

## Interview with Mr. David Chung – A “non-Filipino,” Chinese-Canadian who has embraced FIN’s mission and vision

Q. What is your current involvement with FIN?

A. I work as FIN’s accountant. I ensure that the accounts are in order and that the receipts are given to funding donors.

Q. What made you decide to become an active partner of FIN?

A. I have seen the strategic ministry of FIN and I want to be a part of what God is doing through the Filipino Diaspora. I took the opportunity to be more involved when the International Coordinator challenged me to take part in this ministry.

Q. You immigrated to Canada from Hong Kong as a teenager and over the years you have made friends from the Filipino-Canadian community, and now you are involved with FIN. What do you find unique about Filipinos?

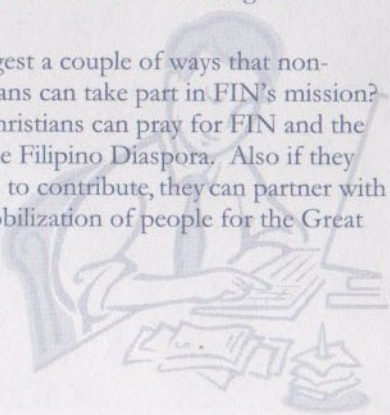
A. Filipinos are friendly and loving people. They are natural networkers.

Q. Many people of different nationalities participate in FIN initiatives. Why do you think it is important for the Christian Filipino Diaspora to work together with believers from other international groups?

A. The task of the Great Commission is so great that Christians of all nations must work together.

Q. Would you suggest a couple of ways that non-Filipino Christians can take part in FIN’s mission?

A. Non-Filipino Christians can pray for FIN and the Christians of the Filipino Diaspora. Also if they have other gifts to contribute, they can partner with FIN for the mobilization of people for the Great Commission.



## Prayer Items

- Remember the upcoming **FIN Global Consultation** to be held from July 24-27 in Singapore.
- Pray for the Coordinating Committee in Singapore.
- Pray for the close to 100 chosen delegates who will be participating in the consultation. That their hearts and minds would be prepared to interact with each other, and that the outcome of their interaction be strategic for the advancement of the Kingdom of God.
- Pray that God will release the provisions necessary for this “big” meeting.
- Pray for the speakers, that God will challenge and motivate His people through them.
- Pray for the fruit of the **NLTC training**.
- That the 75 new graduates will actually be multiplying disciples.
- That more believing OFWs from the Philippines and other countries will be trained to be more effective witnesses.
- Pray that the **Family Life Conferences** would have a positive impact on the lives of the couples involved.

**FIN’s Mission Statement:** FIN is committed to motivating, equipping, and mobilizing Christian Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) around the world to help accomplish the Great Commission.



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*“Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless His name; Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples.”*

**The Psalmist**

The Book of Psalms 96:1-3

Over the last seven years, the Filipino International Network has communicated the message that the believing Filipino Diaspora has been given special and strategic opportunities to be Christ's witness where God has placed them. Filipino Christians across the globe have assembled to pray at FIN-organised "Prayer Advances." Training for effective witnessing has also been conducted, and dialogue for further networking of the believing Diaspora has been promoted.

As FIN has gained momentum, and as the "scattered" believing Filipinos, living and working outside their homeland, have become better equipped to be "salt and light," men and women from other nations have joined FIN in its mission to motivate, equip, and mobilize followers of Christ to bloom where the Lord of the Harvest has planted them. It is amazing to witness how in "scattering" the Filipino people, God has been using His Filipino children to gather people of "every race, tribe, nation, and language" to worship Him.

In this issue of the FIN News, we would like to celebrate the result of partnerships for the "Kingdom," and to invite you to remember the Christians scattered all over the world, as FIN seeks to promote a greater networking of Kingdom-Builders in the months ahead.

### From Cyprus to Singapore: Gathering for the First FIN Global Consultation

On May 5, 1995 in Larnaca, Cyprus, 38 men and women committed to mobilize the Christian Filipino Diaspora to reach the world for Christ.

Signing what would be called "The Larnaca Covenant," the visionary group covenanted to pray for one another, to share resources, and to recruit, train and mobilize Filipino believers to be effective tentmakers and witnesses wherever they are "planted."

In July, seven years later, answers to the prayers of this initial band of "networkers," will be celebrated at the first Filipino International Network Global Consultation to be held in

Singapore. FIN's next steps for the years that will follow will be planned as identified Christian "movers and shakers" of the Filipino Diaspora will meet with representatives from FIN's major partners and from FIN's regional committees, as well as with representatives from various ministry groups. This will be an unprecedented time of resourcing and strategizing for the believing Filipino Diaspora in the Great Commission.

The four-day consultation, starting on July 24, is being planned to celebrate what God has done through the Filipino International Network in the past seven years, to identify potential tentmaking opportunities, and to extend networking partnerships for the Great Commission.

It is the FIN leadership's prayer that through the global consultation, many more in the Filipino Diaspora and beyond will be inspired, challenged, and impassioned to take part in the "gathering" of the nations.

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### Growing Healthy Families

Several dozens of married Filipino couples living in the Gulf Region will come together for a marriage enrichment conference. Some of the couples represent "cross-cultural" marriages (e.g. Filipinas married to local men). A Filipino-Canadian couple will team with FIN field workers. These "Family Life" conferences will be held in Doha, Qatar & Dubai, UAE on April 22-28, 2002.

## Mobilizing Multipliers

From March 1-8, 2002, in Larnaca, Cyprus, trainers from Europe, North America, and the Philippines met with Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) and several other non-Filipino overseas foreign workers (Africans, South Asians) to complete the "Trainers Training" - the final level of the New Life Training Curriculum (NLTC). NLTC is a five-level curriculum in which trainees are trained to be "multiplying disciples."

Seventy-five trainees graduated to become trainers who can now take others through the five-levels of the curriculum. All of the graduates of this particular training seminar are living in Limited Access Nations (LAN).

For their "On the Job Training" (OJT), the participants were taken to a park in Nicosia, the capital city of Cyprus, where hundreds of expatriate Filipinos, Indians, Sri Lankans, Pakistanis, and Nepalese, spend their Sunday afternoons off. There, in partnership with a local Filipino congregation, the NLTC participants used their newly-acquired "harvesting" skills. In one afternoon, over 150 souls were "harvested" and connected with the Filipino congregation in Nicosia.

This is the second session for trainers that has been conducted in the region in the last two years. That brings the total number of graduated trainers to more than 100. As a result of these two Trainers Training sessions, ongoing training sessions are taking place in various locations of the region. It is FIN's goal to see at least 500 trainers strategically mobilized in this region within the next three years.

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