

Newsletter, Fall 2010

Hello friends,

This past year has been very different, to say the least, but we want to declare God's goodness to you.



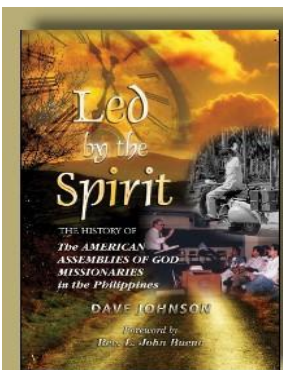
Sabbatical In the fall of 2009, we petitioned the Assemblies of God World Missions leadership for a special sabbatical leave to deal with some personal issues related to depression and burnout. The sabbatical was approved and ended up lasting nearly a year. We spent that time in full time counseling at the Assemblies of God World Missions' Missionary Renewal Asia Pacific (MRAP) counseling center, also known as Ministry Resources International (MRI), in the Seattle area. This ministry focuses on pastoral care for missionaries. We experienced more private pain than we have ever known, but God used this time to pour his healing love on our parched souls, and we came away greatly renewed.

Because we dedicated this time to seeking the Lord's healing and rest, we did not send newsletters by snail mail. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Back to Work On October 2, 2010, we returned to Michigan to resume itineration—visiting supporters throughout the Great Lakes region and other parts of America to raise the needed prayer and financial support to return to the Philippines. Our target date for departure is June or July, 2011. What a wonderful privilege we have of sharing what God has done in the Philippines and, in select cases, sharing what we learned about ourselves during our sabbatical.

If we have not yet scheduled a meeting in your church or with your pastor or missions board and you would like us to do so, please contact Dave as soon as possible at dave.johnson@agmd.org or (616) 558-1889. We'd be happy to come.

Good News From the Philippines The number of church planting schools that God used Debbie and the Filipino leadership to launch has grown from three in 2007 to seventeen with approximately 200 students enrolled. Since planting a house church is required for graduation, the possibility of starting new churches is becoming exponential! Also, our evangelistic team continues to pray with people to receive Christ every week and seeks to integrate them into new or existing churches. All glory to God for this. We are just grateful to be a part of it....and we couldn't do this without your partnership!



Dave's book for Christmas? We would just like to remind you that Dave has written a book on the history of the American Assemblies of God missionaries in the Philippines. The book is full of stories about how God called and used ordinary people to achieve his purposes in that beautiful country. Although written for adults, many of the personal stories can be used as sermon illustrations and adapted for ministering to youth and children. One chapter of the book will be sent free by email to any who request it. Dave can be contacted at dave.johnson@agmd.org.

The book can be ordered online at our website, www.daveanddebbiejohnson.com, or by sending a check made out to Dave Johnson at 1515 Blanchard St. SW Grand Rapids MI 49509. Christmas orders are guaranteed if order is received by December 5. The cost is \$22.95 by mail or online. Price includes shipping. Bulk order discounts can be arranged by calling Dave at (616) 558-1889.

Help Needed Dave is looking for people to help market his book over the internet. They would need to be familiar with niche marketing and marketing strategies that would include using email, Facebook, blogging, and Twitter, among other possibilities. There is no age or gender preference but experience in these areas is necessary. The person could live anywhere in America. The positions would be voluntary but could lead to part-time employment. Those interested can contact Dave directly at dave.johnson@agmd.org or by phone at (616) 558-1889.



Facebook Dave recently joined Facebook and is looking to connect with missions minded people. If you are on Facebook and would like to be Dave's friend, feel free to send him a friend request. It would be helpful if you included a note stating that you saw this in our newsletter.

Prayer Needs

1. Continued refreshing in the presence of Jesus
2. More inner healing from the issues that led to the sabbatical.
3. More daily prayer partners.
4. The release of God's financial resources to continue our labors.
5. Anointing from the Holy Spirit to minister in His grace gifts.

Weight Watchers While on sabbatical, Dave finally got serious about weight management and joined Weight Watchers. To date, he has lost more than fifty pounds and is gradually becoming a shadow of his former self! As this newsletter is being written, Debbie is beginning to buy him a new wardrobe! We praise Jesus for His grace.

Loving you because we are loving Jesus,

Dave and Debbie Johnson