

CHURCH PLANTING MISSION TEAM

Philippines, April each year



This team works and learns alongside Filipino Christians involved in church planting activities. It's a great team opportunity for people with a heart for church planting and evangelism, but it's also suitable for people without experience in these areas.

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What is the purpose of the mission team?

Working and learning alongside Filipino Christians involved in Church planting activities through:

Strategy: A trained and organized team is sent to a target town to start a local body of believers. A trained Pioneering Pastor stays in the town to pastor the new congregation.

Membership Mobilization: Local Filipino churches send members and leaders as volunteers, churches from other countries join in.

Ministry Oriented Program: Members of the participating churches, people of all ages, go out and serve Jesus in missions. They are taught to witness, knock on doors, distribute tracts, give their testimonies, conduct Bible Studies, heal the sick and disciple young believers.

Training-on-the-job-Concept: New believers are paired with experienced believers, young with older – there's room for everyone.

Power Encounter Evangelism: The concept of evangelism by the witness of signs, wonders and miracles is practiced.

Summer Camp with a PLUS! Teams stay in the target town in a camping situation and at the end of the activities, a church is planted!

What cities will be visited?

Flying into Manila (the capital), and proceeding to various cities and towns in the provinces (but not to the island of Mindanao).

What are the approximate dates of the trip?

3 weeks in April/May each year (shorter 2 week option available as well).

What indigenous agencies, organisations and/or churches are the team visiting?

We have the invitation of the Philippines General Council of the Assemblies of God (PGCAG), helping to plant AoG churches.

More information can be found at <https://vimeo.com/85341890> and www.plantanotherchurch.com

What organisation is the trip endorsed by?

Gateway Baptist Church

Selection criteria for team members:

Believers of all ages, endorsed by a Pastor. Ideally suited to people with a heart for church planting and evangelism, but this opportunity is also suitable for people without experience in these areas. Ages 11-16 need to be accompanied by parent or youth leader.

Maximum number of team members:

Total team size is unlimited. Team members go in small groups of 3 or 4 and blend with the Filipino church planting teams.

Approximate financial commitment:

\$2200, inc. airfares and all in-country costs

Time commitment for team preparation, prayer and debrief:

- approx. three meetings prior to trip
- a requirement to commit to pray for your team and this ministry and to enlist prayer support of others (eg Life Group)
- debrief in Manila before flying home

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David & Helen Bates travel frequently to the Philippines. For 20 years they have partnered with the church planting ministry of Pastor Rey Calusay and his wife Zenaída. Every year Helen teaches in their Bible School in Roxas City, training Pioneer Pastors.



David coordinates international teams of volunteers working with Pioneer Pastors to plant new churches in locations right across the Philippine Islands. More than 1000 churches have been planted out of Roxas City, in both big cities and small villages, and now beyond the Philippines.