



Out from the bar-into God

Lovi is a former bar manager in the red light district of San Fernando. She decided to receive Jesus and follow Him. She is now hosting cell group in her home every week.

“I am very thankful to God because in the year 2020 we came to know Christ as our Lord and Savior. We were water baptized, and received a new life. Even in the pandemic, my husband got a job. My daughter and I joined the Encounter God Retreat and have attended Post-Encounter discipleship training. We were also able to study through the city’s Alternative Learning School.

These bar girls that Lovi was managing prior to her conversion, left with her when she separated from the bar owners. They went back to their home provinces and have begun a new start.

My New Year’s Resolution:

“I will serve Jesus joyfully through the church’s ministries, because it is only in Him that I find real joy and love. I will continue doing my devotions, join our weekly cell group, attend Sunday service, continue in discipleship trainings & serve in God’s kingdom.”

Lovi’s husband got a job, but needed transportation, so we bought him a bicycle to ride to work.





**“Life is not about money.
It’s all about Jesus.”**

Mike is the manager of one of the bars in the former red light district.

He keeps inviting his friends, the bar girls, and other bar managers & owners (and even people he doesn’t know) to come to church.

Watch this short video clip: alltheworld.org/mike

John Stephen “Jake” MacLeod (1952 - 2021) was welcomed into the arms of his Lord and Savior after a brief but valiant battle with Covid-19.

Jake was baptized by Stanley Shipp while at Cornell University. He later went to school at Abilene Christian University where he met his future wife of 46 years and Tim’s cousin, Connie McLeod (spelled without the extra “a”). He later graduated from the University of Texas at Austin. He enjoyed a successful career in the wireless/cellular communications industry. Jake was Principal Vice President and Chief Technology Officer at Bechtel Corporation, before he retired and established his own consulting company, Greybeards Consulting.



Jake was a builder; of both things and people. He led a mission team to the Philippines in 2010 and later returned to build a 1500-seat worship and recreation center, which is soon to be inaugurated. He has spent countless hours planning, organizing, raising funds, designing, and physically working in this project that he wholeheartedly believes will be used by God to bring salvation and transformation to thousand and thousands of Filipinos. Jake was dearly loved and considered ‘family’ (“Uncle Jake”) by so many Christians in the Philippines.

Watch tribute video: alltheworld.org/jake

God has used Jake to help us accomplish what we never could have done without his help. He will be greatly missed, even while his influence and legacy carries on in the hearts and minds of those who were impacted by his unique ministry and example as a godly man, husband, father, and Christian.



The Power of Forgiveness

(1:26 video clip: alltheworld.org/paolo)

Paolo is the fruit of our decision to offer free WiFi all around the church Center. He first came just barely close enough to connect to the wifi signal. As he heard the word of God and experienced the love of the believers, he soon became a believer and obeyed the gospel. Paolo got plugged in to a cell group and began serving faithfully. Eventually, he was hired by the church to lead the multimedia team.

Paolo's testimony - "In this world, the normal response of children left by their parents is to have resentment towards them. I was also abandoned by my father when I was 10 years old. We no longer have communication with each other. As I was growing up, I blamed my father for why I did not finish school. I harbored a grudge against him, but when I met Christ, He changed my heart."

God taught me to forgive the people who have hurt me, and that includes my father. I forgave him. I made a way to show it to him, like sending messages and tagging him in my posts on Facebook. Just recently, my dad asked for forgiveness. I told him that I forgive him.

Because I consistently showed love to my dad; soon, he also showed love to me. He is now also sending me messages, commenting on my Facebook posts & sending me gifts. I've learned that it's not because other people do it, I should do it too. I can be DIFFERENT from others, you can too."

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alltheworld.org/building