

APAC Regional Coordinator Report July 2017-July 2018

INDIA TRIP WITH DR. JURA

On July 18-21, 2017 Jura and I visited India to meet with the Synod leaders and ACA leaders in relation to the November AWF EXCOM, AWF Missions leaders meetings, and the Indian Consultation related to the formation of NAFI.

EVANGELICAL CHURCHES OF VIETNAM NORTH GENERAL COUNCIL

On October 16-19, 2017 the Evangelical Churches of Vietnam North held its General Council. The highlights of the event were: the new election of the new ECVN president and executive board, and the commissioning of the first Vietnamese missionary couple to Thailand. Rev. Mac Huu Nguyen was re-elected president until 2021. God willing, the ECVN leadership planned to send its missionary couple (Narong and Tinh) in April 2018 in the province of Nakhon Panom to plant a church among the Vietnamese-Thai.



MEETING WITH THE CAMACOP NEW PRESIDENT

Right from Hanoi, Vietnam, I stopped by Manila. Visited and congratulated the newly elected CAMACOP president, the Bishop Eduardo Cajés. I did mention to him his representation to the APAC RCC meeting and asked him if CAMACOP would be to host the 2018 APAC Regional Conference on October 16-20, 2018.

On October 30-31, 2017 right after the APAC RCC meeting in Taiwan, I and with two other APAC RCC members (Ken

and Andrew) met with the CAMACOP leadership in Manila for preliminary discussion, planning and venue hunting. To date, the progress of the conference preparation is doing well.

APAC REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING IN TAIPEI, TAIWAN

On October 24-27, 2017 the Taiwan Alliance Church Union (TACU) under the leadership of Rev. Kao, warmly hosted our regular APAC Regional Coordinating committee meeting. Praise God for the joy and blessing of hearing His ministry moving forward through His church especially in the aspect of Missions. TACU sent 2 missionary couples, one in Dubai and one in Laos.



To date, in January 2018 a new president was elected in the person of Rev. Andy Chi (*3rd from the left standing on the back*).

AWF EXCOM MEETING IN AHMEDABAD, GUJARAT, INDIA

On November 11-17, 2017 the AWF leaders gathered together in Ahmedabad for meetings (AWF EXCOM and AWF Missions leaders) and for the Indian Consultation. The highlights of this gathering were: the evening joint Sunday celebration which was attended by the different Synod's churches and the official declaration of the National Alliance Fellowship of India (NAFI).

ASIA PACIFIC ALLIANCE WOMEN CONFERENCE AND PRAYER JOURNEY IN KHONKAEN AND NAKHON PANOM, THAILAND

Right after the meeting in India, I joined the 8th Asia Pacific Alliance Women's Conference and Prayer Journey in Khon Kaen and Nakhon Panom, Thailand on November 18-23, 2017 under the new APAW president, Rev. Priskila Paksoal. The event was hosted by the Alliance Women of the Thailand C&MA, and was participated by about 200 women representing 9 countries with the theme "Women of Global Influence." Rev. Jura Yanagihara, Alliance World

Fellowship President, challenged the women to have a holy ambition to proclaim Christ to all nations and to follow God's purpose in their life.

During the Missions night, a special prayer of blessings was offered to the Vietnamese missionary couple to Thailand.



Added to that a special missionary offering amounting to more than U\$3,000 was also collected to assist in the Missions ministry of the couple.

After the conference, the delegates traveled to Nakhon Panom for the Prayer Journey. Its purpose is to prepare the way, the heart of the Vietnamese people, and the place in ushering this couple to this new and exciting kingdom partnership ministry.



To date, Narong and Tinh are now in Nakhon Panom province, settling in the city of more than 20 thousand old and new generation Vietnamese. Both arrived on April 22, 2018. They started their ministry through prayer journey and exploration. Since April God has blessing their ministry journey. Relationships, friendships and rapports are developing consistently. Presently, Tinh is discipling four Vietnamese women believers. Evangelism and witnessing is producing result. Just recently, a retired teacher got healed and accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior. In another event, a so called spiritual leader also received Christ into his life. They are closely working together with the local TC&MA pastor of the province.



THAILAND C&MA ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

On March 26-28, 2018, I attended the Annual Assembly gathering of the Thailand Christian and Missionary Alliance in KhonKaen, Thailand. It was a great joy to be able to share and encourage God's people on its 17th year of doing Diaspora and cross cultural Missions through partnerships such as the Thai church planting ministry in Taiwan and Vietnamese church planting ministry in Nakhon Panom.



Also in this event that Rev. Sanguansak Worawat was elected as the new president of Thailand Christian and Missionary Alliance (center).

BURMESE CHURCH PLANTING IN MAHACHAI, THAILAND

Finally, in God's own perfect time, on June 17, 2018 the Burmese church planting ministry was opened. The Lord provided a Burmese worker in the person of Rev. Tun Tha. After his graduation at the International Graduate School of Leadership in Manila he and his family went to Malaysia and worked among the Burmese migrants workers for 6 years.



FIRST NAFI COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

On May 21-23, 2018 the first NAFI Coordinating committee was held in Mumbai, India. A conference is planned to bring together the ministries related to the Alliance in India on May 21-23, 2019. Praise God for the answered prayers and the leaders present who had a fruitful and blessed time together.



MEETING WITH ASSAPALI LEADERS AND FOUNDER OF BRAMAN FOUNDATION OF CHARITIES

On June 27-July 4 I went to Fulertal a town located at Cachar in the state of Assam, India to meet with Peter Braman of New York. He is a businessman and member of an Alliance church in New York who founded the Braman Foundation of Charities, and very much interested of NAFI. The foundation is partly help funding the ministry of Asapalli Christian Hostel and School Trust. Asapalli Christian Hostel was founded in 1944 by Julia Ann Rose, a former Baptist missionary from New York. The vision is to

bring the downtrodden Ruangmei tribe to Christ through education.

Charles Rymbai (in red shirt) and George Gangmei are the main players of the Asapalli ministry. Presently, the ministry of Asapalli of reaching people to Christ is farther extended to the Muslims, Hindus, and the surrounding tribes. A Muslim boy (Shem Mohammad) who is in grade 8 stood up and prayed the prayer of salvation during the Vacation Bible School of Asapalli! God willing, Asapalli will become a part of NAFI.



JULY 11-15, 2018 CAWF CONFERENCE AND PARTNERSHIP MEETING

On July 11-14, 2018, I had the opportunity to join in the Chinese Alliance World Fellowship (CAWF) with Jura in Bangkok, Thailand for the first time. To me it was a celebration of what God is doing among the Chinese ministries in different parts of the world and meeting with fellow Chinese workers in God's harvest field especially those in the APAC region.

Alongside of this gathering, a team from Thailand C&MA and AWF met together for a partnership meeting. Praise God for sending Thun Ta to plant a church among Burmese in Mahachai, Thailand. Soon, a missionary couple C&MA Brazil will be sent to Thailand to work in partnership with the Thailand C&MA. Then, Lord willing, Khamer Evangelical Church and Thailand C&MA leaders will gather together in early December of 2018 to officially and intentionally discuss the sending of a Cambodian worker/s to plant a church among Cambodian factory workers in Chonburi, Thailand.



NEW ELECTED AND RE-ELECTED PRESIDENTS

Rev. Mac Huu Nguyen – Evangelical Church of North Vietnam (Re-elected)

Rev. Thai Phuoc Truong – Evangelical Church of South Vietnam

Rev. Lal Dah Chuanga – C&MA Churches Myanmar

Rev. Andy Chi – Taiwan Alliance Church Union

Rev. Sanguansak Worawat – Thailand Christian and Missionary Alliance

Blessings,

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