

## **Teaching Report**

### **Philippines, Guam, and Indochina**

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Greetings from the Philippines!

Our hearts are filled with joy for allowing us to share what God is doing in the teaching ministry. The thirst for learning is felt among the 3500 disciples here and is being met generously through spiritual gifts.

#### **AIM Distance Program**

In 2006 the leadership in the Philippines received a grant to enroll its ministers in the Athens Institute of Ministry distance program. The response has been encouraging. We are happy to announce that last March, seventeen brothers graduated from the AIM program, and we have a few more finishing this fall.

#### **Asia-Pacific Leadership Academy (APLA)**

Through the generosity of disciples in North America, Gordon Ferguson has been freed up to travel to Asia to teach. This engendered the creation of the Asia-Pacific Leadership Academy (APLA). The APLA offers various courses in a mixed class-seminar and distance-learning format. A diploma is awarded with the completion of a certain number of courses. To date, APLA has 54 enrollees from 8 nations! Over 70% of the enrollees are more than 10 years old as disciples, and over 65% of them are non-fulltime in the ministry!

Overall, there is an eagerness to learn amongst our leadership. By the summer of 2010, all our full-time ministers would have completed at least a certificate in Bible through AIM or APLA. By that time also, we will have among the staff three professional counselors and three others with graduate degrees.

While we know that theological education is not everything, we realize that it *is* something. We have seen that getting our evangelists, deacons, and church leaders in a training program not only infuses fresh learning into their minds, but also enthuses them with renewed conviction through the reinforcement of the basics.

Please continue to pray for the churches in Asia, and may God continue to work miracles in this part of the world.

