



David & Jenny Harris

BIMI Far East Director

Assisting Church Planting in Asia & the North Pacific

NEWS FROM ASIA

June 2022

Trip to the Philippines

In May I was able to take a trip to the Philippines. Finally, one of our Asian countries opened and I could venture to visit one of our missionaries! After many months of waiting, I was ready to go! If I would have had more time, I could have visited several of them, but one family I wanted to see was Frank Denisi in Cebu. The Lord gave him a wonderful young lady and they had married in December, but due to covid restrictions, we were saddened that we could not attend their wedding.



I had a very short window of opportunity to visit them. The Lord provided although it was quite an eventful trip. The route I chose flew the opposite direction than I had ever flown. My first stop was Doha, Qatar. Believe it or not, Qatar Airlines was the cheapest flight I could find. We are accustomed to flights costing \$1,000-1,500. Can you believe most airlines were charging \$4,000 and up? When I saw the cost was only \$2,000 to go through Qatar, I was thrilled!

Please do not be too shocked! No! We do not usually pay that much for a ticket, but after many, many months of restrictions and not getting to see our missionaries, I just had to go! Since the Lord had provided for the trip, I took it as His directive to get to visit Brother Frank and his new bride, Japhia. We have prayed for Brother Frank for years and are so happy for them both that the Lord has brought them together!

What a trip it was! I had no trouble flying through Qatar and the connecting flight went straight to Cebu! But, upon arrival I was told that I had to have a swab test - not required at other places - and that I would have to quarantine until the results arrived! Well, I spent two days getting to rest from my trip and enjoying time with the Lord in my hotel room in Cebu! Two days later I received a letter from the Philippine government saying I did not need to quarantine! I was surprised, but happy to be out of isolation! The extra rest helped my back and leg problem also!

Brother Frank picked me up and we drove 3 hours to preach the final day of a youth camp. Some 140 teens from seven churches were there. God blessed. Souls were saved and the altar was filled with almost every teen on their knees making decisions for full-time service! Several surrendered to preach! Several more surrendered to missions! Next I was able to preach a Missions Revival in Brother Frank's church. Many more were saved and many more surrendered to the ministry in the days that followed! It was a very worth while trip and Brother Frank and Japhia were encouraged!

There is MUCH more to say, so I will continue in my next letter. Missions is so exciting because God is at work all over the world! Thank you for helping us do our part to help you reach the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ! What would keep you from joining us in reaching the world?

Focusing on the Harvest • Promoting Missions • Praying for Laborers

BIMI P.O. BOX 9 HARRISON, TN 37341 | DHARRIS@BIMI.ORG | 770-656-4917



David & Jenny Harris

BIMI Far East Director

Assisting Church Planting in Asia & the North Pacific

NEWS FROM ASIA

July 2022

Trip to the Philippines (continued)

In my last letter I reported about a trip the Lord allowed me to take to the Philippines! God blessed and souls were saved! Many decisions were made for full-time service and quite a few young men surrendered to preach. Many more surrendered to the ministry! What a joy it is to see God work in the lives of so many!

I must tell you of the Saturday events during the Missions Revival in Brother Frank Denisi's church. It was a hot, humid, and normal day in the Philippines. The church auditorium was filled with 40 or 50 people ready to go out and share the Good News of Jesus Christ!

For two hours we combed the "highways and hedges," but there were more hedges than highways! If you want a burden for souls, there is nothing like going out and seeing people in need of God!

I got to go with several men of the church as the youth paired up and covered the neighborhoods and hills around the church. One of the men I went with was a former drug lord who was so diligent to give people the Gospel! What an amazing time to see these dear people passionately sharing the Gospel with people who live in some of the most primitive of conditions at times.

Another project the church was doing that day was passing out 100 vouchers to receive a 5 kilo bag (11 lbs) of rice. Scores of teams spent two hours telling people of a MUCH greater gift - the Gift of God! As we neared the end of our time, four young men in their twenties stopped playing basketball and let me share the Gospel with them. What an amazing blessing to see them bow their heads, repent of their sin, and trust Christ as their Savior!

Our soulwinning time lasted from 2:00-4:00 pm. At 5:00 pm, the rice was distributed at the church. Over 100 people that had received vouchers walked to the church. The auditorium was filled. The dear people of Gospel of Christ Baptist Church poured themselves into welcoming the crowd. They sang hymns. A Gospel message was preached and a chance to respond was given for those who wanted to receive Christ. When hands were raised, there were too many to count! Pray for all those who placed their faith in Jesus Christ that day as they are followed up by the church members! As I said in last month's letter, God is at work all over the world! Thank you for praying and thank you for helping us reach the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Headed home I was refused entry to my flight because of a technicality. The swab test was the culprit again. Mine was done 24-48 hours prior to departure instead of "within a day." I had to rebook and retest costing me two days and a new ticket - my airline's cost, \$4000! I had to choose another airline that was only half of that! All of this to let you know to pray for your missionaries and all they face as they are serving the Lord. Covid restrictions and dangerous situations abound, but God is greater!



Focusing on the Harvest • Promoting Missions • Praying for Laborers

BIMI P.O. BOX 9 HARRISON, TN 37341 | DHARRIS@BIMI.ORG | 770-656-4917

