

# the BRIDGE

*Bridging Cultures  
for Christ*



## Big Thoughts... ...For Little People

Today, 35,000 children will die of malnutrition. According to asiacompassion.com, this year 1,000,000 children will join the booming industry of sexual exploitation and prostitution. Statistics such as these have been the driving force for the Church's decade-long emphasis (2002-2012) on children and youth. Dan Balayo, the Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Director of Child Development for the Asia Pacific region notes, "Children are doors; children are links to families. It is the family; it is the community—the entire family circle that we want to bring to the Lord. Salvation is not only personal, but it is familial and communal."

In response to these startling numbers, Asia-Pacific Nazarene Theological

Seminary is taking a "cutting-edge" step forward in preparing Christlike disciples for effectiveness in our globe's hurting context. Last month, President Dr. Floyd Cunningham joined with more than 400 participants from around the globe at the International Cutting Edge Conference in Wheaton, IL. The conference largely dealt with global church-based initiatives in holistic childhood development.

Eighty-percent receive Christ before the age of 14. Cunningham notes that APNTS, being in the heart of the Philippines, is a strategic setting for the beginning the HCD program because "there are so many children involved in poverty and prostitution. They are in a stage in life in which they are more open to the

gospel than any other age group in the world." Cunningham Emphasized that it is right for the seminary to focus attention on this hugely neglected group of people are said to be the easiest to evangelize.

Attending this conference represents larger dreams and initiatives for both APNTS and the Church of the Nazarene. "My going was in conjunction with having begun an HCD (Holistic Childhood Development) program here in our summer modules." The vision of APNTS is to offer a doctoral program in Holistic Childhood Development under the Asia Graduate School of Theology. This initiative represents a unique movement in the graduate world. APNTS will be a forerunner in the field of Holistic Childhood Development at the graduate level. 🌍



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## APNTS Fast Facts

For 25 years, APNTS has been committed to "Bridging Cultures for Christ." With its strategic location in the heart of the Asia-Pacific Region, a diverse pallet of peoples and cultures is always anticipated, each having a unique call into Christian Service.

### New Students:

Origin Country:	Degree Saught:	
Philippines	M. Divinity	22
South Korea	Communication	3
Myanmar	Religious Ed.	4
USA	Theology	3

**Total New Students: 32**

### Total Students:

Origin Country:	Degree Saught:	
Philippines	M. Divinity	57
South Korea	Communication	22
Myanmar	Religious Ed.	12
Japan	Theology	6
USA		3

**Total Enrollment: 97**

# Bridging Cultures: Accelerated English Program

--Beverly Gruver  
Program Director

APNTS continues to partner with Korean Nazarene University to provide an accelerated English program for students during their semester breaks. A recent group of twenty-one eager, energetic, enthusiastic young people arrived on the APNTS campus for six weeks of intensive English study. Along with six credit units of academic classes, they are also paired with current APNTS students for one-on-one tutoring five hours each week. This provides intensive language practice, and even more importantly, deep friendships are formed and life changing encounters happen.

In addition to the classes and tutoring, the students live in Naza-



reth Hall, eat in the dining hall, attend chapel, and are enveloped into the campus community. Faculty members host them to Friday night dinners. Weekends include fellowship in local churches, shopping, and tours to places of interest in the Philippines. One student remarked, "We could study English in Korea, but we could not meet the people and have the experiences we have here." They have returned to a new semester at KNU more changed than they imagined. 🌐

## 25<sup>th</sup> APNTS Anniversary Celebration

This November, Asia-Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary is celebrating its 25th Anniversary!

This four-day event will include visits from our former presidents, Alumni and more!

### Events Include:

#### NOVEMBER 17

Fairbanks International School of Communication Re-Christening Ceremony

#### NOVEMBER 18

Foundation Day Celebration

#### NOVEMBER 18-20

Anniversary Celebration

#### NOVEMBER 20

Inauguration of the 5th President of APNTS, Dr. Floyd Cunningham.

### MissionFest 2008

On August 11-16, a week-long missions event was held on the APNTS Campus. Speakers challenged students and participants to prayer and commitment to mission. Various missions agencies set up booths and displays throughout the week. Workshops were presented on new and current missions efforts. Other events included a choir from Mindanao and youth team from Golden Hills. The week culminated with a day of missions emphasis to children and young people.

### APNTS Faculty Updates

- **Dr. Mitchel Modine** - Has recently joined as full-time teaching faculty in Old Testament.
- **Dr. Lee San Young** - Is returning this semester as full-time teaching faculty in Pastoral Ministries and Asian Religions.
- **Dr. Robert Bickert** - Long-time missionary to the Philippines continues as adjunct for Missions and Discipleship.
- **Dick Eugenio** - Is a recent graduate of APNTS and has been working as adjunct professor in Theology. He is working on his Ph.D at Manchester Nazarene Theological College.

### All-Culture Potluck

- A recent Philippine national holiday provided the perfect opportunity for all campus cultures to come together and celebrate our diversity. Japanese, Korean, Filipino, Burmese and American traditional games were played. The evening concluded with a potluck featuring a vast diversity of foods from our various campus cultures. After a night of food and games, everyone left with a full stomach, and a deeper sense of belonging.

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