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The Jesus Film Project

Manila, Philippines -- Always seizing opportunities, FIN is sponsoring and coordinating the distribution of 143 thousand DVDs of *The Jesus Film* to the Philippines' "most influential" people including the President, the entire Cabinet, Senate, all the judges, and all the officers of the Philippine National Police (PNP).

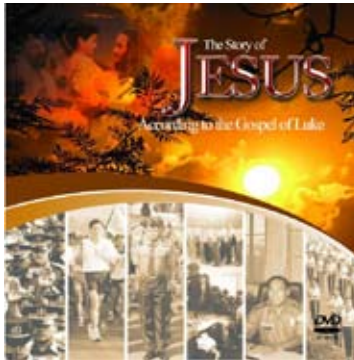
To launch this historical initiative, a "launching ceremony" was held on July 28, 2008 at the PNP Headquarters in Manila, Philippines. FIN partners personally handed *The Jesus Film* to high-ranking government and police officers.

Systematic distribution of *The Jesus Film* to the President, to all Cabinet, Senate, judges, and PNP in every region continues. This includes viewing of *The Jesus Film* at all PNP stations from the northernmost island, Ilocos Norte, down to the southernmost tip of the Philippines in Mindanao, and individual presentation of the film to each officer. It is a historical campaign!

The Philippines is notorious for mass corruption in the government, police, and judicial system. Please pray that this "top-down" approach (evangelizing the country's influential people) will effectively supplement the "bottom-up" initiatives already in place (e.g. evangelism and discipleship training with workers, and *The Jesus Film* presentation to villagers, etc.). Imagine the transformation of the Filipinos, and in this time of great movement and travel, of their potential of sharing this transforming Gospel with the rest of the world.

Please pray that the transforming Gospel of Jesus Christ will meet receptive hearts and minds in a country known to be one of the "most corrupt" in the world.

*visit fin-online.org to see special edition Jesus Film DVD covers for this project.



New Horizons

Toronto, Ontario -- Dr. Sadiri 'Joy' Tira and his wife Lulu have, after nearly three decades, have moved their ministry base from Edmonton, Alberta to Toronto, Ontario. Their work with Filipino International Network (FIN) and Joy's role with Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization (LCWE) remain unchanged, but their ministry with the Christian & Missionary Alliance (C&MA) has widened to include "new horizons." Below is the News Release distributed by the office of Rev. James Foster, Vice President for Global Ministries of the C&MA-Canada. It provides details for the move and the new ministry with the C&MA.

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People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.— Luke 13:29

Current statistics estimate that 1 in 34 people are living outside the country of their birth. People are no longer stationary (remaining in their hometowns), but are travelling everywhere. Something similar is happening with ideas and information. This presents major opportunities for the advance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

This issue of The FIN News reports two advances for FIN – The massive Jesus Film distribution campaign in the Philippines, and the relocation of FIN International Coordinator, Dr. Sadiri Joy Tira and Lulu Tira to Toronto, Ontario. Please remember all those involved in prayer.

We thank you again for your partnership in FIN's ministry.

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NEWS RELEASE OCTOBER 14, 2008 New C&MA in Canada Appointments for Global Ministries Diaspora Groups

The 21st Century has been marked by the greatest migration in world history. Due to regional conflicts and wars, devastating natural calamities, urbanization, labour related opportunities, educational advancement, etc. people are not only resettling within their own countries, but millions are being scattered to all four corners of the globe. U.N. experts estimate that besides from the Internally Displaced People (IDP) who are displaced by regional conflict or natural disaster within their own country, there are now close to 200 million international migrants (people who live in countries outside their place of birth).

The scattering of people (i.e. diaspora) poses challenges and opportunities for the global Church of Jesus Christ. To respond to this tremendous opportunity, Dr. Franklin Pyles, President of The Christian and Missionary Alliance (C&MA) in Canada has appointed Sadiri Joy Tira (goes by "Joy") as the **Global Ministries Diasporas Specialist (GMDS)**. Joy also serves ... as the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization's (LCWE) Senior Associate for Diasporas and International Coordinator for Filipino International Network (FIN). [For more information on LCWE visit <http://www.lausanne.org>; to learn more about FIN visit <http://www.fin-online.org>]. Joy will be working closely with C&MA in Canada Vice President for Global Ministries, Rev. James Foster, to cast vision and mobilize Canadian C&MA congregations to be actively involved in global missions and will work to connect C&MA in Canada with international organizations, such as the Alliance World Fellowship (AWF) and Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization (LCWE) towards strategic partnerships for diaspora missions.

Joy will also work hand-in-hand with his wife, Lourdes ("Lulu") Tira who has a passion for prayer and global missions. Lulu has been appointed as C&MA Canada's **Global Ministries Diasporas Prayer Associate (GMDPA)**. Her specific role is to recruit prayer partners, and mobilize and train prayer teams for this new initiative.

The Tiras have been ministering and living in Edmonton, Alberta since 1984, where Joy served as founding Senior Pastor of First Filipino Alliance Church (FFAC) from 1984 to 2006. Their appointments with the C&MA in Canada National Ministry Centre are effective immediately and they [have relocated] their ministry base to Toronto, Ontario.

Canada continues to accept immigrants from all over the world. By the end of 2008, Canada aims to accept up to 265 thousand new immigrants; not including temporary migrants (i.e. workers, students, etc.). Think about the congregations in Canada and how if mobilized they can effect change with immigrant communities. Now think about the networks of people associated with each immigrant and how God has set in place a natural pathway for His Gospel to travel into homes – many across the world -- that may have never entertained a traditional missionary. It's amazing!

Pray for the Tiras as they begin their new ministry with the C&MA, and as they build up a new "life" in Toronto, one of the world's most multi-cultural cities.

Please note that though the Tiras are now based in Toronto, and FIN is now represented at the C&MA National Office, the FIN postal address remains in Edmonton and the FIN E-mail address remains the same. All communication will be forwarded to the Tiras in Toronto.

**For more information about the C&MA-Canada, please visit www.cmacan.org

Did You Know?

There are currently close to 200 million international immigrants. This means 1 in 34 persons live in a country outside of their place of birth.



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