A little bit goes a long way: Faculty of Science cleans flood victims’ houses in Ayutthaya province

Juliet K Molosiwa

Recently Thailand was hit by major floods. Government aid and other independent humanitarian societies did all they could manage to help get everyone out safely. For the families that were affected, survival is only just the beginning. How do they even start to pick up the pieces and start life over from literally nothing? It’s not easy.

Hopefully the little group of dedicated science students, faculty and friends made a difference in the life of those involved when they embarked on a journey to Ayutthaya on Sunday the 13th of November to help in cleaning up. The few people that were assisted could not stop expressing their gratitude as we were leaving, and we couldn’t help but feel there could be more we could do for them, besides scrubbing their walls, floors and furniture. The bonds that were formed not only within the group but also with the people that we were assisted will bind them for a long time. You’d be surprised to find just how much you have in common if you’re all working towards making someone else happy.

Too often the trend in our society is for people to be separated from each other, to be cut off from the great mass of humanity, and in doing so to be dehumanized a little bit more with each step. Cars have taken us off the streets where we used to greet each other and stop to chat; “smart phones” have replaced intellectual conversations and even neighbors have become strangers. What we must guard against however, is the individual tendency of focusing on ourselves to the exclusion of our fellow human beings. As the English man says “a little bit goes a long way.” No deed is ever too small to go unnoticed.

Remember service to man is service to God.
Congratulations to the RED TEAM (Juniors) for being the CHAMPION of this year’s Sports Week!
Gilbert was born of missionary parents in the Seychelles Islands. He grew up in Mauritius with his six brothers and sisters and joined the Merchant Navy as a cadet officer after his high school years. He gave his heart to Jesus while still at sea in December 1975 and came back home to Mauritius where he got involved in his local church as the youth leader. In 1981 Gilbert followed his childhood sweetheart Rosemay to Australia, where they were married. They have two children: Joel (25) and Emilie (20).

Gilbert graduated from Avondale College in 1987 and pastored in the state of Victoria for six years before being called to be Youth Director in Sydney in 1993. In 1999, he was appointed as the Director for Youth Ministries for the South Pacific Division. In 2009, he asked for a change to pastor a local church in Sydney, from where he was called to be the General Conference Youth Director in 2010. Gilbert obtained a Masters in Youth Ministry from La Sierra University in 1997 and is currently working on a Doctoral program.

He has an interest in all sports, particularly soccer, and loves music. His dream is to see youth take hold of the mission of the church and stand up as a global movement for Jesus to bring hope and meaning to our hopeless world.

One of Gilbert’s favorite Bible verses is “And don’t let anyone put you down because you’re young. Teach believers with your life: by word, by demeanors, by love, by faith, by integrity.”

WHAT IS THE FESTIVAL OF FAITH (FOF)?

The “Festival of Faith” is a week-long celebration of the importance of spiritual values. During the week, meetings will be scheduled each day (morning and night) featuring Pastor Gilbert Cangy from the USA. Singing and prayer will also be a vital part of the week’s activities.

“Festival” suggests that faith and spiritual values are things to be celebrated and enjoyed. When things are celebrated they are publicly acknowledged. The “Festival of Faith” then is a public acknowledgement of the central place that spiritual values have in our community life at Asia-Pacific International University.
**Weekly Events**

**The Seekers**

*Title: “Touch of the Master’s Hands”*

*Date & time: Friday, November 18, After vespers*

*Venue: Fellowship hall*

**AY Channel 7**

*Title: “When You Are Angry”*

*Date & time: Saturday, November 19, 5 pm*

*Venue: Church*

**Upcoming Events**

**Friday Vespers: “The Creation” (A Musical Worship)**

*Date & Time: Friday, November 18, 7 pm*

*Venue: Auditorium*

**Chat with The Rabbi**

*Date: & Time: Saturday, November 19, 3 pm*

*Venue: Church Fellowship Hal*

**Thai & International Outdoor Cultural Fair: A Celebration of Cultures!**

*Featuring the cultural clubs of AIU Muak Lek campus. Organized by the Student Council.*

*Date: & Time: Sunday evening, November 20, 5 pm onwards*

*Venue: Football field*

**Festival of Faith (FOF)**

*Organized by the Chaplain office. Speaker: Pr Gilbert Cangy.*

*Date: Monday - Saturday, November 21-26*

*Venue: Kiti-Tasanee Auditorium & AIU Church*

**Announcements**

**Visitation of St Mary’s Business Administration College**

*Please be informed that 240 students and 12 teachers from St Mary’s Business Administration College will visit our campus on Friday morning, November 18. Please welcome our visitors with a smile!*

**Altered Class Time Schedule During FOF Week**

*Please note carefully the altered class timetable that will operate during the Festival of Faith from November 21 - 26, 2011. Faculty are expected to end the class on time.*

- **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday**
  - The morning class periods will be shortened by 10 minutes and the break between classes will be abbreviated to 5 minutes instead of the usual 10 minutes. The timetable is as follows:

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- **Wednesday class timetable will not be affected and will operate as normal. FOF will meet at 10:00 am to 10:50 am (Chapel Period).**

- The afternoon class timetable throughout the week will not be affected and will operate as normal.

- The morning meetings will be held in the Kiti-Tasanee Auditorium from 10:15 am to 11:05 am, except Wednesday.

- The evening meetings will be held in the Kiti Tasanee Auditorium from 7 pm to 8 pm, Monday to Friday.

**Campus Calendar**

**NOVEMBER 18, FRIDAY**

- Visitation of St Mary Business Administration College
- Vespers: “The Creation” A Musical Worship, 7 pm, Auditorium
- The Seekers: “Touch of the Master’s Hands” After Vespers, Fellowship Hall.

**NOVEMBER 19, SATURDAY**

- Combined Sabbath -- Church SS lesson study, 9 am SS program, 10 am Divine Service, 10:45 am.

- AY Channel 7: “When You Are Angry” 5 pm, Church.

**NOVEMBER 20, SUNDAY**

- Thai & International Outdoor Cultural Fair 5 pm onwards, Football Field

**NOVEMBER 21, MONDAY**

- Festival of Faith (FOF): “The Life You’ve Always Wanted” by Pr Gilbert R. Cangy
  - Morning session: 10:15 am - 11:05 am
  - Night session: 7 pm - 8 pm
  - FOF Session (AM): “Dare To Dream”
  - FOF Session (PM): “The Gospel Of The Unfair God”

**NOVEMBER 22, TUESDAY**

- FOF Session (AM): “How Much Can God Forgive?”
- FOF Session (PM): “Trusting When You Do Not Understand”

**NOVEMBER 23, WEDNESDAY**

- Note: FOF Morning Session meets at 10 am
  - FOF Session (AM): “A Gift For Your Birthday”
  - FOF Session (PM): “Adversity, The Training of Faith”

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