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Opportunity to Serve in the Philippines

Those who heard Grant Aldridge's presentation when he was home on furlough from the Philippines recently will have heard that Rev. Rustom Marquino, a senior lecturer at the Oro Bible College, is seriously ill.

He has been diagnosed with bone cancer and only by the miraculous intervention of God will he live. **Please pray for him, for his family,** and for the rest of the staff and students at OBC.

The Rev. Marquino's course load has been shared among the other full-time instructors, so the College has been able to fill almost every position for the 2007-2008 Academic Year. The one course that was not filled is **Church Planting and Growth**, a fourth year course normally taught first semester.

You may remember that I was planning to attend an **Asia-Pacific-Advent Christian Planning & Vision Casting Summit** is to be held at the **Oro Bible College in Cagayan de Oro, in the Philippines**, during the last week of October 2007 (refer News Volume 10.2—May 2007). With a certain amount of reservation – obviously our Advent Christian Conference is not the biggest in the world nor the fastest growing – I have offered to teach this course. The **Philippine Commission on Higher Education (CHED)** allows some flexibility in how a course is taught. The plan is to teach the course as a block over the two weeks prior to the Summit.

I look at this as a God given opportunity. Our time with **Reniel Comajeg** (an OBC student who did his internship with us here in New Zealand) inspired me to return to study and I have finished the equivalent of the first year of a **Master of Theological Studies**. It will be a privilege to be able to share some of the fruits of this learning with the students at the College. We in New Zealand have a long-standing relationship with the Oro Bible College and this is a great way to continue that relationship and support them through a difficult time. God willing, all that I learn in preparing to teach will also be of great benefit to our ministry here in New Zealand.

The details are not all 'set in concrete' yet—but **would you please join us in praying?**



Points For Prayer

1. Pray for **Rev. Rustom Marquino and his family.**
2. Pray for **the staff and students at the Oro Bible College.**
3. Pray for **David as he prepares** for a very intensive course.
4. Pray for David as he **arrives in Cagayan de Oro on Monday 15th October.**
5. Pray for **David and for the students** as they study together, 6 hours per day, weekdays, over two weeks from **16th October to the 29th.**
6. Pray again for the **Asia-Pacific Summit in Cagayan de Oro** which will be held from **Oct 31 to Nov 3, 2007.**
7. Pray for **safe travel** for David as he **departs Cagayan de Oro Monday November 5th.**
8. Pray for **Tanya and the Burge children** who will be without their husband and father over this time.
9. Pray that all that David learns as a result of **this opportunity will benefit our ministry here in New Zealand.**
10. Pray for the **provision of finances for the trip.**

Thank you once again for your prayer and support, David Burge.