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Philippines Need: \$19,500

The **Philippines Church Planting & Development (CPD)** fund helps resource the following people and strategic initiatives:

- Training, equipping and supporting a small army of church planters who continue the expansion of God's kingdom in the Philippines
- Training new pastors and church planters, as well as training to strengthen ministries of those who pastor existing churches

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General Conference

- ♦ Population: 112,44,000
- ♦ Evangelical Christians: 13.93%
- ♦ FM Work Opened: 1949
- ♦ FM Churches: 349
- ♦ FM Membership: 34,559
- ♦ Bishop: Alan Bacus
- ♦ Ecclesiastical Accountability: Free Methodist World Conference in partnership with FMWM through Asia Area Director Eric



Bishop Alan Bacus

The Free Methodist Church in the Philippines

Origins

In 1949 missionaries Walter and Gertrude Groesbeck and John and Ruby Schlosser transferred from China to the Philippines. They settled on the island of Mindanao. The first Free Methodist church was constructed at Bunawan. Other missionaries soon joined the two couples. A Bible school was begun in 1955.

Present Ministries

The Philippine FMC, a general conference, has 10 annual conferences, an urban missions district movement called Oceans of Life Ministries, and a church-in-formation among tribal groups. Established churches support and nurture new congregations. Leaders are trained at Light and Life Colleges of the Philippines Foundation (formerly Light and Life Bible College-Butuan City), John Wesley Bible Institute (Manilla), and Light and Life Graduate School of Theology (Bancasi). Schools and feeding programs provide outreach opportunities to children; ICCM sponsors around 1,000 children. FREE LIFE Community (Fully Restored, Equipped and Empowered, Living in Friendship that Evangelizes) is a strategy being used to reach young people. The goal is to have a FREE LIFE Community in key colleges and on university campuses across the Philippines.

Philippine Social Ministries coordinates and supervises social-service ministries. The Philippine FMC also has become an integral missions-sending church.

Pray for:

- ICCM ministries to street children in Davao, Butuan City and Manila as well as the tribal children in several areas
- major urban church-planting initiatives
- the FREE LIFE Community movement and the primary leaders as they seek to reach high-school and university campuses across the Philippines
- missionaries sent out by the Philippine FMC to other Asian countries