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The most productive trip to the Philippines was concluded when Rita and I boarded the flight home on June 1. We conducted two Bible Conferences in which about sixty-five churches received *Character Code for Life* for over 7,000 children and *The Master of the Sea* VBS curriculum for over 8,000 children. We also renewed our partnership with a group of pastors who are committed to helping government school children with values formation. They found our CCfL curriculum to be exactly what they needed. They have begun with Module 3, taking enough of the materials to teach over 2,000 children the eighteen lesson study.

The two Bible conferences were productive in that Brother Bill presented lectures on "Helping Parents Learn To Teach Their Children." The pastors of all the churches were very receptive to the biblical principle of parents teaching their children. The conference at First Baptist Church of Manila, the only Baptist church to survive WWII, was a special blessing. Pastor Nacita led the church to provide funding for VBS and CCfL materials for all of the missionaries of the church!

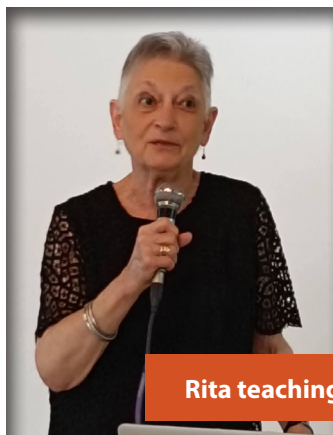


**Bible Conference at First Baptist Church of Manila**

Another area of improvement was in changes of staff and workers at ICP/His Offspring Ministry. Steven Lian, brother of Jacob Tubal of Myanmar, and his new wife will work for a year as press operator, while his wife Rebecca will begin translating the CCfL in her dialect in Myanmar. We also added Pastor Nick Culala, as new translator for Tagalog. These changes should enable a substantial increase in printing CCfL and VBS for next year.



**Steven and Rebecca, from Myanmar, celebrate their wedding in the Philippines. Brother Bill was honored to officiate.**



**Rita teaching church leaders how to conduct their Backpack Ministry.**

The Backpack Ministry saw a new record of 28 churches enroll for this year. Each church will be given fifty backpacks and CCfL Module 3 for 105 children. They will submit reports of the number of children who make professions of faith and attendance records at the end of the first semester. We are excited to see the number of USA churches joining in supplying the backpacks and funding for this ministry!



**We have collected just a few memories from our past. ICP ministry begun in 1999. Bill & Rita Johnson made that their full-time ministry in June 2003. We give great credit to our sending church, Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Hamburg, Arkansas and pastor Jared Conaster. This church has stood behind the ministry since its beginning.**

**December 2003:** First books translated into Burmese and Thai languages. Missionary Nicky Barnett with Translator Thomas Buri and Karen Tribe church member, Ann.



**August 2007:** First print shop, set up in Romania; a two-color offset press placed in the church at Otopeni, Romania.



**January 2009:** Philippines office and Translators Manny Joson and Jeremiah Abay with translated versions of a Bogard Press VBS. About 6,000 of these were printed and distributed.

**July 2010:** Romanian children proudly hold their VBS certificates in front of the church in Tincabesti, where missionary Steve Rutherford served.

**ROMANIA 2010:** The work actually began in Brasov, Romania when we purchased a computer and showed Liviu Clinciu, who was then nineteen years old, how to translate and print a children's lesson. Liviu and his wife, Ramona, have labored faithfully since that time. Almost all of the ABA children's Sunday School curriculum has been translated and is available free of charge to ABA churches and missions in Romania. VBS materials have been produced annually for ten years. The Lord has provided equipment for a print shop to print not only Romanian language, but also thousands of books in Swahili language for Kenya, Tanzania and Sudan in east Africa. In 2026, these books are now printed on our own digital press in Kenya.

**August 2013:** Paul Van Hre, with his wife, Junia, and son, Samuel, in Myanmar. Paul was our first translator and Project Director serving from 2003 until 2020. His widow continues his work with the children's home, while Jacob Tubal now serves as Project Director.



**February 2020:** Our own *Character Code for Life* curriculum in Swahili language for Kenya.



**Philippines.** It is on the island of Luzon, not far from the old Clark Air Force Base where the first ABA Baptist church was established just after WWII. The facility features a three-bedroom apartment (upper left in the picture), a fully equipped print shop (ground floor below the apartment), and an adequate warehouse to store books and humanitarian supplies to be distributed through the churches to the children of the Philippines.

**We are thankful for all the faithful prayer partners and supporters of the ministry of reaching children of the world with the gospel of our Lord Jesus. The most notable accomplishment might be the building and grounds of the ministry in the**