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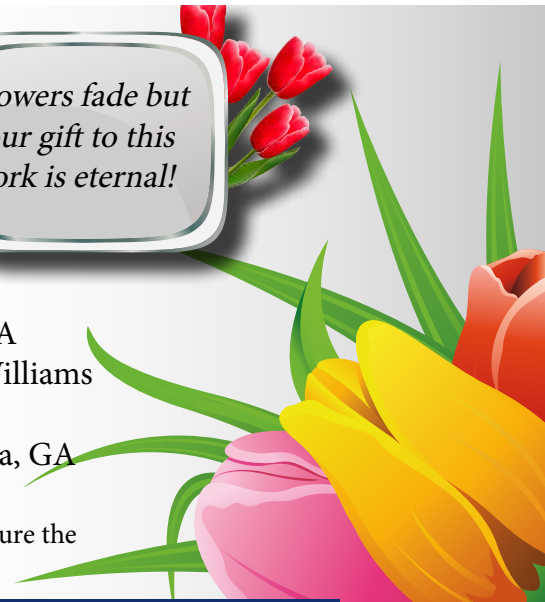
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# Philippines & Beyond

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

## CONTINUED GROWTH REQUIRES LAND PURCHASE



Dixie, Demar, and John Elam

I have been asked many times if I was satisfied with where we are in our work for the Master. I have said repeatedly: “no of course not!” We have only just begun. We are setting sail and launching out into 2016, and we plan to enter the New Year with zeal, energy, focus, determination and faith! With God’s continued blessings we desire to do more than ever before. The very idea of slowing down should be the furthest thing from our minds. We need to remember Jesus speaking of Himself said: “I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work” John 9:4. So, with the

help of our Mighty God we will work now—one day we will not be able to! Let’s enter the New Year remembering Paul’s exhortation: “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord” I Cor. 15:58.

A great football team uses the word “WIN” to motivate their players throughout the season. The word “WIN” stands for—What’s Important Now! I want to win for God so that acrostic will serve us well in our work for the Lord. Let’s do—“What’s Important Now!” Let’s rise up and build in 2016! Let’s never quit! Let’s fight with all our might and take the fight to our enemy, the devil.

In order to reach greater heights we need to purchase land for CHC and ACU. Land in the Philippines is expensive. We need to raise \$250,000 to purchase the land we need to continue moving forward. I am happy to say that a brother in Christ told me that he wanted to do what God wanted him to do in being a good steward. He volunteered to help establish the “Land Fund” with a \$10,000 contribution. He also said: “I will be giving more, the Lord willing.”

God bless this brother! God is good all the time! God accomplishes His work through His faithful children. Will you make a contribution towards the purchase of this needed land? It is going to take small, medium and large financial gifts to get this land. IF WE ALL GIVE WHAT WE CAN, WE WILL REACH THIS GOAL! God never asks us to do more than we can but He expects all of us to do what we can!

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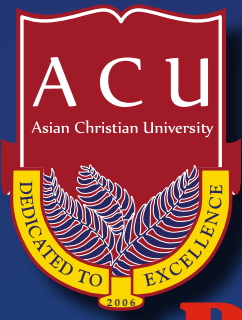


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*“...See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it...” Rev. 3:8*





# Asian Christian University

## A LETTER OF THANKS... REFLECTION...AND CHALLENGE

### {FROM THE ELDERS OF THE ADAIRSVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST}

“Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men,” (Psalm 107:8). How often we have heard our good brother and friend, Demar Elam, begin a report or sermon with these inspired words! And how right he is to do this, especially as it pertains to what God is doing in the Philippines.

As overseers of Asian Christian University (ACU), the elders of the Adairsville church of Christ want to use this means to thank God for His goodness to us, and for the wonderful works He has done through all of YOU who support ACU. We firmly believe God takes account of the gifts given by His children. As the angel said to Cornelius regarding his prayers and almsgiving (Acts 10:4), may each of you who pray and give so faithfully to ACU realize that your actions also create a memorial to you before God!

Reflecting on just two highpoints of 2015: First, in January, God’s goodness allowed our school to reach university status and receive accreditation so we can better prepare students to be the most effective preachers and missionaries they can be. Second, in June, 34 Americans teamed up with staff and students from ACU to conduct a medical/evangelism effort, during which time, 499 patients were treated, 366 Bible studies were done, and 74 souls were added to the body of Christ. The start of this new congregation in the city of Balungao is the 45th congregation established in the Philippines by this ministry, and for this we give GOD all the glory, honor and praise!

Now, as we enter 2016, let us prepare to face even greater opportunities to preach and teach God’s Word! However, may we see that new opportunities bring new challenges. We live in a different world today. With radical Islam dominating the headlines with a disgusting message of hate and death, the challenge for us to spread the glorious good news of Jesus has never been so urgent and profound! Brethren, we ask you to continue to stand firm in your resolve to support this great work, and do as Paul said, “Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.” (1st Timothy 6:12).

With God’s blessings, we believe 2016 will be a banner year for ACU, our good Filipino brethren, and God’s kingdom throughout the world! Please join with us as we “press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus,” (Phil. 3:14).



The elders of Adairsville Church of Christ with their wives.



# Christ's Happy Childhaven

## DANNY JONES RETIRES FROM ELDERSHIP

Danny Jones—What a great Christian man and faithful servant of the Lord Jesus Christ! My heart was saddened to learn from Danny that he is stepping down from the eldership of the Central Church of Christ due to a health condition. Danny is a dear friend and a capable leader in the Kingdom. His great leadership abilities will be missed at Central and Christ’s Happy Childhaven (CHC). Danny has been involved from the beginning with the work at CHC and we are indebted to him for his loving kindness and his untiring efforts to help rescue the “little ones,” who are now living at CHC. Both the girl’s house and the boy’s house are at capacity. In fact we have two over capacity in the boy’s house. Danny was brimming with love and compassion for the downtrodden little ones who desperately needed a home where they could be loved and cared for. Danny brought energy, trust, insight, knowledge and faith to the forefront of our efforts to establish CHC and make it the great blessing that it is to so many.

Let’s pray for Danny’s health and express to him our gratitude for his amazing service and leadership. I say to Danny—You are loved by so many and will not be forgotten as we carry this work forward. A plaque is being prepared to be presented to Danny and a duplicate to be hung in the Central Administration building at CHC. We want to honor Danny and keep his name, service and vision for the future before us to inspire us to greater heights. Danny we love you and will not forget you, my brother!

Demar

