

Mary Padgett Ministries Second Missions Trip to the Philippines

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This visit, I traveled with Michelle Martin and eight members of her team to Tukuran, a city in Mindanao, which is the second largest island in the Philippines. I felt compelled by the Holy Spirit to go and knew that God was sending me for a purpose even though there were some questions about our safety. Tukuran is highly populated with Muslims and terrorists. There were also threats against us from local dissension. Despite all of this, I was in complete peace because I knew that the safest place to be was in God's will. It is difficult for me to relay everything that happened on this trip, but I wanted to share a few of the things that I experienced personally because you are a very big part of it. God did some incredible things on this mission trip and they occurred because of God's marvelous grace and because of your fervent prayers and intercessions.



(From left to right -Clarita Rose not pictured)
Cristina Ripley, Joshua Lamb, Amber Brandon, Michelle Martin, Eileen Cornelsen, Jaek Morgan, Matt Gordon, Leah Nicholson, and Mary



The team arrives at Ozamis City Airport

From Manila to Tukuran

We flew from the states to Hawaii, to Guam, and finally to the Philippines. Manila was our first stop. We then took a national flight South to Ozamis City, Mindanao.

Pastor Kwan and his wife, Gaga, and the members of their church,



Pastor Kwan with Mary

Tukuran Community House of Worship met us and escorted us to Tukuran, which was two and a half hours from Ozamis City. All of the ten members of our mission team stayed in a small private home in the local village and experienced the local culture. (continued)

Healings And Miracles



Mary & Rose Maria

We were invited into a home by Rose Marie Cabrido, a Filipino missionary to Cambodia, who was staying with her relatives. After we prayed with her, my attention was drawn to her niece named Evangeline who was standing on the other side of the room. At first, I thought that Evangeline had no hand at the end of her right arm, but when she came closer I could see that her hand was actually there but that it was severely drawn up towards her elbow. Evangeline was twenty-one years old and her hand had been like this

since birth. I prayed a very brief prayer for her and God instantly and



Evangeline healed of birth defect

miraculously restored her shriveled hand. The next day her family invited me back to their home to pray for the salvation and prosperity of the rest of the family.

I also taught a cell group that was held in a private home, which had a dirt floor. God

again was faithful and confirmed His words with signs following. One elderly lady was saved and also healed from the results of a stroke. She could not walk without assistance, speak, or use her left arm. God not only saved her but healed her that day. She came to the evening services at the church the rest of the week and was able to walk perfectly, lift her arm, and give verbal praise to God. There were also stomach tumors and knots that either disappeared or diminished considerably.

Salvations

While we were there, the Lord opened the door for me to speak at a school. The room was packed and there were other young people outside the building listening through the open windows.

I taught through an interpreter and gave a simple salvation invitation. Over forty students gave their hearts to the Lord and this fruit alone was worth the entire trip.



Stroke victim miraculously healed

The Return Home

On our journey home, we had to wait in the Manila airport for eight hours. God used this layover time to set up divine appointments. He drew several people to me and allowed me to minister and pray for them.

One of people was Rev-

erend Emmanuel Balana, who I learned was the founder and director of Christ to the Orient Missions. He talked with me at length along with his associate pastor. They were Filipino ministers who were on their way to



smuggle Bibles into Burma and Indonesia. He said that he recog-



Young students that received Christ during my visit

Even on the way back to the states, the Spirit of the Lord was moving in a undeniable way.



The view from the plane

nized that I was a minister. I wondered how he was able to discern that since I felt that I looked like a homeless person. I was wearing the same knit slacks that I had traveled in for three days. This was the same outfit that I had also slept in for two nights when it was cold.

None of our conversation was about finances, but as we talked, God impressed me to sow a love gift into their ministry. When I mentioned this to them, they looked at each other in shock. I still had about \$40 in Filipino money and intended to give that to them, but when I open my wallet the Lord spoke to me to give them the American dollars that I was holding in reserve for an emergency. When I gave the \$100 dollars to Rev. Balana, both men burst into tears simultaneously

in the middle of the airport. I was shocked and did not understand what was happening.

Rev. Balana said that they would have never shared their need or their circum-

plained that the only money they had was their exit tax to leave the Philippines and that they had no financial contacts in Burma and Indonesia where they were going. He said they could not

even buy a cup of coffee. In the natural, they and their wives did not appear to have any kind of lack. Their need touched my heart so I gave an additional \$100 dollars to them. The reason I share this is because the \$200 dollars was part of the funds that I had received from you. I want you to be blessed in knowing that you

had a part in being a financial miracle to some very dedicated ministers who were traveling by faith in order to smuggle and distribute Bibles to a very needy country.



At the airport

stances with anyone because they live by faith, but he felt that it was important for me to know that this was a financial miracle for them. He ex-

Overwhelmed

There were so many things that happened on this journey and also in my heart that it is impossible for me to share everything. God was faithful to supply the greater part of the financial need. My international and national flight expenses were \$1220.30 and the food and housing expenses were just a little over \$100, which came to total of \$1,320.30, plus the \$200 gift to Rev. Balana. The total support that I received from you all was \$1,080 dollars.

I want to thank all of you again from the depths of my heart for your faithful support in prayer, which I could feel every moment of the journey. I am also very humbled that you have trusted me with you finances. Your generosity overwhelmed me. I truly appreciate you being in my life. Through your prayers and finances, you were with me on this mission. God's Word declares that you will share in the rewards. "As his part is that goes down to the battle, so shall his part be that carries by the stuff" (1 Samuel 30:24). +++

Love and Blessings,
Mary Padgett

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