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MC CANADA REPRESENTATIVE VISITS BUKIDNON

By: *Twinkle Bautista*

"As a pastor, I was so focused on witnessing – how to be saved. The Gospel is more than that. In the PAR training, it was summed up through the four harmonies; with God, with self, with others and with God's creation. It widened my perspective on sharing Jesus Christ with the people," a pastor shared during the visit of Mennonite Church Canada Director Gordon Janzen in Bukidnon last October 30.

He had asked the pastors what was the impact of the PAR training to them. They said that the PAR helped them in dealing with conflicts in the church and within the self and on reaching out to the communities especially the indigenous peoples and non-state armed groups. PAR has also been integrated in their ministries outside the church specifically in government agencies like the Department of Interior and Local Government. One of the pastors had been asked to review the peace programs of the barangay local government units and he shared to the leaders the Biblical definition of peace – with God, with self, with others and with God's creation.



Another major contribution of the PAR that the pastors had seen is the fourth quadrant, the economic-ecological transformation. One of the ministries in this quadrant is the Arabica coffee farming. The Valencia City Evangelical Ministers Association Inc., had also requested for a Personal Financial Management seminar which they say, is a valuable tool for pastors to be better stewards of their churches. Janzen also joined the PBCI staff meeting in Davao City on Oct. 31. 🌱

ENGAGEMENTS OF PBCI TOP MANAGEMENT IN CANADA

PBCI President Dann Pantoja and EVP Joji Felicitas Pantoja were in Canada from September until November for a series of meetings, talks and consultations. Here is an update of their schedule in October.

Oct. 5 - Consultation with a group of leaders from the Christian business community of Harrisonburg, VA. Joji Pantoja did a presentation on Economic-Ecological Transformation before a class of masteral students at Eastern Mennonite University.

Oct. 8 - Preached at the Leamington United Mennonite Church.

Oct. 12 – Shared notes, experiences, and ideas on Peace and Reconciliation with students, faculty, and staff of Conrad Grebel Peace and Conflict Studies Program at the University of Waterloo, Canada.

Oct. 15 - Teaching at the Adult Christian Education Class, East Zorra Mennonite Church.

Oct. 16 - Lecturing at a Peace and Conflict Studies Class, Conrad Grebel College, University of Waterloo, Canada

Oct. 17 - Meetings and reports at the Mennonite Church Canada's International Ministries Office.

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ENGAGEMENTS....

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Oct. 20 - Spoke on the topic, "PeaceBuilding and Human Rights Advocacy in Mindanao" at the Mennonites and Human Rights Conference, University of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Oct. 22 - Joji taught at the Adult Christian Education class at Charleswood Mennonite Church; Dann delivered a sermon during the Worship Service.

Oct. 23 - Spoke at the Junior High and Senior High Chapel Services at the WestGate Mennonite Collegiate in the morning, then gave a lecture on "PeaceBuilding and

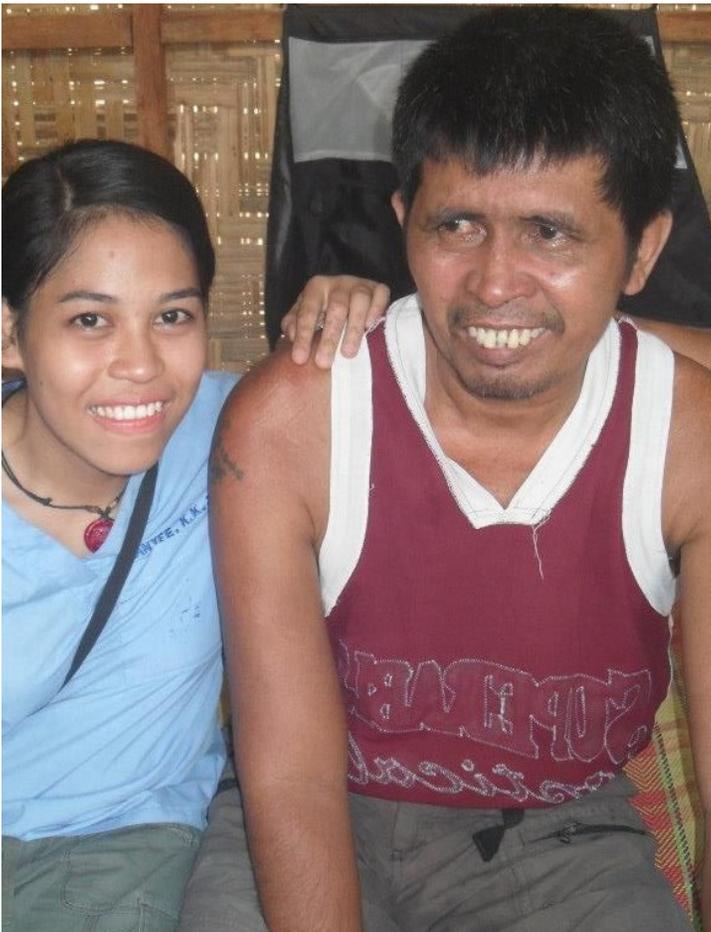
Human Rights Advocacy" at the Menno Simons College, University of Winnipeg in the afternoon.

Oct. 25 - Presented "Transitional Justice Issues in Mindanao, Philippines" in Dr. Dean Peachey's "Human Rights and Global Studies" class at the University Of Winnipeg.

Oct. 28 - Had a wonderful Sunday at Grace Mennonite Church in Steinbach, Manitoba. He delivered the message during the Morning Worship Service; Joji spoke during the Evening Service. 🌿

ILIGAN HEALTHCARE TEAM CONDUCTS FINAL OUTREACH

By the Iligan Healthcare Team



PBCI staff Kaye Chan with a patient in Palao, Iligan City on Oct. 24, 2012. The man was moved to tears when the team visited him in his house. He was paralyzed and needed medical attention but he cannot walk to the venue of the outreach.

The outreach catered 218 patients through the partnership with the City Health Office and International Organization of Migration.

It is the final outreach of the Iligan Healthcare Team as their program ends next month. Together with Cagayan de Oro Team, they were deployed among Typhoon Sendong survivors as part of the rehabilitation phase. The program aims to build a team of local healthcare workers from the typhoon survivors. Last month, the healthcare team started to be operational with 17 volunteers. It will be turned over to the Iligan Health Care Office. 🌿

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NEW COFFEE TRAINERS TRAINED IN BUKIDNON

By Twinkle Bautista



Harvesting



De-pulping



Floating and fermenting



Drying

Ptr. Clay Rojo, Ptr. Eddie Isada and Ptr. Nick Ubante started their hands-on training on harvesting and coffee post-harvest processing on October 20, 2012. Together with the Bukidnon team led by Director of Economic-Ecological Ministries Kriz Cruzado, they hiked up to Sungko, Lantapan - the ancestral homeland of the Talaandig tribe. The coffee of the Talaandig is specialty coffee with a cupping score of 87.75.

In the training, the team experienced hand-picking, de-pulping, floating, de-hulling and drying. Next month,

they will sort out the coffee beans and will familiarize themselves with the differences of Arabica and Robusta varieties. They will also do the hands-on training for the coffee growers next month.

Also with the Valencia and Impasug-ong teams is Ptr. Lito Quinalagan, one of the coffee farmers in Apo Macote, Bukidnon. 🌿

OTHER FIELD STAFF ACTIVITIES

Sherel Salido Quider finished two videos of the song "Gisakit Ka" for the Bayani Simbalay Inc. It was posted on Youtube after a request from Noel Cabangon, a singer known for his original Filipino music. "Gisakit Ka" is a Bisaya song remembering Jesus Christ for His work on the cross.

Quider helped in the youth camp of Jesus is Alive Community Church (JIA) ministering to 60 young people in Bantuanon, Lantapan. JIA is the home church of Ptr. Clay Rojo and June Rojo, the PBCI man and woman of peace in Bukidnon.

Impasug-ong team John Mel Sumatra and Jeffrey Estallo helped the Department of Agriculture (DA) construct a booth for the Regional Agriculture Fair, representing the Bukidnon province.

It won 2nd place in the contest in Cagayan de Oro City. Sumatra and Estallo had partnered with the DA in training coffee growers in Impasug-ong.

The Bukidnon field staff namely Nenia Rhea Galanza and Sherel Quider served as secretariat and technical support in the annual gathering of the Council of Evangelical Churches of Bukidnon. It was attended by more than 200 pastors all over Bukidnon. CECB had adopted officially the Peace and Reconciliation as part of their ministry and had invited PBCI to be a member of their Executive Committee. 🌿

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE PBCI STAFF



Dann and Joji Pantoja. Praise God for the positive responses of the people who heard the stories we shared about Peace and Reconciliation ministries in the Philippines. We thank God for health, travelling mercies, and provisions as we trekked through Eastern United States, Ontario, and Manitoba and Western Canada.



Bennette tenecio. My mother will have a laboratory exam next month. Please pray for good health and provision for our family's needs.



Kriz Cruzado. Please pray for good health, lower blood sugar and normal blood pressure. Kriz is diagnosed with diabetes this month.



Mel Sumatra. Mel is a new staff to be assigned in Bukidnon. Pray for his preparations on the field, for the people he is going to meet and work with. Pray for his team members as they work as one community in their field.



Arjay Balabag. Please pray as we transfer to a new place. Pray also for the healing of my cousin who has a psychological problem. May God grant our family good health, protection and provision for my siblings' school needs.



Joy Betios. Please pray for my good health, wisdom and protection. Joy is the liaison officer of PBCI.



Fred Abelitado. Praise God for his resourcefulness in maintaining our office furniture in good condition, roasting coffee, fixing plumbing and electrical problems and many other things. Pray for his health.



David Quico. Please pray for David as he is deployed in Cagayan de Oro as health care program. Pray for health, safety and wisdom as he works with the survivors of typhoon Sendong. Please also pray for his family.



Phoebe Gupana. Please pray for the people we are serving who lost their faith in God, who is fighting a disease, for the abused and poor children. Pray for relationships to improve with peace and joy.



Jeff Estallo. Please pray for guidance in his personal decisions, family issues and in his work. May God open the hearts of his aunts for reconciliation and may their faith in God be strengthened.



Nenia Galanza: Please pray for protection for our team as we hike mountains. I also pray for the new coffee trainers as they learn and share the technology to other farmers.



Sherel Quider: Please pray for the PAR training in Lantapan next month. Pray also for wisdom in making videos for the coffee farming.



Twinkle Bautista. Please pray for my family as we grieve for my uncle. May my family be comforted by the tender love of Jesus Christ and may it bring us closer to each other.



Gemwill Mendoza. Please pray for my health. I am currently being treated for gastritis.



Kaye Chanyee. Please pray for strength, guidance, wisdom and grace for the Iligan team as we conduct trainings and outreaches.



Daphnie Derigay. Please pray for emotional healing and for strength as I serve in Cagayan de Oro City. Daphne is a community healthcare worker.



Alvin Ysulat. Pray for the upcoming graduation of the healthcare trainees in Iligan. The program is going to end on November and the local healthcare team will be turned over to the Iligan Health Care Office.



Julie Condino. I pray for knowledge, wisdom, strength, patience and good health of the CdO team to be able to continue the started healthcare program and to be able to serve more IDP's.



**"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way."
-1 Timothy 2:1-2**

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