songleader/Sunday School Teacher, CCCA); **Ivy Yap** (Young Adult/Songleader/Sunday School Teacher, MCTV Antipolo); **Nhickel Lane Patrimonio** (Leader/Teacher, GCF Bulacan); **Caira Afuang** (Young Adult/Band Leader, MCTV Novaliches / Multimedia Artist)



Alat-Cu Team, assigned to Alatin and Recudo, with their team leader, Loren Pioquinto



PanNot Team, assigned to Pandanan and Magnot, with their team leader, Zeyn Afuang

IV. Summary

With our hearts in deep gratitude and with our souls leaping for joy, it is then that we report to you that **Paghakbang 2 was a success!** This is the Lord's work. So even before we started planning everything, even before it all started, we shall know that it's already a success just because this work is His. Participant or not, we are all His hands. We are all His voice. We are all His move. We are all created with a purpose — that is to proclaim His name to the ends of the earth, to reach those who have not yet heard of His name, to be a blessing to all the nations!

We could not thank all of you enough for contributing and for being a part of this journey. We are asking you to continue being involved in blessing all the nations of the earth — because this will always be where His heart is. This is God's heartbeat.

To God be all the glory!

Reported by:

Loren Pioquinto

Director, Paghakbang 2

PS: We are still currently working on a video report of the whole mission trip. We will send it to you once we have finished it.

Prayer Requests

Could you please join us in continuing to pray for the ministries/workers of MCTV Occidental Mindoro Churches and the communities we have catered?

Please pray for:

- **MCTV Poblacion** — (1) Strengthening of the church's ministries; (2) Ptr. Boni Pineda, who has cancer and is currently undergoing sessions of chemotherapy and is under medication; (3) Debbie Pineda, Ptr. Boni's wife, as she do her duties as a wife and as a church leader
- **Sitio Alatin** — (1) MCTV Alatin - church growth and discipleship; (2) Bro. Peter Lastra, who is currently leading the church, and who personally asked for us to continually pray for him for stable finances; (3) people of Alatin, in general: (3.a) that they will be open to His word; (3.b) that they will be given access to healthcare and; (3.c) that the government will provide a water source and electricity
- **Sitio Magnot** — (1) MCTV Magnot Church - growth and discipleship / church's own place; (2) Ptr. Buddy Panalasagan's family - their house still needs additional materials for reconstruction; (3) people of Magnot, in general: (3.a) that they will be open to His word; (3.b) that they will be given access to healthcare and; (3.c) that the government will provide a water source and electricity
- **Sitio Recudo** — (1) MCTV Recudo Church - growth and discipleship / church's building - it needs a a lot of repair (doors, windows, comfort room, roof) - we were only able to provide materials for roof repair / Bibles for the members; (2) Ptr. Orly Binarbar and family - pray for health and provision; (3) people of Recudo, in general: (3.a) that they will be open to His word; (3.b) that they will be given access to healthcare (currently, sore eyes is endemic to the area; diseases here are mostly skin-related and most of the children here are malnourished and needs deworming) and; (3.c) that the government will provide a water source and electricity
- **Sitio Pandanan** — (1) MCTV Pandanan Church - growth and discipleship / active involvement of members / Bibles for the members; (2) Ptr. Arman Tamisan and family - pray for health and stable financial income / their house is also under construction; (3) people of Pandanan, in general: (3.a) that they will be open to His word; (3.b) that they will be given access to healthcare (diseases here are also mostly skin-related and most of the children here are also malnourished and needs deworming) and; (3.c) that the government will provide a water source and electricity

Thank you for being our partner in prayers!

"I will bless you and you will be a blessing ... and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." — Genesis 12:1-3