

May 2014 Team Update

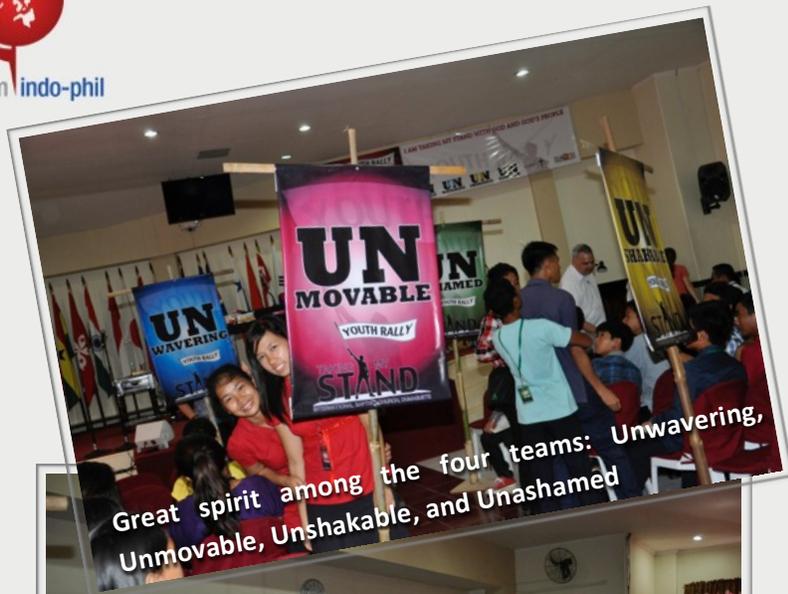
GREAT YOUTH RALLY REPORT



God has allowed our church to reach many young people here in Dumaguete. With so much pressure on young people to become bread winners for their families, it is so important that we reach them before they are too obligated with their life future that serving God seems an impossible option to them.

This year's Youth Rally was a great success in helping our young people to make some great decisions. The theme was "Taking My Stand." This was a one-day youth activity in which we had a couple of other churches participate with us. Bro. Mike Morrissey organized the day and gave two of the three messages; Pastor Randy DeMoville gave the closing message. The Lord did a great work! Twenty-two young people trusted Christ in the morning. Many decisions were made in the evening and those who made specific and public decisions, concerning the stand they would take, were invited to sign their name to a large banner that is now hanging in the front of our high-school Sunday school class as a reminder of their decisions.

Please pray for our young people as the devil is already fighting them by using every means imaginable. Please lift them up in your prayers; we need every one of them to grow in the Lord and to help reach this country and world with the Gospel.



Great spirit among the four teams: Unwavering, Unmovable, Unshakable, and Unashamed



Wonderful to see the auditorium filled with so many young men and women



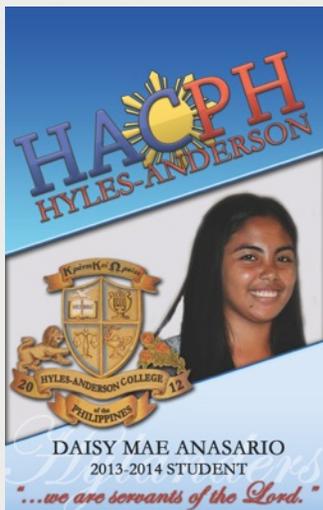
Young people filling the altar at our 2014 Youth Rally



MEET A FILIPINO HYLANDER

Daisy Mae Anasario came to International Baptist Church through one of our faithful families. She graduated from high school locally and had a lot of family pressure to go to secular school so she could get a good job. She wanted to be in Bible college, but her grandfather was very much against the idea, and her mother was not overly excited at the prospect.

Through prayer, God changed the hearts of her family and she excitedly entered Hyles-Anderson College of the Philippines. Daisy Mae is a faithful soul winner and a blessing and encouragement to others. Though her family has given their blessing for her to be in Bible college, she receives no support from them in her studies. Please pray that the Lord will continue to supply her needs.



NEW SCHOOL YEAR

The school year in the Philippines begins in June, and so we are about to start a new semester. We have three men starting school in June. Two of these men

come from ministries away from Dumaguete. One young man just arrived here from the ministry of Missionary Mark Palmani in La Trinidad, and we just learned that Pastor Sandy Villiasis in Iloilo is sending a young man to begin training with us. A young lady from another church will also be starting school.

This brings our current student total to 18. Please pray for our students and staff. It is a joy to serve the Lord and to have a part in the training of future pastors, missionaries, and ministry leaders. Our boarding is at capacity for the men, and we anticipate others starting college within the next year.

THE LORD MOVES PEOPLE

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." - 2 Peter 3:9

We are so grateful for the promises of God. Certainly God has been long-suffering toward all of us in giving men opportunity to come to repentance, but also He is long-suffering toward His own as we continue to grow in grace. What a wonderful and merciful Heavenly Father we have. Oh that all the world would know Him!

The ministry here in Dumaguete continues to grow as God gives us opportunity to impact the lives of others. What a blessing it has been to watch the spiritual growth of so many members. Sometimes it seems we get just a short time to influence some and they are gone, but we trust that God is doing His work.

A college-age young lady was faithful to our church and had started soul winning before her family sent her to help her grandmother in Manila. Though sad to see her go away, we are thankful that we could recommend to her a good church in which she has been faithful and still desires to win souls. We pray we will see her back in Dumaguete soon. Another young man was saved and baptized at our church, then shortly afterward left to Cebu for schooling. He recently returned and we were pleasantly surprised to learn that he had been faithful to attend Bible Baptist Church in Cebu while there. He is back at International Baptist Church faithfully and going soul winning. One of our teenage young men who is a faithful soul winner is moving to Luzon with his family this coming Sunday. Please pray that Wade will become active in a church in his new place and continue to win souls.

Though it is difficult to invest in lives and see them go away, we trust that the Lord has great plans for those lives we've had the privilege to touch.

