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“To be used of God, to think, to speak, to pray, to be used of God to show someone the way, I long so much to feel the touch of His consuming fire, to be used of God is my desire”

This last month as you have prayed, supported and upheld us, we feel that God has used us abundantly and beyond measure! The flight to Manila, PI and on to Malaysia was very arduous and by the time we arrived we literally did not know what day of the week it was. After flying for two days non-stop to the PI, laying over for a night, meeting up with our new PI coordinators, Rafael and Charing Lubaton, then flying out to Malaysia, driving to our destination and checking in, we laid down for a “few minutes.” We immediately fell asleep! When we woke up it was black outside and there was no clock! As we had not only



changed multiple time zones but crossed the International Date Line, we were not sure of the date or the day of the week! After a brief debate, we called the hotel desk and asked! While that was embarrassing it was also critical, for Rex was supposed to bring the morning plenary message! He needed to know that the wonderful message of hope God gave him for those brothers and sisters from 13 different countries was going to fit in Malaysia’s

PowerPoint projector! Time and date were of the essence!

After laughing, the desk clerk assured us of the time and date and we pressed ahead in our preparation. Then it was time for a delicious breakfast of hot and cold fish, rice, greens and beans with very spicy sauces. “Yes!?!” Having checked in with our dear friends and conference leaders, Ariel and Yna Abandiano, we connected with the communications crew. Sound check! Light check! Clicker check! 4-screen check! Everything worked fine – YES! “Now Lord,” we asked, “touch us with your consuming fire that our presentation will not only be the “facts of Your blessings but a burning stimulus for our brothers and sisters to continue to press on in love and good works in the hardest of places for our Lord Jesus Christ!”

How we thanked him for answering that prayer, for as we shared what God is doing through IGM’s ministries around the world, God’s leaders were abundantly blessed and encouraged! We heard comments like “We never knew that what God is doing in S.E. Asia He is also doing in Africa and India! WOW! Praise the LORD!

In the days that followed we made many new friends, learned from the leaders of other countries and agencies and were blessed beyond measure. It was a privilege to have Dr. J. D. Moses from IGM’s sister ministry, Vision 20-20 Asia, join us and also share his testimony with the conference. All too soon it was time to travel to the airport and fly back to the PI for meetings with our IGM team – but that is our report for next time!



Thanks again for your love and prayers! Your support provided opportunity for us to be used of God, to think, speak and pray. We longed so much to feel the touch of His consuming fire – and we did! And, ultimately, as Paul said: “The blessings were accrued to your account and God received all the glory! (Phil. 4:17-21)

Yours in the love of Christ, for His Kingdom and His Church

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Prayer and Praise

- ❖ Churches and individuals are planning year-end contributions, calendars and new budgets for 2009. Please prayerfully consider supporting our very necessary and needy ministry.
- ❖ We are planning our 2009 calendar; if you would like to have us come, please call now!