

# Prayer Bulletin of Bukal Life Care & Counseling Center.

## Praise.

1. Our team had a great time in Cebu City at the OSB (One Sending Body) **National Missions Conference**, August 26-28. Ptr. Joel, Celia, and Lorie Grace (a CPE student) joined along with our partners in Pangasinan, Ptr. Arnold and Rose. The team was able to share some of our vision, to the 268 attending delegates. Some counseling was also provided. The importance of counseling (pre-, mid-, and post-) mission trip was seen. We have begun working with AV-STM and OSB, and hope this will continue and expand to other groups.
2. **Bukal Life-Manila is open.** We have 17 CPE trainees and three CPE supervisors (Dr. Sim, Chit, and Sr. Sofia) there about to start their 2<sup>nd</sup> month of training. We are thankful for this as well as partnership with a seminary, hospital, and another counseling center there allowing us to be effective in this new field.
3. Several of our **newly certified clinical chaplains are now having their supervision with CPSP** delegates in the US. They are able to do this through Skype. Traditionally, this sort of supervision had to be done in the US or Canada, so technology has had a great impact in opening up opportunities to the rest of the world.

## Request.

1. **Expansion.** In August, we started Bukal Life-Manila. However, we have had discussions of starting Bukal Life branches in Pangasinan, a second location in Metro Manila, Visayas, and Mindanao. Are we ready for this? Is the timing right?
2. **Our board meeting is coming this Saturday.** We are looking to change our organizational structure and define our chain of command. Our methodology was based on the “superman” approach... one, two, or three people keeping everything together and moving. But as we add services, certifications, training teams, partnerships and locations, we need to get a handle on who we are, what God's vision is for us, and a structure with the organization to allow us to do our work without hand-cuffing us with over-regulation.
3. **New opportunities in ministry.** Our area of primary ministry is in pastoral care and Christian counseling... but this is a broad field. We have had opportunities come to expand into new areas such as Missionary Member Care, and Religious Leader Development and Religious Leader Recovery. We, however, we want to follow Christ's guidance to “count the cost” and ensure that we do these well, or leave them to other groups that can do them better.
4. **Upcoming Schedule.** Sister Alma (board member) plans to attend PABATS, and we are looking into the possibility of being a member of this group (Philippine Association of Bible and Theological Schools). Rev. Joel (Executive Director) plans to attend the KCPE conference in Seoul Korea at the end of September. Great opportunity to meet with people of like passion in various countries in South East Asia. We hope to be having a Pastoral Care Symposium in Greater Manila in the first week of October.
5. Dinner for a Cause-- A Serenade. This is a fund-raising and vision-casting dinner in Baguio City, on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Obviously, we are seeking to raise money to fund our various ministries. But we also are hoping to bring together people of different churches and organizations in

Baguio of common vision to expand partnership and ministry in Northern Philippines.

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