



# The BRIDGE

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## “Where do we go from here?”

By Jarrett Davis

“Where are we?” “Where do we go from here?” These are familiar questions to anyone who has ever reached a milestone and continued onward. Questions such as these are always asked at particular “points of intersection” in our lives. They are moments of intense listening and prayer. They are both meeting points and parting points; they are points of arrival and points of departure.

This April, thirteen APNTS students received their degrees. In doing this, they came to a significant juncture in their lives, where they, no doubt, found themselves asking the same questions. These students join the over 350 graduates to leave APNTS since the school’s inception in 1987. Eleven students graduate with their Master’s in Divinity (8 from the Philippines, one from Korea, one from Myanmar, and one from the USA). One student (from the Philippines) graduates with his Master’s in Christian Communication, and one student (from Korea) graduates with her Master’s in Religious Education, and three students (two from Korea and one from the Philippines) receive their graduate diplomas in Christian Communication.

The 2010 Graduation weekend brought together Graduates, Families, faculty, current students, and special guests. Joining the guests, was Nazarene General Superintendent, Dr. Jerry Porter who delivered an encouraging address to the graduates and those in attendance.

Alongside of Graduation activities, APNTS Board of Trustee Members joined the APNTS Administration in similarly asking, “Where are we” and “where do we go from here.” These questions came over the course of a productive and informative series of meetings over the course of Graduation weekend. The meetings involved a constructive look the path traveled by APNTS over the course of the 2009-2010 school year and looked hopefully into plans and projects that are being dreamed (and realized) for the near and coming future.

Evaluative questions such as these are essential those traveling on the path that God has prepared. Over the next few issues of “The Bridge,” we hope to take you with us as we share some of the exciting answers to these important questions. Wherever the path may lead, we go in God’s guidance.

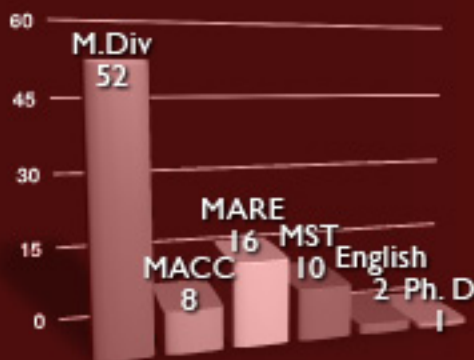


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Pictured:  
Ro Ding Liana (Dinga)  
Graduate - M. Div  
from Myanmar

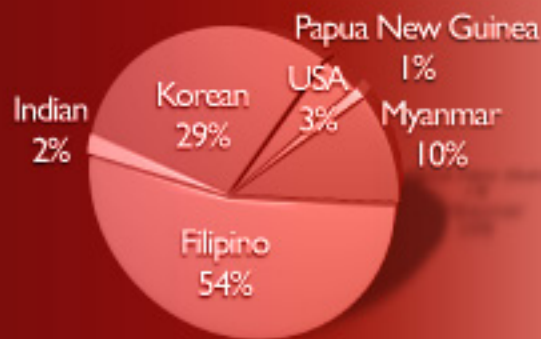
## Fast Facts:

...about 2009-2010 enrollment



APNTS is an international faith community representing 47 different nations and cultures. The graphs on the right and left represent the 2009-2010 APNTS Student Body.

The graph on the left shows a distribution of students among the degree programs offered at APNTS. The right is a composite of the nationalities currently represented by the student Body.



# Article: Keith Killen

By Angelo Sevidalv

Keith Killen, a volunteer for mission corp., is on a two month assignment at APNTS to help with planning for the Board of Trustees meeting, assessing the institution's current status in light of the five year plan he issued in November of 2006, and to provide some construction planning assistance. Keith is a retired project manager and team facilitator and is now using his education and training to help the church. He serves as an associate pastor and administrator for a new start church in Dayton, OH.

The seminary has come through a period of significant changes in leadership, faculty, staff, facilities, and focus since he left in 2006. Keith points out that every individual and institution must accept and deal with change. However, when change comes at too rapid a pace, it can cause normal stress to become distress and limit the person or institution's ability to effectively cope. Therefore, as much as is possible, change needs to be planned and managed in such a way to allow the entity to absorb those changes. If change is planned effectively, it is very healthy. But if it comes too fast, it can cause chaos and confusion. And, if it comes too slow, the person or institution may fall behind and become stagnant. So, it is important to maintain a plan of steady, continuous improvement.

Keith is also helping the campus architect, Eric Sanchez; put together a schedule for finishing the second floor of the NCEE building. This will be somewhat of a challenge as the plan includes using 20 different work and witness teams from the United States. So, it will be important to stage the work in phases to coincide with team arrival and to coordinate contract resources and materials.

This is Keith's fourth trip to APNTS since 2005. While he comes to work, he notes that every trip has been a learning and sharing experience and he feel he gains much more than he gives. Keith says he has learned that God leads him to places where he needs to be for his own growth and maturity. He may be used while he is there, but God always does so much more.

# Article: Overview of President's Year-End Report

"This has been a great and unforgettable year in the life of APNTS," said APNTS President Dr. Floyd T. Cunningham before a gathered group of Trustees, Faculty, staff and friends. The evening carried the air of quiet excitement and thankful reflection as the president reflected on a year of calamity, compassion, expansion and growth.

The school's theme for this year came from Psalm 145:8, "The Lord is Gracious and Compassionate—a theme which was intended to fit the school's ongoing and expanding mission to the children and families that surround the school in the Kaytikling Area. Throughout the school year, the appropriateness of this theme become increasingly evident as the student body was given abundant and unforeseen opportunities to demonstrate grace and compassion in the midst of calamity.

For several days the APNTS compound became a refuge providing food and shelter for some 300 evacuees after a typhoon brought a catastrophic flood to the Metro Manila area. Students and faculty went through their closets and cupboards finding food and supplies to help those affected by the flood. Several weeks later APNTS partnered with Work and Witness teams from California and the Ukraine to provide a free medical clinic for many members of the same communities affected by the flood.

Months later, students witnessed a devastating fire burn through the very same area. Through this, the school had the opportunity to respond and stand beside those who were suffering loss. Cunningham adds, "We have no silver or gold to bring the poor of our community, but such as we have we give in Jesus' name."

This missional drive had its roots in the communities surrounding the Seminary, but it has expanded to some new horizons in the Asia-Pacific Area. The 2009-2010 school year marked the beginning of APNTS' first Master of Ministry Extension Program in Papua New Guinea (PNG). Dr. Geneva Silvernail lead the first classes earlier this semester

and and APNTS professor, Dr. Darin land will provide the next round of courses this summer. Along with expansion to PNG, APNTS is also proposing similar extension programs for Nazarene institutions located in Fiji and Myanmar.

Back on campus, the school celebrated the launching of the first classes for the Ph.D program in Holistic Child Development (HCD), the first Ph.D program to be offered by APNTS. The Ph.D program in HCD has a distinctive edge in that it is the second of its kind in the world, next to Fuller Theological Seminary.

This school year saw the completion and opening of the new Sue Fox Library on the third floor of the Nielson Center for Evangelism and Education (NCEE). This opening included the transfer of the over 30,000 volumes from the old library to the new location.

Concluding his reflection on the past year, Cunningham considered the words of Henri Nouwen who critiqued his own experience of Seminaries saying that, "there was a tendency to live, act, and think as if real life is not here but there, not now but later. This tendency," says Nouwen "makes the formation of community difficult, if not impossible. Community develops where we experience that something significant is taking place where we are." Cunningham concludes that this is his aspiration for APNTS.



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