

### A. New and Re-elected Presidents in the Region

In 2013, there were at least 3 newly elected Presidents whom the Lord called to leadership responsibility.

- The Japan Alliance Church has elected Rev. Kozo Tamura, who was a former Missions Chairman of JAC.
- In May 2013, the Christian and Missionary Alliance Churches of the Philippines (CAMACOP) has elected its new president in the person of Rev. Dr. Bishop Jose Dalino during its annual General Assembly. (*Rev. Dr. Dalino was formerly the CAMACOP President 2005*)
- The latest newly elected president in our region was Rev. Phan of South Vietnam Evangelical Church, who was elected in December 2013.

Early this year, the Christian and Missionary Alliance Myanmar elected its new President, Rev. Vanro Sanga who just graduated with his Master's degree in Cambodia. The Thailand C&MA also re-elected Rev. Nipon Luangngern for his second term during its annual general assembly in March, 2014

### B. The 2<sup>nd</sup> APAC Emerging Leaders' Conference

On August 13-24, 2013 God had brought 26 young leaders from 8 different countries of the APAC region to participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> APAC Emerging Leaders' Conference in Bangkok, Thailand with the theme "Keep Focus and Rise to Your Call." God showered tremendous blessings both in the lives of the delegates and in the ministry of evangelism among the several TC&MA churches. Hearts transformed, vision renewed and challenged, passion for God, and for the lost is deepened and revived. Praise God for 39 individuals who prayed to receive Christ. From these 39 who decided to follow Christ, 8 are teachers (3 are university professors and 5 are elementary and high school teachers). Some of these new believers are now being discipled and regularly attending church services. Overall, the Gospel message was shared to 167 individuals!



APAC Emerging Leaders' Conference Participants

Pray that these youth emerging leaders will have a heart to become God's instruments of mobilizing their youth in their respective local churches or denominations in the ministry of Missions. Pray also that there will be more and more emerging leaders in the region that will rise to their call and to take part in the worldwide ministry of Missions. Pray that God's wisdom and guidance will be upon David Paksoal, the APAC Youth Emerging Leader's President in the planning for the next event.

### C. The Asia Pacific Alliance Women Conference in New Zealand

The Asia Pacific Alliance Women gathered in New Zealand for the 3rd APAW Conference and Prayer Journey hosted by the Alliance Churches of New Zealand (ACNZ). The conference was held from September 15-17, 2013 at the Willow Park Camp and Convention Centre in Auckland and the prayer journey from September 18-19 in Rotorua, New Zealand. About 40 women (including some men) attended the gathering and represented 7 countries - Australia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, New Zealand, Philippines, Thailand and USA. The theme of the APAW Conference is "**Hearts and Hands to Reach**

**the Unreached**". It focuses on mobilizing women in the Asia Pacific region (and beyond) to pray, win the lost, and on practical application of global missions.



#### **D. Ministry Trip to Mongolia**

On May 1-8, 2013, together with Rev. Wilson Kaan and my wife, God opened the opportunity to visit Mongolia. We visited some of the CAMA ministries both in Ulaabaatar and Dakhar. We also joined in one of the local church Sunday services. In Dakhar, we met with some of the local leadership team who are mostly women except the Chairman of the NEW EMERGING CHURCH (local name for C&MA Mongolia) except Pastor Davaa, the chairman of the team. In all these meetings, Wilson shared about AWF and I shared on the side of APAC. Nancy also took opportunity to share about the ongoing ministry of APAW to the women and encourage them to have a part in the near future.

Both IM and local personnel expressed their joys having visited by us. One of the greatest things to rejoice is the 15 or 16 year old NEW EMERGING CHURCH is now legally recognized by the Mongolian government! In my personal conversation with Dennis Maves, he expressed very positively about the C&MA Mongolia to become an official member of the AWF and hoping to send delegates to the APAC regional conference in Hong Kong in 2014.

Praise God that this hope is now realized. In our midst today, is the chairperson of the Association of C&MA Churches in Mongolia, Pastor Davaadorj Tserendavaa and Dr. Pieter Theron, Field Director of CAMA Services International Mongolia (C&MA Mission in Mongolia). Presently, C&MA Mongolia has 17 organized churches and 15 new church plantings or groups/fellowships.

Let us pray that these 17 churches will expand and continue to bring light among the spiritually lost Mongols and resulting to more church plantings. Pray also that God will bring stability in the local leadership and preserve the unity between the local and CAMA IM leaderships as they work together. Pray also for God's divine protection upon the churches and IM workers against demonic oppressions. Pray that God will raise more Spirit-filled men leaders to take leadership among the churches.



CAMA IM and Local Leaders

## **E. Future New Ministry Initiatives**

After sending 3 Thai missionary couples to plant a church among the Thai overseas contract workers in Taiwan (AWF partly supporting this ministry until now) and South Korea, the TC&MA is now intentionally considering reaching the Burmese migrant workers in Thailand. On March 10, 2014, the TC&MA President, the Missions Director and I, did a general exploration of the Burmese workers living in Mahachai (Samutsakhon Province), an hour drive from the city of Bangkok, in order to gather important data for strategic planning of this initiative. Mahachai is densely populated by Burmese who are mostly illegal workers and are working as fishermen and in seafood factories. They are the majority than the Thai living in this area.

Reports say that initially there are at least 3-4 small Burmese churches existing in Thailand. Some statisticians reported that there are more than 700,000 Burmese residing in Thailand both in the south and in Bangkok and in neighboring areas, but Mahachai has the largest number of Burmese workers. These migrant workers are mostly from Mon, Karen, and Shan tribes.

Praise God for Thailand C&MA for this vision of doing a first cross-cultural Missions right at their doorsteps. The target time to start this partnership ministry initiative will be in 2015. Pray that God will bring all our APAC leaders to join forces in making this exciting ministry happen for the God of the Harvest.

*"In Burma, years of civil conflict, economic mismanagement and human rights abuses have led to an increase of illegal migrants seeking refuge and work in neighboring Thailand. There's no legal migration from Burma, so most people coming across the border, who are often fleeing human rights abuses, do so without any proper documentation. The Burmese military is notorious for forcing its own citizens to work in unpaid slave-like conditions portering for the army, building roads or working in gem mines.*

### ***Vulnerable to abuse***

*People from the tribal groups in the border areas are especially targeted - the army takes over their traditional lands and shepherds them into detention centers where they are even more vulnerable to the military's abuses. So, many choose to flee into bordering Thailand. There they have the opportunity to find work in the country's construction and fishing industries, its gem or textile factories, and in the domestic sector.*

*An estimated one to 1.5 million Burmese are living in Thailand today, and only a small percentage of that number are registered, which means that most of them don't have any access to medical insurance, adequate schooling for their children or any safeguard against sudden deportation.*

### ***Little pay, dirty work***

*In Thailand, illegal Burmese workers are doing the bulk of the lowly paid or dirty work that Thais don't want to do. According to Jackie Pollock who works with an NGO dealing with labor rights in Thailand, the minimum daily wage in the country is around 150 baht (about three euro).By Dheera Sujan*

## **F. Regional Ministry to Focus and Strengthen**

The forming of the APAC Emerging Leaders, the Asia Pacific Alliance Women, and God willing, for the Business people and professional this coming Regional Conference in Hong Kong will potentially benefit the region for the advancement of the gospel, mobilizing and training young emerging leaders for local and international ministries, mobilizing women towards becoming global world Christians, and transformation of the spiritual and socio-economic landscape of the churches and of the target people for the gospel. Our focus is to make a strategic plan on how these 3 ministry projects can work together in partnership utilizing and maximizing their various potentials and resources in accomplishing the goals of APAC and to help strengthen them of becoming a movement for the whole region.

God willing, APAC will be able to organize the following ministry events in the near future: Cooperative APAC Mission trips, APAC Youth Regional Conference, APAC Women Regional Conference, facilitate AWF Youth Conference and AWF Women Conference.

Facilitate intentional cooperative ministry partnerships with our various APAC countries such as: India, Mongolia, Myanmar, and Thailand.

## **G. Visit to "Haiyan" Affected Areas in the Philippines**

On January 19-24, 2014, Rev Arie Verduijn (AWF), Rev. Kwong (Hong Kong representative) and I visited the "Haiyan" affected areas in the Philippines. After all the initial relief distributions and rehabilitation done by different welfare organizations from different parts of the world still there are so much basic needs to be met not just for our affected Alliance family but also to affected communities as a whole. Rehabilitation projects and relief distributions are going on through the leadership of CAMACOP.

Rebuilding and restoration of churches and homes are under construction. Livelihood projects will be implemented as planned. The donation from the Alliance World Fellowship will not only benefit our affected Alliance family, but its blessing will also be extended to other people in the affected communities (*More of this from the AWF President's Report*). My special thanks to all the APAC member bodies for your financial donation and prayers towards the victims of typhoon "Haiyan."

#### **H. Visit to Myanmar**

On April 30 to May 3, 2014, God opened an opportunity for me to visit Myanmar together with Rev. Nipon Luangngern, Thailand C&MA President, purposely, to encourage and have meeting with the new leadership team of CMA Myanmar and discussed the possibility of working together in partnership for a future ministry of reaching Burmese contract workers in Thailand. The meeting also includes the discussion on how APAC can work side by side with the C&MA Myanmar in enhancing their national church constitution and other related matters that will provide its General Council officers a better way in leading the C&MA Myanmar from where it is now. Other highlights includes a visit to the former C&MA Myanmar president to express appreciation for all his contributions and service rendered to the organization, and visit some of its church planting ministries where APAC has great potential to work in partnership in the near future. God willing, APAC can pool resources and join hearts together to lift up C&MA Myanmar and its ministries for the **Glory of God**.

Pray for the leadership of Rev. Vanro Sanga and his team that God will give them the inner strength and courage to lead God's people.

#### **I. APAC Website and 2016 AWF Quadrennial Conference**

Our region has now a new website ([www.apacalliance.org](http://www.apacalliance.org)). Thank you so much Rev. Andrew Marshall for your willingness to do it and for the whole C&MA NZ churches for taking the financial responsibility for the website. Please visit our website and if you have any scheduled national events or news to post on the APAC website, please send them to Rev. Andrew Marshall ([andrew@alliancechurches.org.nz](mailto:andrew@alliancechurches.org.nz)).

Our 2016 AWF Quadrennial Conference will be held in Bangkok, Thailand on October 12-16, 2016. Join with us in praying for the preparation of this event.

#### **J. Special Thanks**

All of you (APAC member bodies) have been a great support and encouragement to God's ministries in the region and to me, personally. However, on your behalf, I would like to convey our special thanks to the C&MA Australia for faithfully and partly helping financially towards the APAC administrative cost for several years now.

I would like also to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation to my sending organization, the Christian and Missionary Alliance Churches of the Philippines (CAMACOP) and for the Alliance Churches of New Zealand, who adopted us as their missionaries, for giving us their blessing and support to serve in this responsibility in the region.

Finally, we will say together with the psalmist, **"Proclaim with me the Lord's greatness; let us praise His name together."** Psalm 34:3

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