

# Philip & Jena Update

Dear Ministry Partners,

Thank you so much for your continual love and prayers to us. God is amazingly awesome and faithful in His ways.

I'm now on the last month of my third semester here at The Master's Seminary. I'm so grateful for the privilege of studying His Word and being trained for the ministry under the godly professors that we have. The tasks are overwhelming yet ultimately rewarding.

Jena and I are very much enjoying each other. Indeed, marriage is a fantastic gift from our God. We expected Jena to find a job right away considering that she already passed the Surgical Assistant Board here in States but God's way is different. For the meantime she is reviewing for another exam this coming May in the Philippines. She is also enjoying her new-found skill in cooking (with the help of online recipes). I praise God for giving me a wonderful wife.

## PRAISES:

- The grand wedding that He graciously orchestrated last December 25. More than 550 came to our wedding which was also the 12th Anniversary Banquet of Campus Bible Fellowship. We praise God for all the people He has used to provide all the needs.
- More than a year of great stay with Matt & Angel Dillane
- New place to stay with free rent in a Filipino family
- Car given to us for free by another Filipino couple. Passing the practical driving test, at last!
- Full scholarship I received this semester
- Faithful partners in the ministry
- His goodness and mercy that never fail to pursue us every day



Two are better than one

## PRAYERS:

- I(Philip) could start in-campus work. The library has opening this May.
- My scholarship will continue
- Work for Jena. She needs an employer who can petition/sponsor a working visa for her. She'd been applying incessantly online & through personal referrals.
- Jena's General Surgery specialty board exam in the Philippines on May 18, 2008
- Jena's roundtrip plane tickets and safe travel to the Philippines
- The growth of a small Filipino youth group I handle every Friday night & Sunday afternoon
- The Campus Bible Fellowship (CBF) in the Philippines
- Daily needs. More love to God & to His global renown.



Preaching at the Filipino church

By God's grace and for His glory,

Philip and Jena Fernandez

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Further, the usual dilemma of having leaders graduate and leaving some disciples is experienced this end of school year. This too needs to be buffered. An acute case of this is experienced in the campus-chapter at Technological University of the Philippines (CBF-TUPV), Talisay City. All students are required to undergo Supervised Industrial Training (SIT) after passing the third year of their Technical/ Engineering course. This leaves very young disciples changing mentors – at some cases, for several times until the transition is substantially controlled

**(3) In-Campus Fellowships.** Aside from the inter-campus participated by all chapters together, each chapter holds their weekly fellowship by campus. If allowed by the school, the fellowship is held in venues inside the campus. If not, students manage to fellowship in eateries or restaurants where the gathering is permissible. If not, the CBF Student Center gets packed. Some chapters, even use the small kitchen area as the venue for fellowship.

**(4) Student Center Usage.** This would be the sixth year that CBF stays at Unit Number 3 of Consolacion Apartments. The place has been a students' "turf" for quite a long time already. A range of activities take place at the "Center" as dubbed by the students. The permanent schedule includes:

Mondays – Chapter Fellowship,  
Colegio San Agustin-Bacolod (CBF CSAB)  
(7:00 PM - 8:00 PM)

Tuesdays – Professionals' Fellowship,  
Professional Active Christians Touching Souls  
(Pro-ACTS, the professional wing of CBF)  
(6:00 PM - 8:00 PM)

Wednesdays – Prayer Meeting,  
Massebah Christian Church  
(MCC, the daughter church of Calvary BC, Pontevedra)  
(6:00 PM - 7:30 PM)

Thursdays – casual fellowship of CBFers after Inter-Campus

Fridays – Special Classes  
Romans In-Depth/ God-centeredness Class/ Missions  
(elective, anybody may join)  
(6:30 PM - 8:30 PM)

Aside from this regular weekly schedule, the Center functions mainly as the office of CBF's National Coordinating Center. It serves as the venue for various meetings, training sessions, and seminars. It also contains the donated books, cassette tapes, and other multi-media materials; thus functioning as CBF's mini-library. Also, the second floor of the unit has accommodated 18 boarders (not simultaneously– some have gone and new ones have come) and three full-time workers. Also, the office has acquired new equipments. Added equipments are: risograph, 3-in-1 photocopier-scanner-printer, and another computer unit. Add to this the new filing cabinet of the church and the 50 more plastic chairs combined project of Pro-ACTS and MCC. Please help us pray to manage these ministry items faithfully. It may be that the LORD is now resounding His age old command to "Enlarge the place of your tents" (Isaiah 54:2).

If God is leading you to financially help Philip's schooling you may send a check payable to the order of Bethel Baptist Church. Please indicate "for Philip's schooling". The address is:

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