

# Sarawak Mission Report

## Preparations:

Fasted 13 days for this mission trip June 23-  
July 6 and asked God to direct me to what  
He is going to do in Sarawak, to lead me to  
the people He wants to touch in that place,  
and to use me as vessel for His move.

God just placed a burden in my heart to  
visit Sarawak and I don't know what I'm

going to do when I reach that place I haven't set a foot before.

Contacted two mission organizations God has opened to support the mission: Jesus-Love-Kids-Jesus-Loves-You and REACH Inc. JLK-JLU paid all my plane tickets(CDO-Manila-KK-Kuching-Bintulu round trip and paid the side trip KK-Sandakan thru additional fund) and REACH Inc paid my travel tax and terminal fee.

Contacted thru IDD the only contact person I had in Sarawak, a pastor in Bintulu whom I never met before. He offered to accommodate me and to guide me to Filipino christians in Bintulu whom I can minister to.

God has not yet given a clear picture of what He is going to do in Sarawak through my visit. So I made a goal for this visit to disciple one family through Project Andrew – a one-on-one discipleship strategy of Historymakers. And in my next visit start a house church.

### Sarawak Mission Trip:

I arrived July 14 1:00am in Kota Kinabalu. I stayed there until Wed night to attend prayer meeting of City Grace Church where I casted the vision of Project Andrew.

Thursday July 16 I flew to Bintulu via Kuching and arrived 6:00pm. My contact person Ptr Tony Mata was working from

8:00am-5:00pm at a place one hour travel from Bintulu. When we meet and talked I found out I was facing a great work in that place. There are many Filipinos in Bintulu, and there are many Filipino Christians working in the mountain regions there who longed to fellowship weekly but cannot because there is not a church in their place. And of the four Filipino churches only two have resident pastors – Life Church and The Shepherd's Flock Church. The other two have no pastors and only have elders who take turns in sharing God's word every Sunday and invite one pastor who is working in Bintulu who choose not to handle a church because of his transient status as a worker. I was invited to speak to

one of these two churches without pastor July 19, but I was already booked to speak at Life Church and the next Sunday July 26 at The Shepherd's Flock Church.

Friday I prayed to God where will I start and the Holy Spirit spoke to me: "Begin on your knees and start with My grace." And so I prayed, asked the prayer support of an intercessor network C500, and of the 150 pastors in my phonebook. We had a bible study in the house of one Life Church member. That bible study was revived after not being meet for how many meetings. Saturday afternoon we went to the house of a Filipina who had a kidney disease and prayed for healing. I had another bible

study at 6:00pm attended by many Filipinos.

I preached on “On Grace We Stand” at Life Church Sunday morning. God moved mightily and touched the lives of many who attended the service. I didn’t know that two of those who attended came from a “camp” (which is their term for a workplace where the workers became a community) who were able to come down to Bintulu because of the Hari Raya holiday. The camp where that man was working (I was told later) was composed of around 30 Filipinos who all were hungry to be visited by a messenger of God to minister His word. One of the two after he went back to the camp called one of Ptr Tony’s worship team (who worked in

that place but choose to be silent of his Christianity) and, crying, begged to be visited by Ptr Tony or his leaders even once a month only. He told that worship team member how God had touched him deeply while listening to the message. The difficulty is there are no leaders that was trained or disciplined who can go to that camp and do bible study in Life Church. Ptr Tony worked Monday to Saturday as instrument technician in a leading company in Bintulu and his time for the ministry is from Saturday night to Sunday night.

I saw a great need for a discipleship system in all the Filipino churches in Bintulu. And so in the Sunday night bible study at Ptr Tony's house attended by his worship team and

some key people of Life Church, I casted the vision of Project Andrew (mobilizing the whole membership by training them to disciple one person per year). And Ptr Tony and all who attended received the challenge to embrace the vision.

Monday night I had another bible study at a camp 30 minutes travel from Bintulu. It is a car repair and machine repair shop composed of around 15 Filipinos including their wives. Two of those who attended had worked in Sabah and were active workers in their Filipino congregations in Sabah and faithfully served the Lord but when they transferred work in Bintulu had experienced coldness in their Christian life. The Holy Spirit revived them that night.



A Malaysian pastor friend from Johor Bahru sent 100 ringgits as his support for my mission trip in Sabah. That enabled me to travel to Miri, a city which is just 30 minutes from the border of Brunei. I stayed there for 2 days and were able to meet some Filipino Christians of a local Filipino congregation. I just fellowshiped with them during their prayer meeting Wed night. Thursday afternoon I was back in Bintulu.

I had no schedule whole Friday so I spent much time in prayer and in reviewing the message I preached at Life Church. The Holy Spirit had already given me impression that I begin my preaching on the grace of God in that place.

Saturday night July 25 I was invited to preach at the prayer meeting of The Shepherd's Flock Church. I heard the burdens and struggles of those who attended and the Holy Spirit comforted and strengthened them through His word that I preached.

Sunday morning I preached again on "On Grace We Stand" at TSFC and the Holy Spirit brought powerful conviction and again moved mightily during ministry time. Since their service ended at 11:15am I was able to catch up with the Sunday service at Life Church which starts 11:30am and was able to dedicate two children. That Sunday night Ptr Tony declared Life Church's commitment to implement Project Andrew

and scheduled a Life Retreat for key members and the worship team on Nov 21-22. I left the Life Start and Life Retreat Preparation materials for him to teach to those who will attend the Life Retreat.

Monday night 11:00pm I was back in Kota Kinabalu. I woke up 4:00am Tue the next day to be at the airport by 5:30am for my flight to Sandakan at 7:00am. I was carried by a wheelchair from the plane to the arrival hall of the airport terminal in Sandakan because my left foot joint was inflamed and I cannot stand on it (attack of arthritis due to eating much pork in Bintulu). I was not able to do anything except take a rest the whole day. But I took

medicine for arthritis and at night I can walk already.

Wednesday morning my missionary pastor friends in Sandakan brought me to one of their outreach area, a depressed, slum area few kilometers from the center of the city where they reached out to the kids in the area by giving them free education. These kids cannot go to school because although they were born in Sabah they have no legal documents because their parents were illegal immigrants to Sabah entering that state through the “back doors”. The missionaries trained two of the residents (who were mostly from Sulu archipelago) to teach the kids in the area.

In the afternoon before going to the airport, my missionary friends brought me with them to the city jail where many of their “friends” (parents, brothers and sisters of their outreach kids) were imprisoned for lack of legal documents for their stay in Sabah. Men, women, young men, young women, kids and even children were inside the jail. I tried to get pictures but could not take good shots because camera was prohibited. The food ration from relatives and from the mission funds were allowed only once a week. I gave a word to try to communicate to my friends in the mission organizations to present the plight of these people and the possibility of making a line to send food from Philippine sources to

these mission outreach in jail. Also for a possible feeding event to touch the lives of the kids in the outreach areas in Sandakan.

Wednesday night July 29 I went back to KK. Preached again at City Grace Church during their prayer meeting and got the whole leadership's commitment to implement Project Andrew. Ptrajoy scheduled a Life Retreat for the church on Nov 20, 21, 22. And in the morning of Thursday I went to Keningau about 3 hours by bus from Kota Kinabalu and meet with another missionary pastor who also had the same nature of work with my friends in Sandakan. Friday night I went back to KK and Ptrajoy and the elders of City Grace accompanied me to the airport for my trip back to the Philippines.



## SARAWAK PICTURES:





## SANDAKAN PICTURES:

As requested, we cannot show participants faces from the Sandakan Mission for security reasons.

