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Pray for Ann and Bruce Borquist working with Christian leaders in the Asia-Pacific Region to grow the ministry of the church in a variety of ways.



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Ann and Bruce serve as regional consultants with partner Baptist conventions in the Asia-Pacific Region, including Cambodia, Indonesia, New Zealand, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam. They work alongside national leaders to build capacity in theological education, church-based community and economic development, servant leadership, social entrepreneurship, cross-cultural global servant training and ministry with refugees.

They write -You often hear from us that in today's world *all* God's people are working together in God's mission 'from everywhere to everyone,' as missiologist and friend Samuel

Escobar described it. Ann's recent ministry trip to the Philippines was a marvelous demonstration of this new reality.

The Convention of Philippine Baptist Churches' (CPBC) biennial assembly focused on the theme 'Partnership in Mission.' Ann and international guests from South Africa, Korea, Northeast India, North America and Brazil were invited to challenge participants with the message that Philippine Baptists are senders and supporters as well as receivers. Ann spoke on 'Challenges and Opportunities in Diaspora Mission' – how CPBC can participate in God's mission through the thousands of Filipinos who work outside the country as nurses, engineers, seafarers and other professionals.

What a joy it was that our good friend and colleague Pr. Filipe Espíndola from Brazil was invited. Filipe is the president of the ministers' association of the National Baptist Convention in Brazil and is also a gifted musician and worship leader. He offered workshops on the 'Pastoring of Pastors' program he leads in Brazil and a seminar on worship and Ann offered a workshop on women in leadership in the New Testament. It was a rich time of fellowship and ministry as they visited and spoke at churches, Bible schools, and hospitals. Pastor Filipe returned to Brazil with many inspiring stories to encourage churches and pastors there.

The leader of the Convention wrote -Thank you for the precious time you spent with us during our Biennial Assembly, and especially the time that you and Pastor Filipe spent with our pastors and churches in the remote places of Antique! I tell you, that great gesture of love and concern for the needs of our pastors and churches here in the Philippines has really made a deep impact in our lives.

Please pray with us:

- That God would bless and grow the new partnership between Filipino and Brazilian Baptists.
- That God would use us to encourage and empower Baptist partners in Indonesia. Leaders of the Union of Indonesian Baptist Churches have asked us to offer training for churches in cross cultural worker member care and for coordinators of a new nation-wide children's mentoring program, as well as to lay the foundation for a new church-based social entrepreneurship program.