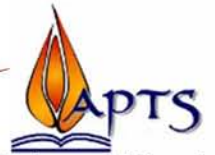


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Eph. 6:21-22



If you want to know more about APTS, please visit its website at www.apt.edu. You will probably want to visit our NEW WEBSITE as well: www.thamwan.org to view more pictures, sermon notes, and other helpful material.

CHRISTMAS AND MISSIONS

Because of the economic situation in the Philippines, many emigrate in search of better opportunities. (I can think of a similar situation in Malaysia, when many emigrated in the 70's and 80's.) They sacrifice a lot to make their dreams of a better life in another country come true. However, despite the better life they may find in their adopted country, almost all of these first-generation emigrants think of returning home at some point. Many want to be buried in their home country when they die.

Despite adapting well in the Philippines, we often feel like returning home too. I don't think we will ever overcome "homesickness" completely. Homesickness becomes even more acute during the festive seasons. It is with this feeling of homesickness that we appreciate anew how much our Lord Jesus Christ sacrificed in coming from his home in heaven to earth . . .

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!
AND, HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

PROFESSIONALS & PREACHERS

I had the privilege of being one of the presenters at the recent conference of the Philippine Homiletics Society (Dec 2) where I taught on the topic, "Shaping the Sermon." (You can get the complete Powerpoint presentation/notes at our website.) I was also one of the preachers for the



Philippines AG Young Professionals Camp (Nov 30 & Dec 1). As I pondered over my involvement in these two events, I realize how much the laity and clergy need each other. We need preachers who are "professionals" (well-trained, high standards of excellence and ethics, etc.) and professionals who are "preachers."

NEW APARTMENT AT APTS

We have moved to a faculty apartment after being housed in a student apartment for two years. The rental will be much higher and will impact our budget significantly. However, the rental we pay will go to APTS because that is one of the ways the seminary finances itself. The apartment has been a blessing for a few short term missions teams that have come our way because we now have a couple of extra rooms to house them. Let us know if you have plans to send short term teams. There may be room for you at our apartment. We would like you to come by and fellowship with us.



APTS small group fellowship at our new apartment

MINISTRY IN THE USA

This newsletter is done in the home of a Filipino pastor and APTS alumnus in California. We are here in the L.A. area because Tham Wan is participating in an international "conversation" between Pentecostals and Lutherans at the Fuller Theological Seminary. While in the US, we took the opportunity to do some promotions for APTS. We also preached at New Hope International Church where Tham Wan's Christmas message was carried live on the internet to some US troops in Kuwait. You can check out the webcast in www.nhicag.org.



With the Pastors of New Hope Church in L.A., three of whom are APTS alumni

PICTORIAL REPORT



Moon Tee donated some cartons of UHT milk for the student nourishment program at a local elementary school nearby APTS.



The 3 Korean ladies seated next to Moon Tee are APTS students who graduated in December 06. The rest are our family members who were visiting.



Altar Ministry at a local church worship service.



Participants of Philippine Homiletics Society Conference. Tham Wan was one of the speakers.

The short-term missions team from Subang Jaya Assembly led by Pastor Wong Yin Ming



Tham Wan teaching at a Pastors' Seminar in San Fernando



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