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Dear Friends,

A year ago, we started a series of prayer letters around the theme of starting churches.

Jan.-Feb. 2025 Starting a Bible College

March-April 2025 Starting more Bible Colleges through the graduates of IBC Part 1

May-June 2025 Starting more Bible Colleges through the graduates of IBC Part 2

July- Aug. 2025 Training married men in churches of our graduates who will start churches

Sept.-Oct. 2025 Sending out foreign missionaries Part 1 Haiti

Jan.-Feb. 2026 Sending out foreign missionaries Part 2 Africa

In part one we highlighted the foreign missionaries in Haiti. This newsletter is about missionaries sent to Africa.

MARIO GENADA-MISSIONARY IN ZAMBIA



Mario Genada is the younger brother of Juanito Genada, one of the missionaries in Haiti. I mentioned in our last prayer letter that Juanito was able to win all his eight brothers and sisters to Christ while he was in Bible College except for Mario. He was living with a priest in his home place and when Juanito would ask his brother to come to Iloilo City so he could witness to him the priest wouldn't allow him to come. One day Juanito had an idea. His graduation service was coming up, and he asked Mario to ask the priest if he could attend his graduation. The priest probably thought "What could happen at a graduation ceremony?" So, he allowed Mario to attend. We always have an invitation at graduation so visitors who are open to the Lord can receive Christ as Savior. Mario came to the service and got saved! Mario came to IBC and graduated. While here in Bible college, he met Dianah his wife. They got married and have been in Zambia, Africa for 28 years now.

Mario Genada, Zambia missionary and his wife Dianah right before they left for Africa.

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A little girl named Dianah, who was raised by her blind aunt, started attending one of the Extension Classes in her neighborhood in 1979 here in Iloilo City. I had been in that home. It is the smallest home I have ever been in, about 4 feet by 6 feet. Dianah received Christ as Savior at one of the classes and started riding one of the jeepneys that was picking up children in that area for Sunday School. When she became a teenager, she joined the youth group of IBC and later surrendered to go to Bible College. In 1985 she enrolled at Iloilo Baptist College and graduated in 1990. After graduation, she went to work as the Dean of Ladies at the new Bible College started by Pastor Billy Caalem, an IBC graduate. While in Bible School she fell in love with Mario Genada, who worked on the IBC staff for 5 years and then surrendered to go as a missionary to Zambia. Together they went to Zambia in 1996 and started a church and Bible School. When Becky and I first visited them in 2010, we attended his pastors conference. Below are more than 40 pastors who he had trained at that time.

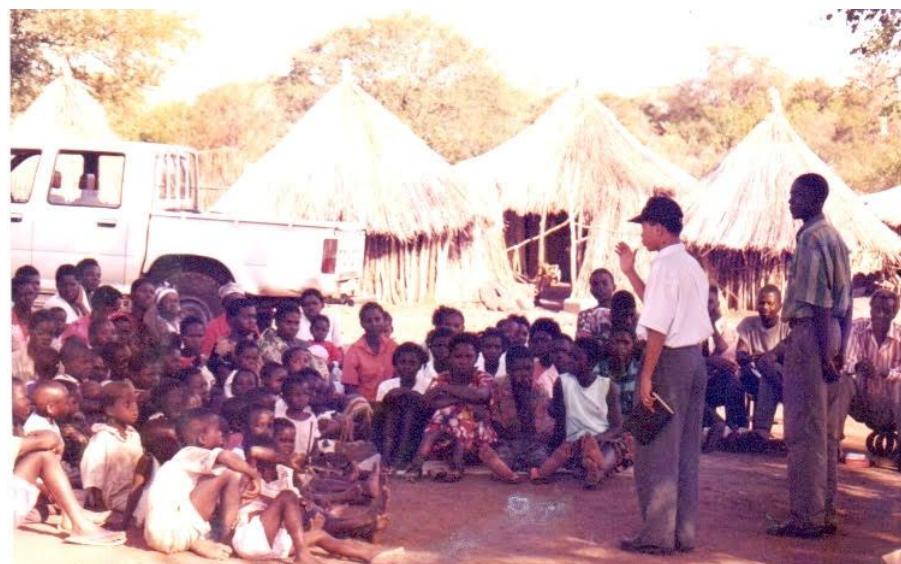


His church is in the city of Livingstone



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One of his members leading a young man to Christ



Children's Ministry

Bro. Mario loved to travel to villages to preach. This picture was taken about 25 years ago.

Bro. Mario started a Bible College with the goal of training men to start churches. Here is a picture at a graduation service.



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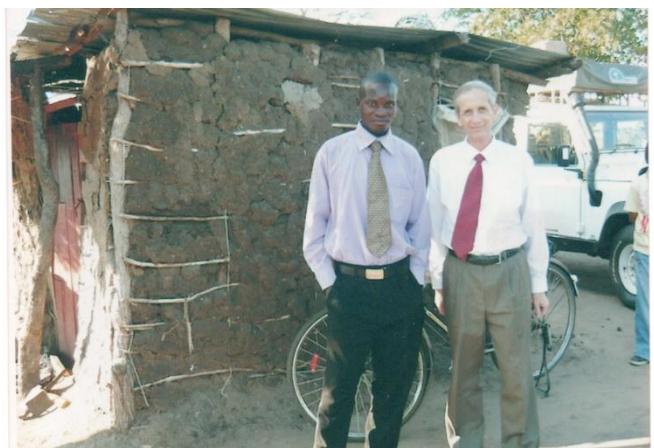


Bro. Mario travels to see his graduates and will spend a day or two speaking to the men his graduates are training to preach. The Lord has blessed this ministry with many churches being started. Below you can see the train Mario was on to get to one of his churches. He brought some of his staff members on this 10-hour train ride. After that they got on bikes and traveled for 50 kilometers (about 30 miles). Besides a 30-mile bike ride, they also had to walk a long way!

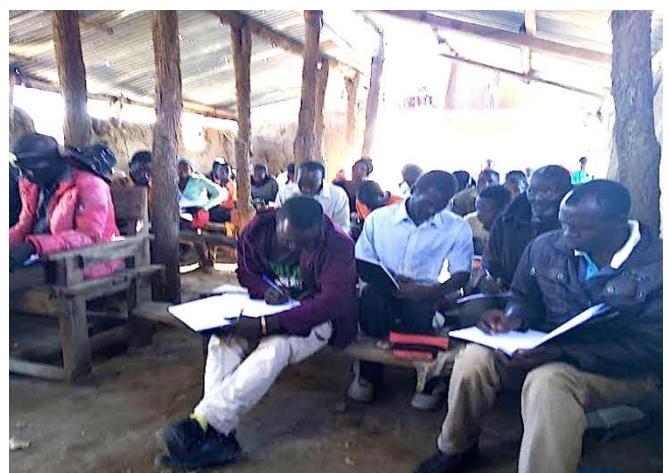


His graduates start churches by faith. This church is a very primitive building with dried mud for the walls. When it rains hard the walls begin to fall apart and so they just put up another mud wall.

This graduate started this church in a place next to the Zambezi River. You can see the bicycle that rides everywhere he goes. Bikes are very helpful for those who pastor in the rural areas.



In the session below he is teaching some of his pastors and some of the men who are members in their churches. His graduates train these men to start a church. It is a good strategy to start churches.



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Pastors baptizing in crocodile infested rivers.

JOSUE SATURNERO- MISSIONARY IN UGANDA

Josue Satunero has been in Uganda for 23 years. Below is Brother Josue with his wife Renellyn when they first went to Uganda. His daughter, Eljane graduated from IBC about 4 years ago and has been working on the staff. She is very close to my wife Becky and works with her in the ministry. She is a very hard worker.

Below Eljane is leading these female officers to Christ who visited our church.



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Bro. Satunero started a church in Lira, Uganda about 23 years ago.



They also baptize in the river.

School ministry for high school students.



Bible college graduation

Church started by one of his graduates



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Church building being built in Uganda.



Bro. Josue has started about 35 churches through his ministry.

EDUARD CALIBAYAN- MISSIONARY IN ZAMBIA

Eduard Calibayan has been in Zambia for 17 years. His oldest two sons, Daniel, second from the left and Denard, second from the right, are both preparing to go back to Zambia as missionaries. They both graduated from IBC a year ago.

In 2010, Becky and I visited his one-year-old church that was meeting under some trees. (picture next page) Bro. Mario Genada, who is also in Zambia, told me that Bro. Calibayan was the hardest working person he knew.



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Later his church built this wooden church building.

Wooden church buildings don't last very long because of the termites.



Later when the church had grown he and his members built this building. His church is named Sesheke Baptist Church. Sesheke is the place where Missionary David Livingstone discovered the Zambezi River which flows into Victoria Falls.

Christian Barrientos- Missionary to Mozambique

Christian is a 2010 graduate of IBC and is currently on deputation. He has taken a survey trip and is hoping to get to Mozambique later this year. Please pray for him.

Ernest Paul Ajito- Missionary to South Sudan

Ernest Paul grew up in our church, and his father was our youth director for fourteen years. In 2004, his father, Ernelito Ajito started a church in Santa Barbara, Iloilo and later started a Bible College there. His Bible College graduates have started 12 churches. Now they have their first missionary, his son, Ernest Paul. He was always very quiet and also serious about serving the Lord. He made a trip to South Sudan recently and now is on deputation. One of the ways the missionaries can raise their support is to have them go to the area meetings we have each month for the graduates. These meetings are in 14 different locations with 10 of them being our region and 4 outside this region. Instead of the missionary having to travel to all the churches the pastors at the area meetings will support the missionaries that speak at these meetings. Please pray for him.



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PRAYER REQUESTS AND OTHER NEWS:

MISSIONARIES IN HAITI UPDATE

Pray for Leny Funtecha's permanent resident Visa. He has been working in the Dominican Republic and recently started a church there. He is trying to get a permanent resident visa but had to go out of the country and back to the Philippines to apply.

Juanito Genada has a man in his church, a missionary who is on deputation to go to Senegal in Africa. Please pray for the churches in Haiti as they step out by faith to send out missionaries. Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. They remind me much of the poor Macedonian Christians who sacrificed to help the Apostle Paul financially even though they were living in deep poverty.

In a recent newsletter we mentioned how these two missionaries that are in Haiti are sending out their graduates from their Bible College to the Dominican Republic. There are at least 16 of them that have gone to the Dominican Republic and started a church.

Brother Genada's church is also sending out a graduate as a missionary to Mexico. The missionary is Dyrold Silenceux and has already made a survey trip to Mexico and is now on deputation in Haiti. I can just imagine how dangerous it must be to be traveling in Haiti going from place to place. Please pray for his safety.

Lastly, Becky and I want to thank each of you that help this ministry. You have been so kind, giving either your time, prayers or finances to get the gospel out around the world. We are so grateful!

God bless,

Rick and Becky Martin