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# Philippines & Beyond

*“to preach the gospel in the regions beyond you, and not to boast in another man’s sphere of accomplishments” II Cor. 10:16*

## 2016 Filipino/American Lectureship



Dixie, Demar, and John Elam

We have been incredibly blessed in our work for the Master! God is good all the time! I have just returned from a mission trip to the Philippines and what fabulous blessings we enjoyed. Bill Bagents, Mike Pepper and I went to ACU and CHC to serve the Lord and do all we could to advance Christ’s work in those two places. Each of us spoke on the Fil/Am Lectureship program where 451 people were in attendance. What a fantastic Lectureship program on the theme: *Redeeming the Time, Because the Days Are Evil” Eph. 5:16.*

- Demar



Mike Pepper and Bill Bagents both preached during Fil/Am Lectureship.

### Our Fellow Helpers This is a combined list of contributors to Open Door Ministry last month.

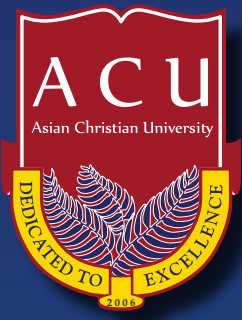
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*“...See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it...” Rev. 3:8*



# Asian Christian University

## GRADUATION AND ALUMNI NEWS FROM ACU

We conducted the 7th Commencement Exercises at ACU. We had 3 graduate with their Bachelor's degree and 7 with their Associate degrees. All seven of those graduating with the Associate degrees are continuing their education seeking the Bachelor's degree. We are hopeful that those receiving their Bachelor's degree will enter graduate work and earn their Master's, Master of Divinity and their Doctor of Ministry degrees.

We had a two-day Alumni meeting which was historical because it was the founding of the Alumni Association. Officers were elected and they set an aggressive agenda for the alumni to accomplish. They are going to begin personally contributing to support the projects they outlined and to help support the first three Philippine workers going to China to serve as missionaries. This step of sending missionaries to China validates our work over the past ten years of preparing well educated, well trained effective men to enter China and do this great work for the Master.



Graduates with their diplomas



Students prepared this logo on the campus grounds at ACU.



First members of the ACU Alumni Association



Demar presenting the charge and challenge to the graduates



Junas Sagurit President of ACU, Dr. Elmer Palascio commencement speaker and Demar at graduation



# Christ's Happy Childhaven

## LATEST HAPPENINGS AT CHRIST'S HAPPY CHILDHAVEN

The children at Christ's Happy Childhaven (CHC) received special treats when the mission team went in March. Ms. Amelia Daily sent Beanie Babies for the orphans. Jackie Lewis sent funds for new rice cookers and a trip for the children to Jollibees for hamburgers and ice cream. Both of these ladies are members at Mars Hill church of Christ.



Boys and Girls pleased with their new Beanie Babies.



Houseparents and children were excited over the new rice cookers.



The children from CHC enjoy their outing to Jollibees for Hamburgers and Ice Cream!