

# “Responding to the Call”

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INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES, ABC-USA

Primary partners and countries served: Baptist convention partners in the Asia-Pacific region (Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and New Zealand)

## **General description of ministry:**

*Ann and Bruce serve as regional missionaries with partner Baptist conventions in the Asia-Pacific Region, including Cambodia, Indonesia, New Zealand, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia and Vietnam. They work alongside national leaders to build capacity in theological education in countries formerly closed to the gospel, church-based community and economic development, servant leadership, cross-cultural missionary training, social entrepreneurship, and ministry with refugees.*

*Ann and Bruce have served partners in the Philippines, the U.S., and Brazil since 1987. Most recently, they worked with the National Baptist Convention of Brazil as co-coordinators of the Integral Mission Network and the office of Leadership and Ministry Development. They also helped equip Brazilian missionaries to share the good news of Jesus Christ in Brazil and around the world.*

*Languages used in ministry: English, Hiligaynon, Portuguese, Bahasa Indonesia, and others.*

## **Accomplishments October 2016 – September 2017**

### *Asia-Pacific Ministry*

#### **Vietnam:**

- Participated in the Theological Education/TEE Conference in Bangkok, Oct 2016. This was an excellent opportunity to discover what others are doing in TEE in Vietnam, the resources they are using, and the concerns some have about the BCV.
- Taught a course on “Women leaders in the New Testament” for 56 participants in June 2017. Mark Pham, a young Vietnamese college student in Australia, translated the materials for me; Thuy edited them and BCV (Baptist Convention of Vietnam) made photocopies of the material for the class. Dr. Huong Holmes presented on women leaders in the Old Testament. Participants expressed their deep appreciation and their sense of empowerment as a result of the course.



Role play of Jesus' conversation with Mary & Martha



BCV leaders designing a contextualized TE curriculum

• Designed and facilitated a consultation on “How to Develop a Contextualized Theological Education curriculum” in June 2017. Consultation based on input from Alan Harkness, Limuel Equiña, Alan Selig, Stan Slade, Perry Shaw book creating a contextualized TE curriculum, etc. The curriculum suggestions produced by the BCV leaders will be helpful as they develop and refine a contextualized curriculum for both the bachelors and masters level courses. It will also provide valuable input on contextualized content for TEE (theological education by extension) programs.

- Credentialed instructors are needed ASAP in order for the BCV to receive authorization from the Vietnamese government for the Vietnamese Baptist Theological School (VBTS). We continue to shepherd the partnership between BCV, CPU, IM, ATESEA, and possibly FTESEA (Foundation for Theological Education in Southeast Asia) with the goal of preparing approximately 10-20 leaders with Masters degrees from an accredited school (CPU) who will serve as instructors in the VBTS.
- Preached at two churches in HCMC, June 2017.
- Facilitated the visit of CPBC and CPU (Philippines) representatives to the BCV in August 2017 to discuss partnerships for theological education, mission, and the exchange of ideas and ministry resources.



CPBC/CPU delegation meeting BCV leaders

#### Cambodia

- Coordinated with Pr. Nivath, President of the Cambodian Baptist Union (CBU) on the development of accessible TE/TEE materials for ‘lightly educated’ church leaders, ongoing.
  - Conducted extensive research into theological education by extension (TEE) programs (Graham Aylett, Tim Green, JD Reed, Anneta Vysotsky, SEAN international, etc.) in order to respond to the request to develop a fresh approach to TEE in Cambodia.
- Created three MOUs between: TEEAC and CBU, CBU and SEAN international (<http://www.seaninternational.com>), and CBU – IM – TEEAC. All MOUs were signed in April 2017.

- The video based Theological Education by Extension project is moving forward, though slightly behind schedule since the video production is taking more time than anticipated. Video production of 19 lessons of the Abundant Life program developed by SEAN international began in May 2017 and should conclude in October 2017. As soon as they are available, the CBU will organize the small groups that will participate in the pilot project. We hope the small groups will begin working with the videos by the end of this year and complete the pilot project in the first part of 2018.

## Thailand

- Participated in an IM-sponsored consultation on Karen repatriation, Chiang Mai, Oct. 2016. This is the first step in responding to a request from the Kawthoolei Karen Baptist Bible School & College to sponsor training programs for refugees to prepare them for repatriation. Possible training topics: Healthcare, Peacemaking, Agriculture, Counseling, Education, Entrepreneurship, Spiritual Formation.
- Conducted on site research with Duane Binkley at the Mae La and Nu Po refugee camps to determine training resources and needs for upcoming training programs in 2017.
- Worked with Duane Binkley, coordinator of the IM-sponsored training courses for Karen refugees to help prepare a schedule of trainings.



Students at KKBBS school  
at Mae La refugee camp



Bruce, Dr. Somboon with student  
in social entrepreneurship course

- Visited Jeff and Annie Dieselberg for fellowship and encouragement, Oct. 2016.
- Taught a short course in social entrepreneurship course at the International College, Payap University, Feb/Mar 2017.
- Taught an intensive course on Christian Conflict Transformation for 64 students at the Kawthoolei Karen Baptist Bible School and College, located at the Mae La refugee camp near Mae Sot, Feb. 2017.

## Myanmar

- Discussed the possibility of teaching an intensive course on Social Entrepreneurship at Myanmar Institute of Theology sometime between Nov. 2016 and Feb 2017. The challenge has been to find a block of time convenient both to MIT students & faculty as well as Bruce. This goal has yet to be reached.
- Led a retreat on Integral Evangelism for faculty of the Asho Chin Theological Seminary (ACTS) and spoke at the seminary graduation, March 2017.
- Chin Hills: participated in the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Chin Hills Baptist Convention along with Rev. Joan Friesen, Executive Minister of Greater Indianapolis region, Rev. Roy and Rev. Kay Medley, Feb. 2017.

## The Philippines



One page business plan workshop with Samaritana leaders

- Consulted with Samaritana Transformation Ministries (*“living out the gospel among women caught in prostitution”*) and two other ministries on social enterprise strategies in Manila, Dec. 2016. Shared a devotional message at the Samaritana Christmas party.
  - Conducted a follow up workshop on the “one page business plan” in May 2017. Provided business consultation via Skype to Samaritana leadership, September 2017.

- Conducted an Appreciative Inquiry exercise with leaders of the Convention of Philippine Baptist Churches (CPBC) as part of their Institutional Assessment process, Dec. 2016.
  - Participated in global conference call discussion on next steps in the Institutional Assessment process, Jan. 2017.
  - Followed up with Dr. Narcisso in May 2017.



CPBC staff doing appreciative inquiry workshop

- Met with Central Philippine University (CPU) leaders, including the CPU President, Iloilo, December 2016 to discuss opportunities for further partnership.
- Visited partners: College of Theology, CPU; Bacolod Baptist Bible College, Negros Island; Filamer Christian University; Bacolod Christian Church; Bacolod Christian

College of Negros; Convention Baptist Mission Hospital, Roxas City; Iloilo Mission Hospital, Iloilo City, Dec. 2016.

- Preached at Jaro Evangelical Church and University Church, Dec. 2016.
- Served as Commencement speakers at two ceremonies at CPU, May 2017. Each Commencement program was attended by 750-800 graduates.
  - Participated in CPU College of Theology graduation ceremonies to celebrate the successful completion of a masters' degree by two leaders from the Baptist Convention of Vietnam, May 2017 – Mrs. Thuy, Pr. Thuy, and Mrs. Trang.

- Conducted a Social Entrepreneurship Curriculum planning workshop for 85 CPU faculty and students, May 2017.
- Facilitated Reflection and Planning consultation between BCV (Vietnam), IM, and CPU College of Theology leaders to discuss next steps for helping BCV leaders move toward government recognition of the Vietnamese Baptist Theological School (VBTS), May 2017.



Bruce with CPU faculty at Social Entrepreneurship curriculum workshop

- Facilitated discussion with Dr. Limuel Equiña, ATESEA Director, and representatives from BCV, CPU, IM, and CPBC to learn more about accreditation requirements for the VBTS, May 2017.
- Participated in the first CPBC Overseas Mission Conference in Hong Kong in June 2017 attended by approx. 200 people. The conference was jointly sponsored by CPBC, the Mission Outreach of the Shantou (Swatow) Baptist Churches (MOSBC) in Hong Kong, and IM.
  - Presented a plenary on “Mission from Everywhere to Everyone –Challenges and Opportunities in Diaspora Ministries.”

#### New Zealand

- Met with Ben and Tracy Wakefield, co-pastors of Paraparumu Baptist Church where they are doing a ‘church restart’ in an effort to have greater blessing and impact on the community. Ben was President of the Baptist Churches of New Zealand at the time, Oct 2016.
- Carey Baptist College: Continued mentoring a missionary candidate, Oct 2016 – May 2017.

- Missions Interlink – participated in annual general meeting in Auckland (Nov. 2016). This gathering of mission leaders put us in touch with many potential partners in NZ. Met with Jay Matenga, Missions Link Director, March 2017.
- Met with Steve Davis, the Director of Ethnic ministries for New Zealand Baptist Union to explore opportunities for both domestic and international cooperation, July 2017.
- Carey Baptist College: did a Mission Track presentation via Skype, Aug 2017.
- Discussed partnerships opportunities in SE Asia with Andrew Page, Director of New Zealand Baptist Mission Society, Aug. 2017.
- Wellington Central Baptist: Preached (Nov 2016); Accepted as members (Dec 2016); Served on the Praise & Worship Team (Ann); Served on the Audio-Visual team (Bruce)
- Led Think Space (small group) studies, Oct-Nov 2016 and June - Aug 2017. Topics: When Helping Hurts by Fikkert. Endless Possibilities by Spitzer.
- Facilitated an appreciative inquiry planning process for Long Bay Baptist Church, Auckland, Nov 2016; Feb 2017.
- Researched process for an extension to our New Zealand Student visa and Partnership visa, July 2017.



Appreciative Inquiry workshop at Long Bay Baptist Church, Auckland

#### Indonesia

- Completed Bahasa Indonesia language course, Nov 2016.
- APBF Consultation on Development – responder (Bruce) Bruce was invited to respond to the plenary paper on “Good Practice and Advocacy” by Roshan Mendis, Exec. Dir. of LEADS in Sri Lanka, Sept. 2017.
- APBF Consultation on TE (Ann): Participated in the APBF Consultation on Theological Education in Indonesia, September 2017. There were many opportunities for productive conversations with others in the region who are offering TE in a broad range of contexts. One ‘big idea’ was to promote contextualized TE through encouraging more Asian theologians to write articles and books; Morling College in Australia offered to serve as a publishing house.
- APBF Congress: What a privilege it was to fellowship with people from across the Asia-Pacific region that represented the extraordinary diversity of God’s family! Bruce, Ann and Leslie participated in the 9th Asia-Pacific Baptist Federation conference (held every 5 years) in Yogyakarta, Indonesia in late September 2017. Over 20 countries were represented including Vanuatu, Fiji, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka,

India, Indonesia, the Philippines, Korea, China, Singapore, Papua New Guinea, Malaysia, Vietnam, Myanmar, Cambodia, Nepal, New Zealand, and Australia. It was inspiring to connect with others who are committed to sharing the whole gospel of Jesus Christ with the whole person.



God's people gather at the APBF Congress in Indonesia

- Ann, Bruce and Leslie had productive conversations with Indonesian Baptist Union leaders about how to proceed with this relatively new partnership with IM, Sept. 2017. Bruce and Ann could offer resources and training on leadership development as well as on how to develop a contextualized program to support missionary pastors and their sending churches.

*PhD program, Massey University, New Zealand (Bruce)*

- Presented a detailed proposal for PhD research to a panel and public forum at Massey University in November 2016. Approved with extremely positive recommendations.
- Completed literature review on social entrepreneurship and faith-based organizations, Nov 2016.
- Conducted case studies in the Philippines (4), Vietnam (2), Thailand (2). Nov. 2016 – Sept. 2017
- Writing up research results for publication in two academic journals and a presentation at an international conference in Dec. 2017

*Convenção Batista Nacional (CBN: the National Baptist Convention), Brazil*

- Participated in the 50th Anniversary celebrations of the Convention, July 25-29, 2017. Prepared the commemorative plaque presented to the CBN leadership by IM.
  - Presented a paper on “The Relationship between Academic Preparation and



Presenting commemorative plaque to CBN leaders from IM

Spirituality” at the conference. The positive response we received far exceeded our expectations; this has been a polemic topic given CBN’s charismatic history that downplays higher education in light of Jesus’ immanent return. Wonderfully, this attitude is changing.

- Continued to provide consultation via Skype to our Convention colleagues, especially those who have assumed leadership for REDEMI (Integral Mission, Holistic Mission, Holistic Evangelism) and SEDELIM (leadership development).

- Taught the *Vida Missionária* (Missionary Life) course to new missionaries in training at JAMI, July/August 2017. Course includes modules on cross cultural adaptation, conflict transformation, multi-cultural teambuilding, communication with supporters. We also maintain contact with several of our former students who now serve as missionaries in Africa, Europe, South America, and Asia.



*Vida Missionária* exercise with Brazilian missionaries in training

- *Primeira Igreja Batista de Brasília* and *Igreja Batista Reviver* (Belo Horizonte) – Maintained contact with our church families; send them our regular ministry update. PIBB contributed to our support this year.
- LERBAN – worked with LERBAN to publish the *Possibilidades Sem Fim* exercise book by ABCUSA General Secretary, Rev. Dr. Lee Spitzer, Oct 2016 – July 2017.
- Conducted a Spiritual Journeys workshop via Skype with a church plant in Rio de Janeiro at the invitation of Pr. Leandro and Gláucia Medeiros Nunes, Aug. 2017.
- Palmer Seminary-CBN on line Master’s program: In discussions with Mayra Picos, Director of the program, Ann committed to co-teach a course on World Mission with Dr. Samuel Escobar in 2018.

### *IM Projects*

Global Champion – FE2E- From Everywhere to Everyone (Ann)

- Prepared initial baseline research in cooperation with IM Area Directors to discover the nature, breadth, and future plans of our Baptist partners in the area of cross-cultural missionary preparation, sending and receiving. Submitted draft survey results in August and September 2017.

Global Champion – Economic Development (Bruce)

- Began to develop a baseline data on the transformational development initiatives of global personnel and host country partners in the areas of community

empowerment, rural/agricultural development, small enterprise development, and social entrepreneurship, Apr – Sept. 2017.

#### IM Associate Executive Director position

- Conducted research with various IM staff members on the AED position scheduled to be filled in September 2017.
- Submitted updated CV to IM tailored to this position, Aug. 2017.
- Researched on-line beta reporting system developed by CBN (Brazil) to determine what elements might be applicable to IM, Aug. 2017.

#### Reports

- Submitted quarterly work fund reports.
- Submitted semi-annual BIM Board ministry highlights.
- Submitted 2015-2016 annual report, Oct. 2016.

#### MPT/Support Network

- Prepared and sent ministry updates every 4 -6 weeks.
  - Translated ministry updates into Portuguese and send to Brazilian supporters.
- Sent personal thank-yous to financial supporters every quarter.
- Contacted those who stopped giving to thank them for their support and asked if they would like to continue supporting (the giving often stops when a credit card expires).

### **Looking forward to the coming year October 2017 – September 2018**

#### *Asia-Pacific Ministry*

##### Vietnam:

- Continue to shepherd the BCV-CPBC partnership for mission, mission exchange programs, and possible placement of mission personnel. On-going.
- Meet with leaders of ATESEA, BCV, and CPU to explore how to develop an accredited program for BCV leaders, Oct, Nov. 2017.

##### Cambodia

- Monitor the new theological education by extension program funded by a Palmer Grant. As soon as videos for the 19 lessons of Abundant Life are available, the CBU will organize the small groups that will participate in the pilot project, Nov 2017 – Apr 2018.

- Explore a possible partnership with CBF personnel serving in Cambodia, March-April 2018.
- Explore other ministry opportunities in cooperation with the CBU, Mar-Apr 2018.

#### Thailand

- Conduct training of refugee community leaders at Mae La Camp/KKBBSC as requested in 2018.
- Participate in the INCREASE conference for TEE in Chiang Mai, Nov. 2017. Explore possible partnerships, research other TEE resources available, share information on the Cambodian pilot project for video based TEE.

#### Myanmar

- ACTS: Teach an intensive 5-day English class for students of ACTS (Asho Chin Theological Seminary) and community members in Insein, a neighborhood of Yangon. This will be a pilot project to kick off an ESL program aimed at reaching the (primarily Buddhist) community as well as equipping seminary students, Oct 2017.
- Present “Trends in Theological Education” at the Seminary Principals’ Forum of the Myanmar Baptist Convention, a gathering of 49 leaders of MBC seminaries and Bible schools, Oct 2017.
- Participate in the CCA (Christian Conference of Asia) conference hosted by Myanmar Baptist Convention, Oct. 2017.

#### The Philippines

- Continue to shepherd the CBN-CPBC partnership in mission, ongoing.
- 2018 Assembly (May). Speak on ministry to, with, and through diaspora workers at the Assembly of the Convention of Philippine Baptist Churches (CPBC), May 2018.
- We are coordinating with the National Baptist Convention of Brazil (CBN) to send one of its leaders to speak at the CPBC’s 2018 Assembly on “Pastoring the Pastors.” This is a new concept for the CPBC, and a wonderful way for the Brazilian Baptists to equip the Body of Christ in Asia.
- Provide business consultation to Samaritana Ministries as requested, ongoing.

#### New Zealand

- Serve in our local church, Wellington Central Baptist, in the areas of teaching, preaching, Sunday School, Praise & Worship, and Small Groups. Have been selected as “Candle people”, i.e. missionaries who are serving outside of New Zealand. Ongoing.

- Participate in the Annual Hui (Assembly) in November 2017. Establish and strengthen relationships with Baptist Union of New Zealand local and national leaders.
- Explore possible partnerships or cooperative ministries between NZBMS and IM, ongoing.
- Mentor a NZ Baptist Missionary Society couple serving in Northern Thailand, ongoing.
- Mentor Carey Baptist College students exploring the possibility of serving as a missionary, ongoing.

#### Indonesia

- Follow up with UIBC on member care training initiatives, Nov-Dec 2017.
- Follow up with UIBC on leadership development training, Nov-Dec 2017.

#### Malaysia

- Visit Myanmar refugee communities in Kuala Lumpur, as well as the UNHCR representatives to explore opportunities for cooperation and addressing the desperate situation of these sisters and brothers in Christ, Nov. 2017.

#### Sri Lanka, Lao partnership possibilities

- Explore possibilities for new partnerships with LEADS, an integral community development program in Sri Lanka, Dec 2017 – Mar 2018.
- Explore partnership opportunities with the Baptist convention in Lao, Nov 2017.

#### *PhD program, Massey University, New Zealand (Bruce)*

#### Research

- Conduct follow-up field research with participating organizations in the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam, Mar – Sept 2018.
- Identify faith-based and secular organizations in New Zealand that are willing to be case study participants, Mar – Sept 2018.

#### Publications & Presentations

- Finalize and submit for publication in academic journals two papers on faith-based social entrepreneurship based on Bruce's research, Nov 2017 – Mar 2018.
- Present a paper at the International Social Innovation Research Conference in Melbourne, Australia, Dec. 2017.

*Convenção Batista Nacional (CBN: the National Baptist Convention), Brazil*

Palmer Theological Seminary on line MTS degree

- Coordinate with Dr. Samuel Escobar and Dr. Mayra Picos to team teach the course on World Mission, 2018.

CBN

- Continue to mentor and share resources with the new Coordinator of SEDELIM and REDEMI, ongoing.
- Edit the handbook on *Liderança Serva* (Servant Leadership) based on materials we prepared for SEDELIM and published by CBN, Oct. 2017.

*IM Projects*

Global Advocate/Champion for Economic and Community Development (Bruce, primary).

- Continue to develop baseline data on the transformational development initiatives of global personnel and host country partners in the areas of community empowerment, rural/agricultural development, small enterprise development, and social entrepreneurship. Jan. – Sept. 2018
- Put in place a system that facilitates networking and information sharing among global personnel on topics related to community and economic development. Jan. – Sept. 2018

Global Advocate/Champion for Equipping the Body of Christ to Engage in God's Mission (Ann, primary).

- Continue to gather baseline information to discover the nature, breadth, and future plans of our Baptist partners in the area of cross-cultural missionary preparation, sending and receiving, ongoing.
- Develop talking points for IM personnel on “from everywhere to everyone” to build awareness during speaking engagements (participants: churches, ABWM, ABMen, pastors & leaders, Association and Regional gatherings, World Mission Conferences, and others). Jan - March 2018.

Short Term Mission Team guide

- STM Guide/IM – If IM decides to proceed with the project, revise the STM Guide in cooperation with the VIGM team, 2018.