

**Recap of AIM's 33rd National Convention
and April Visit of Elders M. R. Couch,
David Ogle, and John Slage.**

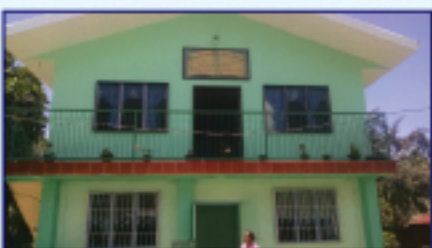
These are exciting times for A.I.M. in the Philippines. There is much being accomplished and yet much to do, and we are so thankful for all that have a part in the work of God here and abroad.

We were very excited to have the opportunity to visit the church in Busay and view the amazing on-going construction of the new church building that sits high on a mountain overlooking the cities of Cebu, Mandaue, and Lapu Lapu. This church is pastored by a very energetic, enterprising young pastor, Bro Fred Gomez. We have been to this mountain church on many occasions, and we are always blessed by their hospitality, the breathtaking view and the remarkable improvements they are making both in the construction of the new building and their spiritual growth. The first time we visited Busay, the church was a simple lean-to structure constructed from bamboo and blue tarps. By the next visit there were metal poles and a tin roof, and now there is a beautiful building that is nearly completed with an amazing view of the cities below.



There are two very remarkable things about the church in Busay. First is the location. To reach the church, one must walk approximately a mile and a half up and down some steep mountain trails. Now, while this may sound exciting and somewhat quaint (and the views are incredible), this presents tremendous difficulties in getting building materials to the church. Every bag of concrete and every piece of lumber, rebar, and sheet of metal roofing had to be carried by hand over the mountain to the church location. The second amazing thing about the church in Busay is that most of the finances for the building of this new building are coming from the local church. God bless the work in Busay!

After Busay, we were blessed the next day to go to one of the most hospitable groups of people anywhere in the world; Camotes. Camotes is the home to an A.I.M. church and the oldest A.I.M. Christian school founded by the late Eld.



Donald Lance. The church/school in Camotes suffered much damage from the major earthquake that struck the Visayas region in 2013 and just a few weeks later super typhoon Yolanda caused even more damage. The repair work to the building is coming along nicely and the improvements are impressive. Sister Jacinta and the ladies in the school (including Elder Lance's

adopted daughter Sis. Evelyn), had prepared a huge meal and provided an area for fellowship. After the meal, as we were touring the facilities, Eld. Slage led us in an impromptu Saturday afternoon prayer meeting where the power of God greatly fell and many people filled



the building. This was just a hint of things to come.

Sunday, back in Cebu, we attended morning service in Mandaue with Elder Leo Quilaquil.



Sunday evening we travelled across the sprawling cities to Lapu Lapu and were in service with Elder Cameo Lingo.



Both services were filled with a powerful visitation of the Holy Ghost and tremendous worship.



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Monday, the week of the convention was upon us and there was great expectation in the Spirit. Every ser-



vice was power packed and as the week progressed, it became more and more evident of the mighty work that



God was doing during the 33rd A.I.M. National Convention. Every service and every message kept building in power and anticipation and by the Wednesday and Thursday night

services we were experiencing what many said was the most powerful convention in 33 years. Elder Slage commented that Wednesday night service was the most powerful service he had been a part of in his 30+ years of living for God. The Holy Ghost moved in such a deep and powerful way that many just travailed in prayer for lengthy periods of time.



Then, Thursday night God sealed the Convention with such a great spirit of faith and the worship was completely off the charts, both before and after Elder Couch preached. On multiple nights we saw people passed out in the spirit.

The building was incredibly hot with the outside temperature reaching into the mid 80's at night, and that was much cooler



than inside the building. Many were totally exhausted from worshipping, fatigued by the incredible heat in the building. Pray that God makes a way for a new venue and an A.I.M. National Headquarters with an open air Tabernacle.

After the convention was complete and much A.I.M. business taken care of, Saturday we were off to the island of Leyte. After a visit to a wild monkey preserve, we climbed high on a mountain and then took the fastest way down: a zip line!



Sunday was great church with Elder Jerry Bohol and their church family. The beautiful new building in Esperanza pastored by Elder Bohol is a beautiful testimony to what God will do for His people when His

glory is what we seek.

Monday it was back to Cebu and preparations for the long trip back to America.. We are back home now, but I guess part of us is always there in the Philippines.



Elder David Ogle Reporting