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Life Community Church Contributes \$20,000 to Philippines Orphanage

Ada, Okla., April 30, 2013 – “Overwhelming” is how Life Community Church (LCC) Senior Pastor Mickey Keith describes his March 31 – April 17 mission trip to the Philippines and to the \$20,000 in contributions that the LCC congregation has raised this year for Charisma Bethel Children’s Home (CBCH), an orphanage located in the city of Surigao on the island of Mindanao.

“In addition to this generous contribution, Life Community Church has provided monthly financial support to the CBCH since its inception in 2006,” Keith said. “These funds are used specifically for food, education and healthcare for the 60-80 children who live in the orphanage at any given time.”

CBCH Director Patora Marilou Navarro is also the President of the Charismatic Full Gospel Ministry (CFGM), the evangelistic organization that include a 1,000 member central church, a Bible School, a network of more than 400 regional churches and the orphanage. In the 25 years since Navarro founded the orphanage more than 1,000 orphaned or abandoned children have lived in the CBCH home.

“It was gratifying to see how the LCC contributions to orphanage are bearing fruit,” Keith said. “Since my last mission to the Philippines in 2011, they refurbished much of the home’s interior space, including a new kitchen, refinished bathrooms and showers, painted interior and exterior walls and added new playground facilities.”

In addition to Life Community’s local ministries and charitable services, Keith believes the LCC’s foreign mission support in Mexico, India, Africa and other countries is important in the overall mission of the Ada church.

In supporting the Philippines orphanage, Keith cites James 1: 27:

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

“Our contributions to the Charisma Bethel Children’s Home make it possible for these children to survive and thrive,” Keith said. “The children are receiving a Christian education, training for the future and a nurturing home environment.”

While in Surigao, Keith also participated in the CFGM annual convention, speaking to more than 700 delegates and delivering multiple sermons and presentations on a daily basis.

During the second week of the mission, Keith -- as President of the Independent Assemblies-U.S. (IA) Executive Board -- visited the Independent Assemblies-Philippines and the Asian School of Christian Ministry (ASCM) in Dumaguete, a city on the island of Negros Oriental. The Independent Assemblies-U.S. is an evangelical organization of 140 Christian churches in the U.S., which provides a monthly financial contribution to the IA-Philippines to conduct its evangelical mission in the Philippines.

Keith addressed the delegates at IA-Philippines annual convention and participated in the ASCM Bible School graduation that included approximately 30 students. While there, Keith also met with Bobby Pino, president of the International Assemblies-Philippines, an organization with 90 member churches, and with IA-US Director of World Missions Pastor Robert Johnson (Blackwell, Oklahoma) who delivered the commencement address at the ASCM Bible School graduation ceremony. Johnson was instrumental in founding of the IA-Philippines 25 years ago.

Now back in Ada, Keith has provided an update on the Philippines mission trip to the LCC congregation, sharing photographs and commentary on the 2013 event and the mission he began in 1992 and plans to continue in future years.

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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