

The purpose of MMI is to disciple people for evangelism and service.

MMI CALENDAR

January 1	Cristo Salva Church	Tulsa, Oklahoma
January 4	Covenant Service – Wesley UMC	Shawnee, Oklahoma
January 8	Crossroads Community Bible Church	Mannford, Oklahoma
January 8-12	Superintendent Retreat	St. Simons' Island, Georgia
January 13	Spiritual Dimensions of Mental Health Course	St. Gregory's University
January 15	Bridging the Gap Church	Tulsa, Oklahoma
January 16	Pastoral Care and Counseling Course	St. Gregory's University

DEVOTIONALS

Walking by faith in Jesus Christ will produce certain rhythms in your life including weekly worship, monthly study and yearly celebrations. In this month's devotional we are including the Cornerstone Celebrations that occurred throughout the Christian year. We have just finished Advent and Christmas which celebrates the Incarnation and the Birth of Jesus Christ. The next celebration is the Epiphany of our Lord on January 6th which includes the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12); the Baptism of Jesus (Luke 3:21-22); and Jesus turning water into wine (John 2:1-11). Epiphany means a revelation or an uncovering of God's glory.

After Epiphany Christians celebrate Lent which is 40 days of fasting, prayer and abstinence. This is a time to examine our lives and learn to commit ourselves fully to the mission of Jesus Christ. Lent turns into Holy Week and Good Friday which we focus on the suffering death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Holy and Great Saturday is noted as a day for rest and prayer.

The Resurrection at Easter is known as one of the great Christian celebrations and last for 50 days (Matthew 28:1-10). The Resurrection changes everything: how we live by faith, how we live in community, how we live in the world, and how we live in eternity. It should be noted that in America, Easter is the second most attended service after Christmas Eve. The third most attended service is Mother's Day which is the second Sunday of May.

The last of the major Christian holidays is Pentecost which is celebrated 50 days after Easter and was a major holiday in the early church (1 Corinthians 16:8-9 and Acts 20:16). It is the Feast of Harvest and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Many Christians are baptized on Pentecost Sunday and fasting and kneeling are reestablished after the Sunday's service.

Complete teachings are available, in English and Spanish. If you would like them sent to you, please contact Mid-America Conference office at macusa21@att.net or 405.732.0648.



MMI CELEBRATION

This month MMI would like to celebrate the Philippine General Conference and its emphasis on evangelism over the last 40 years. The ministry of 2 Timothy 2:2 is to raise up evangelists who preach the word of God and live holy lives. MMI believes that evangelists are to engage in a practical Christianity including 1) offering their bodies as a temple of the Holy Spirit; 2) renewing their mind (Romans 12:2); 3) examining their life to make sure it aligns with the word of God (Romans 12:3-8); and 4) to live their faith by the grace of God and through the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 12:9-11). We dedicate this issue to the Philippine evangelists and families who have sacrificed so much for the community of God.

PHILIPPINES

David Da-anoy– At present he is serving in our church in Uhaw, General Santos City in Southern Mindanao Annual Conference.

Willy Abrao– Died in 2010 due to Lung cancer. He died while actively serving in the ministry among the Street Children with our Ahon Street Children ministry.

Saturnino Nalam- He is serving as the Pastor of Malimono FMC. He is a gifted and passionate soul-winner and a church planter. He is a man of prayer. He is my prayer partner and prayer warrior. He always join me in all General Conference initiated (40 days, 21 Days, 7 Days) Prayer and Fasting.

Rey Masumbol - He is presently pastoring in Tagbilaran Free Methodist Church in Bohol, the only FM church on the island. He also serves as the District Superintendent.

Ephraim Agupita - He is pastoring RTR Free Methodist Church in Agusan del Norte at the same time serving as the District 2 Superintendent of the Northern Mindanao Conference.

Benny Minggong - He is no longer serving in the FMC but effective pastoring in Kidapawan City under Vineyard Christian Fellowship.

James Paniamogan - At present he is the Lead Pastor of Butuan City Free Methodist Church.

Jun Penaloga - He is serving as the Leader Pastor of Prosperidad FMC at the same time serving as the Conference Superintendent of Eastern Mindanao Conference.

Nomer Golez - He is serving as the Lead Pastor of Lianga, FMC in Surigao del Sur.

Victor Amandoron - He retired already. He was a faithful pastor until he retired.

Manny Manongsong - Serving as the Pastor of the newly church established in Baguio City in Luzon. A very passionate church planter. Former superintendent of Northern Philippine Conference.

Rosendo Campos - He passed away last May 20,2003. He died due to heart attack while serving the Senior Pastor of Prosperidad Free Methodist Church in Eastern Mindanao Conference.

Tito Clemente - Presently serving as the Lead Pastor of Oceans of Life Ministries Free Methodist Church in Luzon. Discipling leaders and planting churches in Metro Manila and Provinces of Northern Philippines. Quezon City (Manila), District Leader

Tim Crusado - Pastor Timothy Cruzado died due to stroke.

Rodel Barro - Presently teaching in Light and Life Bible College and helping the Butuan City FMC in discipling-making.

Edgar Tuazon - Serving as Associate Pastor of Matina Free Methodist Church, in Davao City. He will retire this year.

Allan Prochina - Presently, serving as the Lead Pastor of Cebu Free Methodist Church at the same time serving as the Superintendent of Inter-Island Conference of Visayas.

Linda Dalago - Retired.

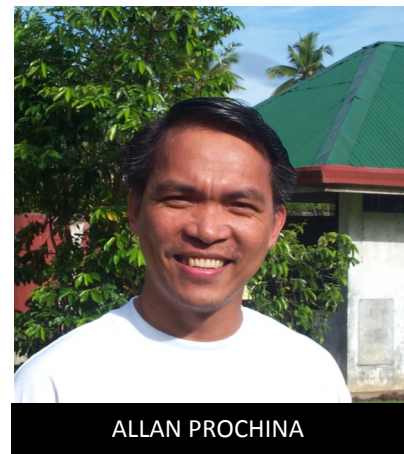
Merlinda Villanueva - She retired two years ago but still helping her husband in the pastoral work in Antongalon FMC in Butuan City who is also the Superintendent of Northern Mindanao Conference

Gloria Golez - Retired.

Phoebe Curada - She retired 3 years ago but still active in works of the local in Toril FMC in Davao City. She is actively involved in Conference ministries on Training Leaders.

Tony Nidea - He retired as pastor in Northern Philippine Conference.

Alan Bacus - I now serve as the Bishop of the Philippine General Conference of the FMC. I was supported by 2 Timothy 2:2 when I started a youth movement in the Philippines called Campus Light Friendship Club. Now, it spreads all over the Philippines and other countries among Overseas Filipino Workers. Now we are intentionally using the Campus ministry as the Tool for the movement that we are doing called "FREE LIFE Community."





Evangelism Styles

1. **Confrontational** – to present Christ in an assertive manner to strangers
 - a. Philip as in Acts 8:26-40
 - b. Operation Rescue, Street Preachers
2. **Proclamational** – to present Christ through the avenue of public speaking
 - a. Peter in Acts 2:14-40
 - b. Billy Graham
3. **Testimonial** – to experience the miraculous and be able to tell about it
 - a. The Blind Man in John 9:17-27
 - b. Joni Erickson Tada
4. **Relational** – to share what the Lord has done for you with those around you
 - a. Gerasenes Demoniac in Mark 5:18-20
 - b. The person who leads you to Christ
5. **Invitational** – to bring others to places where verbal evangelism is offered
 - a. The woman at the well in John 4:28-30
 - b. Crusade or Revival
6. **Incarnational** – to love pre-Christians to Christ
 - a. Dorcas in Acts 9:32-43
 - b. Mother Teresa
7. **Intellectual** – to convince non-believers to become Christian through persuasive facts
 - a. Paul in Acts 9:1-19
 - b. C.S. Lewis, Josh McDowell and Ravi Zacharias
8. **Inspirational** – to receive clear divine direction to present Christ to a person
 - a. Ananias in Acts 9:17-19
 - b. John Wimber



FRIENDS of HOPE AFRICA UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES that
AFRICAN MISSION HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION
has awarded the
INAUGURAL GERSON L'CHAIM PRIZE OF \$500,000
TO DR JASON FADER OF KIBUYE HOPE HOSPITAL IN BURUNDI

Dr. Jason Fader is the only surgeon at Kibuye Hope Hospital training medical students each year and caring for patients in the hungriest nation. He is also a faculty member of Hope Africa University. This prize is a first-ever Gerson L'Chaim Prize by African Mission Healthcare Foundation for Outstanding Christian Medical Missionary Service. (AMHF) is founded by New York entrepreneur Mark Gerson and his friend, Dr. Jon Fielder, a medical missionary serving in Kenya.

Friends of Hope Africa congratulates Dr Fader on this accomplishment. "Because of this prize, hundreds of people will walk, thousands will receive care, and tens of thousands will be helped by the doctors we will train," Dr. Fader said.

The team at [AMHF](#) carefully chose the four finalists for this award and remind us of the many missionary doctors who, forsaking every comfort and convenience, bring skilled, compassionate care to the continent's poor.

With the L'Chaim prize, Dr. Fader and his colleagues will:

- ☑ add critically needed hospital beds at rural Kibuye Hope Hospital
- ☑ create Burundi's first postgraduate medical training
- ☑ expand lower-limb fracture care in a nation that travels by foot

"It's hard to overstate the effect," Fader said. "In one of the world's poorest countries, a prize of this magnitude, in one hospital, is far reaching."



In Burundi only 13 surgeons serve 10 million people. Fader and his on-the-ground team at Kibuye Hope Hospital have trained doctors, increased surgical procedures, and upgraded and expanded medical facilities. Since 2013, the team has served at the Kibuye Hope Hospital, the teaching hospital for Hope Africa University Medical School.

Friends of Hope Africa University, the Indiana-based self-supported fundraising organization for Hope Africa University are proud to announce Dr Fader's receipt of this prize from the Africa Mission Healthcare Foundation and honor his work and training of students and medical graduates of the University.

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