

Regional Coordinator Report to the APAC Regional Coordinating Committee  
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Like the prophet Joel (2:21b), we can declare confidently with him, "Surely the Lord Has Done Great Things." Year 2012 is indeed another year of counting God's wonderful and many blessings, and so much so, that all the glory and gratitude belongs to Him.

First of all, gratitude to God for His enabling grace that sustained me in serving Him in this region the past 4 years, coupled with all your unconditional support and encouragement which greatly help God's ministry particularly in the work of Missions progressing.

And again, I am humbly thankful to God for another opportunity to be at your service when you have elected me for the second term as your coordinator in this region during the AWF Quadrennial Conference in Toronto. Thank you so much for showing me your trust, confidence and support to this God's given responsibility. Pray that the Lord will envelope my whole being with His holy presence that I may serve Him with faithfulness together with you as willing instruments in advancing the fulfillment of God's Great Commission in our region and beyond for His global glory.

Great things He has done. After 3 years of waiting, the launching of the first APAC Youth Emerging Leaders' event was finally realized. The event was held in Bangkok on July 6-16, 2011 with 29 participants coming from 8 APAC countries. The event was started with two days Church Partnership Evangelism training led by Joel Van Hoogen. After which, the 29 participants were divided into groups and sent out for a short term mission ministry in Cambodia, Northeast of Thailand, and Bangkok. At the end of the 4 days actual field ministry, there were 482 who were exposed to the Gospel and 264 prayed to receive Christ in Cambodia! While here in Thailand, there were 141 who were exposed to the Gospel and 18 prayed to receive Christ! Thus, brought the total of 623 adults who were exposed to the Gospel and 282 prayed to receive Christ. Out of these 29 individuals, 13 of them responded to the call of Missions. Finally, the APAC Youth Leadership Team was formed. Its vision is *"APAC Youth exists to bring awareness and experience of evangelism and mission to Alliance Churches youth in Asia Pacific region through fellowship, discipleship, evangelism training, and mission trip in partnership with other youth members of the Asia Pacific Alliance Churches."* Beyond that APAC envisions that out of this youth regional event, God will raise up new generations of cross-cultural missionaries and Missions mobilizers for God's Missions work in the national and regional level.

The blessing that is worth celebrating is the impact of the event which is life-changing to some of the participants. Upon returning in their respective countries, they mobilized their youth and organized mission trips. A youth from Australia, for the first time, organized a short term mission trip to Cambodia resulting to about 25 individuals who prayed to receive Christ. She said, *"The APAC Emerging Leaders' Event has been a great experience. It has stirred up a fire of passion in my heart."*

In India, the youth leader organized a Church Partnership Evangelism (CPE) in different local Alliance churches with the help of CPE personnel. The 4 days evangelism resulted to 54 souls came to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. He said, *"These people accepted Christ*

*gave me great joy and encouragement for evangelism. I am very much blessed and I also learned a lot of things."*

While the youth from Indonesia, gathered a group of other young people and went to another island of Indonesia for evangelism. After few days, 31 individuals were converted into Christianity. He said, *"The mission trip was awesome and I had the chance to see God working in changing people's heart toward Him."*

Seeing the blessings of the said ministry, APAC will once again unite its effort to organize another APAC Youth Emerging Leaders' event on August 13-24, 2013 and looking forward to see more youth emerging leaders joining and collaborating together who will eventually become God's instruments in making a difference in the life of the rest of the young leaders in our region particularly in the work of Missions.

Great things He has done in the ministry of the Asia Pacific Alliance Women (APAW). After a year it was recognized as an auxiliary arm of APAC in 2010, the Asia Pacific Alliance Women (APAW) held its 4<sup>th</sup> regional Missions conference in Bangkok Thailand on June 28-July 1, 2012. Prior to its conference, the Alliance women crossed Vietnam and Cambodia for a prayer journey. The visit of the APAW women did not only encourage them but it also paved the way to unify all the women to pursue its vision for Missions. There were more than 50 Alliance women who came from 5 different APAC countries, including 2 missionaries from Colombia and Brazil working in Calcutta, India to grace the event.

Then, on October 15-20, 2012, the APAW Missions Conference was held in Hong Kong and it was attended by more than 35 Alliance women plus few men (husbands). The event was also highlighted by the presence of an Alliance woman leader from Cote'd Voire (West Africa). Rev. Arie Verduijn was the invited guest speaker. He presented an overview of the beginnings and trends in Missions. He also challenged the women to be "Strategic Partners in Global Missions. After its conference, the participants traveled to Macau for a two days prayer journey.

As the APAW women getting stronger and unified to visit all APAC member bodies for Missions mobilization of the Alliance women of the region, this year, the APAW committee is now in promoting New Zealand as the next venue for its conference that will be held on September 15-21, 2013, and after which they will proceed to Sydney or Brisbane for a prayer journey.

On December 27, 2012, the Philippine island was again struck by another destructive typhoon which severely damaged 5 provinces of Mindanao. From these provinces, there are 51 Alliance churches were affected. More than 20 church buildings were totally wrecked, and some were partially damaged. On top of that, there were more than 1000 Alliance members were affected. One pastor by the named, pastor Adang was missing until now, and was presumed dead.

Even though some of the basic needs of our victimized brothers and sisters were not completely met, thank God for using the AWF to extend its hand by giving financial assistance, which was channeled through CAMACOP, to ease the burden of our suffering fellow believers.

For our information, last year, there were new elected and re-elected presidents in the

region. The new presidents are Rev. Siu of Hong Kong, Rev. Kao of Taiwan, and Rev. Yuji Ozulua of Japan. Rev. Paul Paksoal of Indonesia was re-elected for another term.

To update the committee regarding the situation of the Alliance churches in Papua, according to Rev. Paul Paksoal, the churches (GKIP) that separated from the GKII had stopped shutting and burning GKII churches. Approximately 50 GKIP churches had now returned and joined the Gospel Tabernacle Church Indonesia (GKII) in Papua!

Presently, GKII has already sent three missionaries to Hong Kong to minister among the Indonesian women who are contract workers.

However, last Christmas Pastor Paul got a mild stroke caused by his uncontrolled diabetic problem. According to his son, at this moment he has still having problem on walking and speaking but overall his condition is good. Pray that Paul will experience God's healing power.

On October 1-4, 2011, on my way to New Zealand for its Annual Council and Missions Conference, I stopped by Australia to meet with the C&MA Australian Board with a couple of purposes: first to personally express, on behalf of the APAC region, our sincere gratitude of their annual commitment to support APAC financially. Second, to update the members of the board where APAC is right now and where it is heading in the future. In addition to that, I led one workshop on Missions among the Alliance Young Adult in its annual camp, and preach on Sunday in an Alliance Chinese Church English congregation.

After the APAW Conference on October 15, 2012 in Hong Kong, I touched base with Rev. Siu the new elected president of the C&MA Church Union. Their 5 years plan (2011-2015) is "To Build 21<sup>st</sup> Alliance Men" focusing on building different Alliance People. "Deeper Life" and "Mission Support" is the main stream of the ministry. The desired outcomes for this 5 year plan are: an increase of 9,500 baptized Christians, an increase of 10,000 church goers, 10 new churches planted, and 100% churches involving in Missions.

#### FUTURE PLANS:

1. Before the 2014 Regional Conference, there is a plan to visit and meet with the C&MA Mongolian National and C&MA US leaders to establish relationship and share about what God is doing in our region and personally invite them for the 2014 Regional Conference. This visit will also have a relationship in line of the AWF future desire to see Mongolia becoming a member of the AWF family.
2. In the next four years our region will be able to hold an APAC Youth Regional Summit through the initiative and coordination of APAC Youth Leadership Team. A preliminary discussion of this plan will take place in August during the APAC Youth Emerging Leaders' event.
3. In 2014, APAC will extend its invitation to Businesspersons and Professionals to join in the Regional Conference.
4. Missions Directors' Regional Consultation

5. Theological Leaders' Regional Consultation. The RC plan to meet Dr. Leung, our regional representative to ICTE.
6. Visit C&MA Burma/Taiwan
7. APAC can have its own official Website
8. Workout the master planning arrow for APAC base on its functional areas.

Again, we give all the glory to Him for the great things He has done in our midst and to what He will be doing in and through us in this coming years.

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