



# TIMOTHY II

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## CELEBRATING 30 YEARS!

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How do you sum up 30 years of Ministry in one newsletter? As I think back of the many places we were blessed to go, the people we have met who have become like family, and the mighty miracles that we saw God do through the years, it is hard to know where to start. I can just look back and see that God watched over His Word to perform it, just like He said He would. The beginning Visions of what Timothy felt God Calling him to do and the wondering about how God was going to bring these things about, are now fond memories. It reminds me of a quote by Hudson Taylor, a Missionary to China in the late 1800’s. He wrote, “I have found that there are three stages in every great work of God: first, it is impossible, then it is difficult, then it is done.”



Pastors Jane & Jun La Forteza, Timothy II, Vice-President Joseph Estrada, Toby Wallenberg, & some of the Timothy II Mission Team.

Mayors, Generals, and Governors. On our second Mission Trip, we even met with the Vice President of the Philippines! This made it possible for us to go to the schools, the prisons, and even to military bases to share the Gospel of Jesus. Through the years, this has continued as we met with many Leaders in various Countries.

Our early years were spent doing a lot of Evangelistic work. We loved going to the streets, the villages, and the barangays. Our theme song was “People Need the Lord”, and I sometimes think we sang and danced our way through most of the Philippines.

### SPECIAL THANKS TO AIGA

A special thanks to the Association of International Gospel Assemblies for being our covering for the past 30 years. Praise the Lord that the late Dr. Granville Rayl had the foresight to form this Association and for Dr. Hazel Arlene Rayl who has continued to lead it as President. These Godly Leaders gave us the ability to function as Govt. approved Ministers and as an Evangelistic Group. AIGA has also allowed us the freedom to fully function according to what God has Called us to do in this Work, with the encouragement that we needed to make it a Godly success. Thank you AIGA!



Timothy II, David Betts, and Lavona on the first Timothy II Mission trip in 1993.

As I recalled some of the very first Prophetic Words that the Lord gave us, I remember wondering, “How is God going to do THAT?” As we watched Him open doors for us, it was like walking through the Book of Acts. An example of this was a Word we received as we were praying. The Lord said He would bring us before Governors and rulers of Nations. We had no connections to Leaders or even desired that, but on Timothy’s very first Mission trip to the Philippines, they met with



Timothy II and Ozzie Cinko are off and running at the Philippine airport in Manila.

### LET’S GO!

If you’ve ever stepped into starting blocks and lowered yourself to get into position to burst out as fast you can to head to the finish line, then you might understand what it was like to be on one of our Mission trips. Many times we felt like we were running a race just trying to fit in all that our hosts had planned for us. Since several of our trips were hopping from island to island, we would spend a few days in Manila, then fly or take a ship or boat to another island for a few days, and then be off again to another island. We did this for a few years until we eventually tried to pace ourselves, but the pace remained pretty fast!



Sandi & Phil Mahlow and Lavona & Timothy II are being interviewed on a Television show in the Philippines. 1993

The one thing about Missions, is that God sure gives you a lot of stories to tell as you watch Him Save, Heal, and Deliver. If we wrote all of our stories, we could fill volumes of what God has done. We truly are just instruments in His hands, and what fun it is to see how He can use ordinary Christians!

The Timothy II Team has always treasured

this part of our work. Going out to the streets and villages and just seeing what God will do was, and still is, amazing. We would sometimes break up into smaller Teams and when we got back together again, we all rejoiced in sharing about God’s amazing, wondrous works.

A quick story of just one of the miracles is when we broke into groups and went into the villages. The small Team that I was on decided to knock on a door (there was no real door, but just a doorway cut out).

Since the house was up on stilts, we climbed up the ladder to the house and yelled, “Knock, Knock!” We then told the



This sweet mom and daughter were touched by Jesus at their humble home in Cebu, Philippines

lady whose home we were at that we had come to tell her about Jesus. She told us that she had just said, “God, if you are real, tell me who you are,” and we knocked on her invisible door right at the same time! How awesome is that? God loved this little lady in a small village so much, that He sent us all the way from America to share the Gospel with her. Naturally, it was very easy to share with her after that. When we had prayed with her for Salvation, her daughter said, “Could you pray for my mom’s neck?” Her mom’s hair wasn’t long, but somehow we didn’t notice the large goiter on her neck until she moved her hair out of the way. I remember putting my fingers on that goiter as we closed our eyes and prayed a real simple prayer. To our astonishment, when we opened our eyes, that goiter was completely gone! We left that tiny home rejoicing in Jesus for all He had done.



David Betts praying with the village children in Cebu, Philippines. 1996

The love for the people we were going to visit wasn't confined to the Timothy II Teams that went out. Children from the Church we attended made bracelets for other children their age to let them know that they were



Dale Allen putting on hand made bracelets that were crafted just for our Mission trip.

Each group had similar stories of God moving mightily, and if we hadn't been so tired at the end of the day, I am sure we would have talked late into the night.

### LOVE IN ACTION

1 John 4:19 says; "We love Him, because He first loved us." It is the Love of God that pushed us out of our comfort zones and into going out for the sake of people we didn't even know. As we went on different Mission trips to various Nations, the one constant we had was being compelled by God's Love to love others. This was probably the easiest thing for us to do and we received so much love in return.

Some of our sweetest moments were when we just got to hold a child or when we passed out little gifts to the crowds. We loved going to the jails and prisons and sharing Jesus with those who had lost hope.

loved. Other friends who could not go on a Mission made necklaces, bookmarks, and other items. We were also given thousands of pogs (if you remember what those are), which we were able to give away for many years.



Mission Team member Mando Rodarte (Right) shares at a prison on the island of Bohol.

Giving needed items continues today with the shipping of our Mabuhay Boxes. The Timothy II Ministry has shipped over one million items through the years! Ozzie and Toni Cinko are our Directors of this Ministry.

The Timothy II Ministry is a "Three-Fold Ministry", which consists of Evangelism, Ministry to the Saints, and our Messenger Service, (which is our Apostolic work.) The Evangelism that we started with provided a natural flow to the other Ministires that Timothy felt God had Called us to do. Our Mabuhay Connection ships various items to Pastors/ Priests, who in turn



Sue Nuemann surrounded by children who just wanted a hug. 1995



The late Rev. Dale Cates on one of our Mission trips to the Philippines.

distribute them to people in need. This concept was conceived after an outreach to the Philippines in April, 1994. Providing clothing and other essential items opened the doors to not only meet their physical needs, but Spiritual needs as well. Last month, we found out that the Mabuhay Boxes were the reason a Church was started in Daan Bantayan, Cebu. Pastor Bert Montillano distributed Mabuhay items to the people who were devastated by Typhoon Yolanda. This touched many people and a small Church Fellowship formed. They were meeting in a home until this past April when pillars for their own Church building went up. They hope to have the building finished soon.



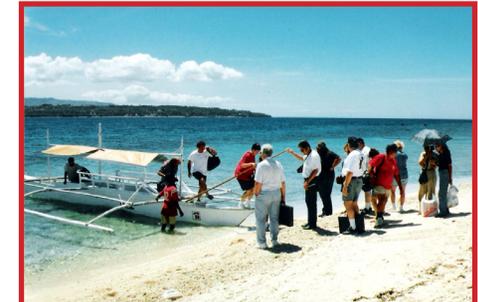
John and Bernadette Silva sing at a Church in the Philippines. 1998

### GOING OUT WITH PASSION:

In Timothy's Study Guide titled, "Taking the Kingdom of God to the Streets", he writes: "Jesus spoke about preaching 'The Kingdom of God' and taking it out to the people. We are to do just like Jesus, and take the 'Miracles', and 'Signs & Wonders' out of the Churches and into the streets where the unbelievers are. It is time to get up out of the pews, and go to the streets. Not just the Church Leaders, but all of the 'Body of Christ'.

God is pouring out His Holy Spirit on all flesh, so that we will all be endued with the power to be able to go to the streets." (Acts 2:16-18, Acts 1:8)

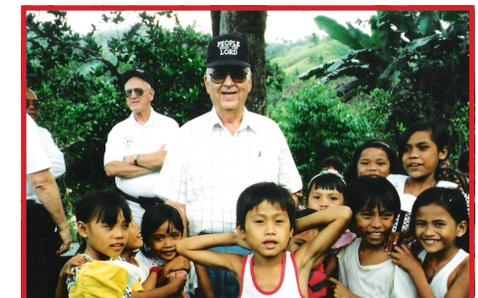
With this encouragement, our Teams were willing to hop on tiny boats, like the one pictured below, just to go to a small crowd of people on a little island. We were willing to get in vehicles that were much too small for most Americans, and we gladly endured insect bites and other small annoyances. Knowing that we were going out in His Power made the Work enjoyable and worth any problems we may have encountered.



Some of our Team landing on a small island near the island of Bohol. 1999

Watching little children having fun as they sang, played, and danced with us was always a great blessing; as was seeing huge smiles replace sad countenances when people asked Jesus into their lives. Knowing that this would change their eternal destination is almost indescribable.

We felt that it was such an honor and privilege to be able to go to the prisons. I remember going to one prison on the island of Leyte in the Philippines where the inmates had not had any outside visitors for eleven years!



The late Rev. Randy Fulcher from AIGA (who was one of our mentors), in Tacloban.



Lavona surrounded with children in a Filipino village.

The good news is that many of the Pastors who got us into the prisons and jails continue to minister by bringing goods, and sharing the Gospel in these same facilities. They even bring some of the items that we ship from our Mabuhay Connection, such as soaps and toiletries.

On one of our Mission trips, Timothy met Joel Pinca, a young man who was sentenced to death. Timothy got to lead him to the Lord and then prayed that God would spare his life. We later found out that this young man was transferred to one of the worst prisons in the



The late, Rev. Dale Cates and Rev. Ozzie Cinko praying for those who humbly got on their knees and asked Jesus to be Lord of their life.

Philippines. We were not sure what would happen, but God did spare his life and this man who was sentenced to death was able to get a life sentence. He then devoted his time in prison to sharing the Good News of Jesus to all who would listen. He eventually became the Prison Chaplain and was able to reach others in a place where not many outside people were allowed to go.

God cares so much for those in need and who are hurting. What a joy it is that He allows us to be His hands and feet!

### EXPANDING OUR BORDERS:

After several trips to the Philippines, Timothy II and Ozzie went to China, South Korea, and India. It was on the way home from this Mission where Timothy heard the Lord tell him that he was no longer to do Evangelism, but to work with Pastors and Church Leaders. (This doesn't mean that Timothy stopped telling people about Jesus, just that the work he was to do was now to focus more on Leaders.) Since Timothy LOVED doing Evangelistic work, this was not exactly what



The late, Pastor Benny Navarro, Rev. Timothy II, and Rev. Ozzie Cinko are welcomed in Bangalore, India. 2001

he wanted to hear. However, God was moving on Timothy's heart to do what He was Calling him to do. After all, the Timothy II work is founded on 2 Timothy 2:2: *"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men (and women), who shall be able to teach others also."*

From this point on, Timothy has focused his time and energy to impart what God has given him through the years to Christian Leaders, Pastors, and our Directors.

Timothy has written many Study Guides, Tracts, and Books for Christian Leaders and,



Phil Mahlow sharing the Gospel in a village in Tanzania. 2003



Timothy II (Right) with the village Pastor (Center), and a Masai man who, with tears, came to Jesus in Tanzania. 2003

has been working with Church Leaders from the beginning of Timothy II. However, this was to be a new season where Timothy (not the Timothy II Team) would make this Apostolic Work a priority. As Timothy stepped more into this Call, he found that many Pastors and Leaders were just waiting for someone to come along side of them to help and encourage them in any way. Some of the Pastors we work with are over several Churches and have been overwhelmed. I think of one of our Directors who was doing a work all by himself. He had many young Leaders, most of whom he had led to Christ, that were always clinging to him. This Pastor needed someone to minister to him; someone who would encourage and help equip him in the work he was doing. Other Leaders have just enjoyed the friendship, knowing that there was someone who they could call upon and talk with, and who would pray for them.



Lavona, Sheryl & Bernie Bradley, Ronnie Vaca, and Sandi Mahlow at the Redlands Easter Festival in Queensland, Australia. 2005

Timothy II has Directors in Mauritius, Uganda, the Middle East, Tanzania, Mexico, India, Canada, Australia, Myanmar and Asia. Truly, the Lord has expanded this Work far beyond what we could have ever imagined!

Our Timothy II Teams have also branched out, going to Tanzania, Australia, Mexico, and South Africa.



Joan and Micah Betts Ministering at a school in the Philippines. 2010

In 2010, the Betts family, (Revs. David, & Joan, Christiana, Micah, and Samuel) went back to the Philippines to do Evangelistic work as a family. They went to Luzon, Bohol, Leyte, and Cebu.



Pastor Emie Kalich translates for Sandi Mahlow at a church in Samar, Philippines.

In 2012, I (Sandi Mahlow) took two young ladies with me, Christiana Betts, and Kristina Ripperdan, to the Philippines again. This time, the Lord was calling me to work with the Pastors and Church Leaders. Three Prophetic words from three people in three different countries were given to me, about a week apart, which confirmed that this is what I was to do. God also confirmed it with His signs and wonders as we went about ministering.

Unbeknownst to us, God has been working behind the scenes preparing us for the New Work ahead!



On one of our Philippine Missions, Ozzie Cinko, Lavona, and Timothy II are interviewed on a radio program that reached several countries in Asia.

### UPCOMING CHANGES:

These past thirty years have seemed to fly by! We have had different Timothy II Team members through the years and many Timothy II Mission Team members. However, we have had at least 10 of us who have been core members of Timothy II for over 20 years, and some of us have been with this Ministry for the entire 30 years.

Last year, Timothy II and Lavona faced some serious health issues. They are doing well now, but when Timothy was in the hospital he heard the Lord say that it was time to change his role in this Work.

Timothy's Work not only consisted of the Ministry aspect, but all of the tedious things that go on behind the scenes like paying bills, running to the bank, and a host of other activities that are necessary when you have a Ministry.



Our Directors from the Middle East and Northern Mexico at our Timothy II Headquarters with Timothy II and Lavona. 2011

He felt that it is now time to take a role that is more in the background. After months of continuous prayer, we are happy to announce that Rev. David Betts will be our new Timothy II President/Evangelist. David was a young college student when he first met Timothy. He has been on the Timothy II Team for about 25 years. David's wife, Rev. Joan Betts, will replace Bernadette Silva, who has handled our accounting and other financial needs with excellence. We know that David and Joan will both do great in their new Call.



Timothy II, Lavona, Joan and Dave Betts  
April 2016

Rev. Phil Mahlow, who has been a Timothy II Board Member for 30 years and was the Director of Evangelism, will now be the Vice-President, taking over for Rev. Ozzie Cinko.

Ozzie will continue to be on the Timothy II Board, which he has served on for close to 30 years. He and his wife, Toni, are the Leaders of the 'Ministry to the Saints' branch of Timothy II. Their work with the Mabuhay Connection will continue on as usual.

I will take over the 'Messenger Service', which includes Ministering to Pastors, Christian Leaders, and our Directors. I will work closely with Timothy as we make this transition. I have worked at our Timothy II Headquarters for several years and know the Directors and the work that this Call entails. The Directors who have already encouraged me to step into this Calling have been a tremendous support.

Steve Dixon will remain on the Timothy II Team, along with his wife, Aimee.

Timothy will remain on our Timothy II Board as President Emeritus. This will give him and his wife, Lavona more free time to enjoy their remaining years.

Timothy's active presence will be missed but all of us on the Timothy II Board have been a part of Timothy II for decades and are very knowledgeable in this Work. Timothy will still be available for Pastors and Leaders to talk and pray with, and we will have his support whenever we need it.

### FROM THE PAST - THANKS!

We want to thank Pastor Steve Purdue, and his wife, Joan for their time on the Timothy II Team early on. Also, a big thank you to Chuck and Sue Neumann, who served on our board for many years. We are grateful to Gary and Dale Allen, Lei Ann Law, and to John and Bernadette Silva who poured so much of their time and energy into this Work.



Pastor Win (third from left) with his Team at their 'Revive Asia Conference' in Thailand. 2016

### THE WORK CONTINUES

The Timothy II Work has continued on as usual, even while Timothy was ill and we were not sure what God was going to do with the Timothy II Ministry.

Pastor Win from Myanmar & Thailand, has a travel schedule that keeps him and his family and Team very busy.

Pastor Daniel Perez, our Director for Mexico, was here in March and we got to hear all that was going on with the Work that he is doing. God has blessed the work that Daniel has been faithful to do, especially with the Tribal Pastors, which has birthed much fruit. On the 30th of July, Daniel will host a party for his Fifty Years in Ministry! He will gather all of the people he has worked with over the years. There will be about 300-350 people attending. Daniel just wants to give the Lord thanks for all He has done and will hand over his Church to his son on that special day. Daniel will then devote all of his time as a Timothy II Director.

The work that our Director, Moses Awuyo, is doing in Uganda is expanding throughout

Africa, along with our Director, Elisha Suleiman in Tanzania.

We keep our Director over the Middle East in prayer as they go through much persecution, yet their work also is increasing.

Pastor N. David, our Director in India just sent us several pictures of the work that is going on in Bangalore and other parts of India.

Pastor Herminio Castillo, our Director for Northern Mexico will be heading back to his former Church that his daughter is now Pastoring. He will help teach the Leadership there for three months. Herminio also told us about some exciting upcoming Ministry opportunities in Tijuana, Mexico.

As the Timothy II work continues, we are anticipating good things ahead. We will trust our God who is Faithful, and remember all the promises that He has fulfilled these past 30 years. We want to thank all of you who have partnered with us, as your faithfulness to this Work has been an inspiration to us and a blessing to many people throughout the world.

### IN MEMORY: Rev. Benedicto Navarro - Timothy II Director for Asia and the Philippines

Last October, our Director, Benny Navarro passed away suddenly of a heart attack. Pastor Benny founded the Power of Jesus Church in Marikina City and worked with Church Leaders all over the world. He is survived by his children, his wife Grace, and her children. His Memorial Service was held on October 23 at Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City, Philippines.



Tom & wife, Edie.

**Tom Noel:** Long-time friend and Coach with Timothy II at Magnolia High School, passed away on April 18th. Services were held Friday,

May 6th at 11:00 am at St Thomas Moore in Oceanside, CA.