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**Life Community Church Senior Pastor Mickey Keith to Depart for Philippines
Mission on Easter Sunday**

On Sunday, March 31, Life Community Church (LCC) Senior Pastor Mickey Keith will depart for the Philippines for a two-week evangelistic mission of support that he began in 1992.

During this annual mission, Keith will represent both LCC and its congregation and the Independent Assemblies (IA), a national organization of approximately 140 independent Christian Churches of which Keith is the organization's president.

Life Community Church maintains a strong emphasis on support for international ministries and the congregation provides ongoing support for missions in Asia, India, Africa and Central America.

In the Philippines, the LCC is a primary supporter of the Charisma Bethel Children's Home (CBCH), located in the city of Surigao on the island of Mindanao. The children's home was founded in 1986 by CBCH Director Pastora Marilou Navarro, who is also president of the Charismatic Full Gospel Ministry (CFGM), an evangelical organization that includes a 1000-member church, a Bible School, the children's home and a network with more than 400 churches and pastors throughout the region.

"Over 25 years, more than a 1,000 orphaned, abandoned or mistreated children have called Charisma Bethel Children's Home their refuge and their salvation," Keith said. "I've known Pastora Navarro for more than 15 years and work she's done to save lives and souls is nothing short of amazing."

Commenting on the ongoing support from LCC, Pastora Navarro said, "Life Community Church contributions have enabled us to continue this children's ministry, providing for everyday needs, like food, education and healthcare. Without this it would be very hard for us to continue in this work."

While in Surigao, during the first week of the mission, Keith will participate in CFGM events that include: speaking at an annual CFGM convention with hundreds of ministers from surrounding islands, participating in activities at the children's home and attending the graduation ceremony for the CFGM Bible School.

During the second week of the mission, Keith will travel to the city of Dumaguete on the island of Negros Oriental, where the Independent Assemblies provides monthly support for the Asian School of Christian Ministry (ASCM). As President of the IA Executive Board, Keith will participate in the annual ASCM Convention and its Bible School graduation on April 11. On behalf of the Independent Assemblies, Keith serves on the ASCM Board, which consists of approximately 90 churches within the region of Negros Oriental.

Keith believes it's important for Life Community Church and the Independent Assemblies to support the missions in the Philippines and in other regions of the world.

"We believe in the 'Great Commission' (Matthew 28: 16-20), which tells us to 'go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,'" Keith said. "And of equal importance, in providing support to these foreign missions and in carrying the Word to others, it comes back to us in spirit."

Life Community Church is located at 330 East 14TH Street in Ada. The church was founded by Senior Pastors Mickey and Glenda Keith in February 2006. For more information about the church, call 580-427-6230, visit the website at www.life623.com or Life Community Church on facebook.

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