



Liberty World Missions Newsletter

(Incorporating Africa Business Community)



Big Changes

Change has been a way of life for us during the last few years. Our latest change has taken us to the other side of the country. This move from Melbourne to Perth has enabled us to be closer to Dianne's elderly mother, her sister and her family and to my sister and her family.

Everything has worked out well. I have work lecturing at *Harvest Bible College (WA)*, Di is working as a tutor with the *Australian Institute of Family Counselling*, Laura has work as a social worker and Kathryn is at university completing a graduate diploma in teaching. The move also means that we are four hours closer to Africa and the work we do in that continent.

We have bought a house in Karrinyup, Perth and are doing our best to make it a home and a base for what is up ahead.

Apologies to all who were expecting this newsletter a lot sooner — All the changes involved in preparing to sell our home, moving to Perth and finding a place to live here has meant that this newsletter is coming to you *far* later than we had hoped.



After Typhoon Yolanda

As we had planned, we travelled to the Philippines in April/May. As we commenced our journey into the island of Leyte the destructive power of Yolanda became increasingly obvious. As we travelled through the city of Tacloban the pictures we saw and the stories we heard were heart-rending. Thousands were killed as they sheltered in public buildings that had been designated as "safe havens".

By the time we reached Balangiga on the island of Samar we noticed that every building was either destroyed or damaged in some way. Palm trees were snapped like toothpicks, people were still traumatised and normal life was at a standstill.

Our plan to come and hold a seminar on trauma counselling and how to respond to crises proved to be very timely and greatly appreciated by the pastors and leaders who attended. We were also very thankful that we were able to take some finances for those who were most severely impacted.

In spite of the hard beds (a very small sacrifice) we were greatly blessed by the kindness and

hospitality of the people and are very thankful that we had the opportunity to do something to help them recover.



The photos on this page were taken in the village where we were staying and where we held one of the seminars.

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Bohol Earthquake Devastation

We also visited Behol Island, which had been impacted by an earthquake where many died only weeks before Yolanda struck. Many homes suffered severe damage, and because of the damage and the many aftershocks, there was a considerable amount of trauma amongst the people.

It is hard to imagine the terror and trauma that so many people have suffered and continue to suffer as a result of the typhoon and the earthquake. Even the mention of a low-pressure system or the slightest earth-tremor can now cause people to suffer a great deal of stress.

Once again there was a very good response from the delegates and strong confirmation that what we had come to share was appropriate, relevant and helpful. The Filipino people are greatly encouraged when they know Australians are thinking about them and care enough to give some support.



This had been a large Roman Catholic Church

Return to Africa— Counselling Courses and ABC Micro-finances

In September, Dianne Laura and I travelled to Zimbabwe to conduct Part 2 of the Counselling Course that had been commenced the previous year. Not only was there a great response to this year's seminars; but numbers of people gave great testimonies of how last year's seminars had helped them become far more effective counsellors.

There is no doubt that schools, churches and communities are being benefitted in significant ways.

Pastor Dube in Zimbabwe has recently commenced carrying out a weekly counselling clinic in his church. People are not only being trained to counsel but are putting their skills into practice in their communities.

We were excited to see some of the new business that have commenced since our last visit and also very encouraging to see the progress of those businesses that had commenced previously.



Here are three business that have grown significantly since our last visit

Thank you!

We want to thank those of you who have supported *Liberty World Missions* and *ABC*. As a result of your support we are far better able to give and go to those who are in need and to continue with the work in Africa and Asia.

We really do appreciate you.

God bless you!

Richard and Dianne



Right now we are planning to return to Cebu in the Philippines in September. This is because during our last visit to Samar and Bohol we were asked if we could repeat what were doing in Cebu.

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Support for the ministry will help us to give and to go where the needs are the greatest. No funds are used for salaries and every effort is made to keep administrative costs to a minimum.

We realize that people's circumstances change, as do their priorities.

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