

# Ellis Expressions



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## Life Discipleship completes third group of classes

**Classes for 2009 were wrapped up December the 11th. 27 pastors and 12 ladies began classes the first week of July. An incredible 35 in all stayed with us and finished the classes! We have had hours and hours of lively class discussions and much fellowship over good food.**

**Typhoon Ketsana** flooded 80% of Manila Saturday, September 26. Some ACTION missionaries and staff were completely flooded or had significant water in their homes. We are thankful our building was not affected. Water levels were spoken of as neck deep, knee deep, etc. There was much destruction of personal property.



Several of our pastors are still flooded two months later and it could take two or three more for their homes or churches to be rehabilitated. Special thanks to each person who contributed to the relief fund so we can supplement salaries while offerings are quartered or halved, buy school uniforms for pastors' children, repair roofs, rent temporary housing, replace Bibles and study materials, purchase rice and groceries, give basic medications for water-born

skin diseases and respiratory infections and more.

ACTION leadership asked our daughter, Pami, to come to the Philippines to coordinate and run medical clinics in the hardest hit areas for three weeks. Paul moved aside, giving desk space to another computer in our office so she could pull together teams of doctors, buy medicines, and coordinate locations. She was able to organize and run nine clinics in various devastated areas. Mission accomplished!

## Manuals arrived - Praise!

1000 manuals and 1000 workbooks have safely arrived and are waiting to be given out to those who present a discipleship plan. After much prayer and waiting for accreditation as a non-profit with the Bureau of Customs, we were able to receive them with duty free.



## **I am a student-Pastor of a local church in the province of Laguna.**



A couple of years ago I enrolled a Guidance and Counseling course in a seminary, but I was honestly disappointed with that class. I told one of my professors about my concern. His advice for me was to apply for a true "Biblical-Counseling" class under the ministry of Life-Discipleship (LD) which he already took.

I was amazed at how the biblical truths were exhaustively collected to provide a very powerful lesson about the issues and provide solutions to problems of common man. The training I am receiving from Life Discipleship is indeed more than what I expected. More than the training on counseling is the character development and the change in perspective that I experienced. I learned not to focus on myself, but on God and how I can serve others in obedience to God's two greatest commandments.

Looking back, I never imagined how my training in LD could affect the ministry I was also entrusted with. I've used the principles I learned from Biblical Counseling in counseling the members of the church I am serving and I can really tell how much their lives were changed by the biblical truths we've discovered. We even have a member suffering from cancer and depression who experienced peace and comfort in God through the lessons that I applied in counseling her.

It is really my hope and prayer that the ministry of LD would continue to reach and train more and more pastors in order to help them in their ministry because I realized that more than the members of the church it were the pastors who needed more help before they can help others.



### **Closing thoughts**

We arrived in Los Angeles December 22 to spend 10 days with Patty's mother and our grandchildren. We plan to be in the Coachella Valley for January and with Paul's family in Washington for a week before returning to Manila in February.

The prayers of God's people are the key to this ministry. We could not do it without you, our supporters, both financial and prayer. The pastors here thank our Heavenly Father for you and ask the Lord to shower blessings on you as part of our team. You will reap the rewards in Heaven. "[We] do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in [our] prayers..." Eph 1:16-21

Blessings and Joy,  
Paul and Patty Ellis

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