



to assist Adam Hussey as he puts together video podcasts for training ACTION's long-term missionaries. He made a series of 20 videos for short-term workers and is now developing several for those going to serve longer. We will meet him at his home in Massachusetts in July so he can film our sessions. Pray for Adam, the other ACTION speakers and this important project. Pray that the Lord will help us write our messages.

While we are on the East Coast, we look forward to visiting our son Amos, his wife Laura and their kids Ethan and Lydia. This is a great chance for us to see them because they live in New Haven, Connecticut. We will visit our daughter Micah Ann, her husband Danny and their daughters Constance and Felicity in Spokane, Washington in late May.

We will minister at their church so it provides a great opportunity to visit them as well.

Thank-you!

We are grateful to the Lord for you and your partnership with us. Thank-you for your faithful prayers and generous financial gifts. We are not entitled, however, we depend on the Lord and God's people as we serve Christ shoulder-to-shoulder helping to spread the Gospel and make disciples among the nations.

In April Mary Ann turned 68 years of age and in May I turned 70. We both feel younger than our age because we try daily to get enough sleep, eat healthy and exercise. We also make studying God's Word, prayer and reading good books a priority. We are stewards of our body, mind, soul,

and spirit. We desire to keep going with the Gospel full-time with ACTION for as long and as far as the Lord of the harvest enables us to get-up-and-go. We are happily busy in ministry. Our days are full. We are lining up several ministry trips in the next few months. Pray for planning, safety, finances and fruitfulness.

We leave Romans 15:13 and 1 Peter 5:6-7 with you. They help us fix our eyes on Jesus and our hope in Him. "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." And "Humble yourselves,... casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you."

"Culture changes. Churches change. Life changes. God does not change" (Jim L. Wilson). Amen.

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Yes, Lord!

The people who know their God shall stand firm and take action.

Daniel 11:32b

Anxiety, faith or a mix of both?

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We live in a difficult time. For many people it's tough to pay their bills and put food on the table. For others it's a health issue. While for others it's loved ones who have walked away from what they were taught about Jesus, and the Holy Bible when growing up. A list of things that can cause us to worry and be anxious can go on and on (we recently talked with people concerned about the future of their church). My question to each of us is, do we face our future with anxiety or with faith in God's Word?

Many of us most likely we face it with faith mixed with anxiety. That is what Jesus revealed to His early disciples in Matthew 6:28-30 about their faith, and at times, ours. These verses are within His teaching on how His followers can trust Him for our current and future needs and for those of our loved ones (read Matthew 6:25-33 and Luke 12:22-31). Jesus said, "And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?"

Jesus' implication was that their faith was deficient, it was not an absence of faith (see Matthew 8:26 when Jesus calmed a turbulent storm). Did Jesus command His early disciples, and us, to not worry or be anxious? Jesus knows us through and through. He knows we are prone to be anxious and to worry. Perhaps He did not give us a command but He gave us an invitation to rest in Him and trust our Heavenly Father for His provision or intervention.

I am prone to anxiety and worry when I first

get up in the morning and at night just before falling asleep, usually about imaginary situations. Since my early years I have been this way. Soon after I turned from my sin and trusted Christ as my Savior and Lord in 1973, the guy from Cru who was discipling me introduced me to Isaiah 26:3-4 and 41:10. These promises in God's Word, among many others, have steadied me and strengthened my walk with Christ. Maybe these promises will help you too.

Isaiah writes, "You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock." And 41:10 says, "fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you, with my righteous right hand."

Now that I am 70 years of age, I am resting in Isaiah 46:3-4 (AMP), "Listen to Me," [says the LORD], "O house of Jacob, And all the remnant of the house of Israel, You who have been carried by Me from your birth And have been carried [in My arms] from the womb, Even to your old age I am He, And even to your advanced old age I will carry you! I have made you, and I will carry you; Be assured I will carry you and I will save you."



All Scripture references are in the English Standard Version (ESV) unless otherwise stated.

At times it is difficult to internalize God's promises. For each of us during our difficult seasons of life and ministry I quote Matthew 10:29-31, *"Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows."* Friends let us keep fighting "the good of the faith" (1 Timothy 6:12).



This is the ACTION Philippine team we started with in 1985. Right to left is Paul and Pat Ellis, (us), Lorna Scholz, Wayne and Oi-Wah Whitbourne, Daryl and Sharon Germaine and Linda and Nelson Reed. Also Martin Scholz and Ron Homenuke who were not in the photo.

ACTION's 50th Anniversary Jubilee

ACTION's 50-year anniversary was a joyous celebration of God's glory! We looked at what He has done in and through us over the past 50 years, what He is doing now and what we anticipate by faith He will do in coming years. Over 200 ACTION workers from 20 countries attended along with several friends and supporters of ACTION. Our worship was inspiring, the food was delicious, our afternoon workshop sessions were stimulating (Mary Ann taught CliftonStrengths and I sat on a discussion panel about Gospel-centered disaster response), our six keynote biblical messages given by ACTION leaders were anointed by the Spirit, heart-to-

heart member-care was provided for those who wanted it, greetings by video were given by ACTION's Founders, workers were recognized by the decade they joined ACTION (we were in the 40-50 year decade), and we prayed for regions of the world where our workers serve. The final activity was a grand gala featuring Filipino cultures and dances from around the country. It was first-class.

A huge surprise for me was to see Pastor Seima Aoyagi again! Somehow he learned where I was and traveled with his adult son and an elder of his church to visit me. The last time I saw Seima was 25 years ago when he tagged along at night to minister to street kids and their families living under a trashy bridge, in a smelly garage dump and sleeping along Manila's grimy sidewalks. Since then he's been to seminary, married and planted a church in Tokyo. He was pleased to tell me that his church is very missions-minded. They were in Manila lining up ministry with a church in a squatter community.

Palawan Christian Resource Center

Born from mud, destruction, death and trauma the PCRC in Puerto Princesa, Palawan Province in the Philippines is growing. In November 2013 super typhoon Haiyan devastated much of the Visayan Region of the country. ACTION along with Christian Growth Ministries (formerly Christ for Greater Manila, ACTION's "mother" organization), and the Center for Biblical Studies Institute and Seminary ministered to Haiyan's victims when we distributed basic supplies, helped rebuild a few churches and supplied books for ruined libraries of pastors and Bible schools.

After doing this we saw people's trauma and provided trauma-care for pastors and their wives and church leaders who suffered great losses. All this took place before All4Christ was established. As we followed the Lord's leading and got deeply involved in the ministry of coming alongside needy churches, A4C further developed and eventually incorporated in the Philippines and the US. We focused on ministering to pastors and their wives, church leaders, Bible school students and missionaries who are serving in hard-to-reach locations who lack ministry resources and training and are hungry for fellowship. Through a series of conferences

in Palawan and a "Macedonian"-type call from pastors and church leaders A4C was asked to establish a training center in Palawan, the so-called "last frontier" of the country. This led to purchasing the site of the PCRC which was dedicated to the Lord in February, 2023. That is the very short version of this humongous God-story. We have been involved with A4C before there was an A4C.

Mary Ann and I visited the site in March. It was thrilling, in the midst of the noise and commotion, to see a large crew of men busily at work. They know this project is not ordinary because Monday-Wednesday-Friday each week the guys are voluntarily gathered for a free breakfast, to hear truths from the Bible and to be prayed for by Pastor Rodel, our resident chaplain. It was great to visit with Ron, Victor and Kent from Fargo, North Dakota. They worked at the site for a month and taught a few local guys their cement pouring and polishing skills. The plan is to finish and equip the first floor by March 2026 and start ministry as building continues.

A huge blessing for me was to introduce Pastor S to the A4C US and Filipino Boards during our meeting. We met for a day and Pastor S was able to attend for a few hours. He and his wife are our hosts when we visit their South Asian country (Pastor S attended the Jubilee without his wife). He has followed the development of A4C since I introduced it to him five years ago. He'd like to pattern his ministry of strengthening pastors and church leaders, mobilizing churches for missions, training missionaries and assist churches send them to unreached people groups in his country and beyond. Pastor S and the Filipinos will stay in touch with each other. They are liked-minded in Christ and ministry.

As I write I am reminded of William Carey (August 17, 1761-June 9, 1834). He was an English missionary to India and known as the "father of modern missions". He said, "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God." We are like the father with a demon possessed child in Mark 9:14-29. After hearing Jesus say *"All things are possible to the one who believes,"* the father cried out *"I believe, help my unbelief!"* Our eyes of faith, by God's grace, are on the Philippines and the 10/40 window nations.



Texas-Mexico

Just before we went to the Philippines we were asked to prayerfully consider coordinating ACTION's 4th Skills Conference. This was a pleasant surprise because our 3rd Skills Conference was last July in Wisconsin. Mary Ann and I were asked to look into this because our coworkers are asking for another one. Our colleagues share our passion for growing in Christ, learning new cross-cultural life and ministry skills and sharpening those we have. January 5-9, 2026 was suggested as an ideal time so we looked for a warm weather location and people on-the-ground to assist us put it together. In short, two couples with ACTION living and serving in the Rio Grande River Valley in Texas offered to help us. In April Mary Ann and I went there and booked a great venue for those dates. We stayed at the guesthouse of the Rio Grande Bible Institute and met several faculty and students at this excellent four-year school. They train Latinos to minister throughout Central and South America and now several other countries. We also visited ministry on both sides of the Texas-Mexico border. During the conference we hope to have ministry in Texas and Mexico and have a few lessons in basic Spanish. We've been invited to return to RGBI for their missions conference on October 22-24 which we will do. Their students are eager learners and their faculty are excellent educators and experienced in ministry.

Speaking of training missionaries, we are happy

Ron and Victor relaxing after a successful cement pour early in the morning. The slab of cement behind them will be the floor of the kitchen and restrooms.



Seeing Pastor Seima Aoyagi after more than 25 years was a highlight.