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

In Loving Memory of Vernon Newbill



Dixie, Demar, and John Elam

Vernon Newbill passed from this life on January 3, 2016. God blessed him with 71 years on this earth. His death came as such a shock to all who knew him. He seemed to be in perfect health. He went to worship Sunday morning, had a delicious meal with his family at lunch and played basketball that afternoon as he did regularly. He came home to shower before going to the evening worship and when he went into the bathroom he collapsed and could not be revived.

The most important thing we can say about our beloved and dear friend was that he was a dedicated Christian man. He loved God and his Savior Jesus Christ. He was a strong elder in the Lord’s Church. Vernon loved the lost of this world and those who were poor, downtrodden and orphaned.

Vernon and Camilla, his sweet and lovely wife, made trips with Dixie and me to the Philippines to do mission work. They support financially an orphan at Christ’s Happy Childhaven (CHC) and a Student at Asian Christian University (ACU). Vernon was committed to fulfilling the command of Christ to preach the Gospel to every creature on this earth (Matt. 28:18-20). He had a heart of compassion for the “little ones” at CHC.

Vernon made an impact for good on everyone who met him. He lived his Christian life in a humble manner and was known for his goodness, gentleness, humility, kindness, Biblical knowledge, compassion and understanding. He had a large attendance of folks at his funeral that came to pay their honor and respect to this great Christian man. Vernon was an outstanding athlete. I played football, basketball and baseball with Vernon at Vigor High School. He was a much better athlete than me and he went on to play on two national championship teams at the University of Alabama under legendary coach Bear Bryant in 1964 & 1965.

Vernon and Camilla are loved by the Filipino Christians that were blessed to meet them while they were in Pangasinan in the Luzon region of the Philippines. Vernon made an impact at his job at International Paper for 37 years as an electrical engineer. He worked at Kellogg, Brown and Root for a decade. He coached many young men at Municipal Park in West Mobile and then at Mobile Christian School for 15 years. The Newbills have meant so much to the work of the Open Door Ministry and we are grateful for their fellowship in the Gospel.

Vernon was known for his competitive spirit and he instilled that spirit in the young people he coached. What can we say about Vernon Newbill—Vernon was a winner in life and in death!



Vernon Newbill



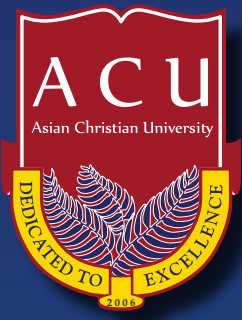
Vernon and Camilla enjoying a break while on a mission trip to the Philippines

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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

ACU HOSTED ANNUAL REGIONAL YOUTH RETREAT

What a great event is hosted annually at Asian Christian University (ACU). The Annual Regional Youth Camp was conducted on the campus of ACU December 20-22. This year 's theme: "Pursuit of Holiness" Heb. 12:14. We had good attendance this year with 230 young people attending this special event and 12 young people were baptized into Christ. Many young Filipino Christians are devoting the days of their youth (Eccl. 12:1) in serving Christ and their fellowman. We are inspired at their examples of commitment to Christ and their service in the Kingdom. We hope some of these fine young men attending this event will be inspired to become Gospel preachers and will one day attend ACU and earn a Bible degree in Theology.



John Rey and Arnel, the Seekers Class teachers during the RYC last December 2015, together with the 12 campers who obeyed the gospel. These young people are from the congregation of Anda, Lawak, Mangatarem and La Union. Alvin Pose-rio, a 3rd year student of ACU baptized them.



Patrick Neil Doctolero, an ACU graduate and minister in Benteng, took the confessions of the 12 campers.

These are the twelve campers who were baptized during the Regional Youth Camp held on December 20-23, 2016. This photo was taken after their bap-tisms.



Christ's Happy Childhaven

DREAM—ENVISION—GIVE—PRAY

Now is the time for all of us to dream, envision, give and pray about the future of Christ's Happy Childhaven (CHC). Will we stop where we are and be satisfied or will we continue to dream, envision, give and pray that God will take us to greater heights of service to the downtrodden and orphaned children in the Philippines? Have we fully attained our full potential? Both the girls and boys houses are filled to capacity and we are two boys above what was considered capacity in the boy's house. Where do we go from here?

If we are to move forward we need more land for CHC. We have a possible opportunity to purchase land for both CHC and Asian Christian University (ACU) and we need that land to build future group houses for our little ones and for dorms for expansion at ACU. We have so many blessings and we need to share our blessings with others. We need to do good while we can! We are God's instruments for good on this earth. I wish everyone could go to CHC and ACU and see with their own eyes what God is doing through all who are financially supporting those two great and wonderful works. Only eternity will tell how much good is being done. I know that we learn from the book of James: "Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world." God means business when it comes to orphans. "You shall not afflict any widow or fatherless child. If you afflict them in any way, and they cry at all to Me, I will surely hear their cry; and My wrath will become hot, and I will kill you with the sword; your wives shall be widows and your children fatherless (Ex. 22:22-24). After examining that verse, do you think God is serious about this matter of caring for orphans? Psa. 27:10 "For my father and mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me in." What this means is that God doesn't abandon these little ones—these orphans—and we need to understand that He plans to care for them through you and me! We are Christians and as such God's instruments to care for the unfortunate little ones who have been abandoned or orphaned and have no one to look after them.

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