

HARVEST USA

A NEWSLETTER OF WORD INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES USA

WISL In Partnership with ASCM and Patten University

Asian Seminary of Christian Ministries

"In April 19, 2021, Monday, Pastor Babes Paulate, Pastor Raheel Rizvi and Dr. Ferdie Melendres had a meeting with the president of Asian Seminary of Christian Ministry Dr. Marc Morris via Zoom, to discuss and finalize the partnership between WISL-USA and ASCM. All that resulted from this fruitful meeting was the 24-credits currently offered by WISL are welcome for transfer credit to ASCM.

This will be part of "ladderization" agreement between WISL-USA and ASCM, and other existing services and opportunities that ASCM could offer to WISL students. Currently, thirteen WISL students are enrolled at ASCM to complete their "Certificate in Ministry" program that may enhance their leadership and pastoral skills."



Patten University

Patten University and WISL signed a Memorandum of Understanding on May 18, 2021. WISL was represented by Pastor Babes Paulate and Dr. Ed Miciano. Patten University with Dr. Blayne Waltrip and Dr. Gary Moncher.

"A big thank you to Pastor Mark for helping make this partnership happen. It is the first of many collaborations for Patten University that will help advance the Kingdom of God. We also signed a MoU between WISL and IMLD. A very fruitful day indeed! Thank you Lord!" ~ Dr. Blayne Waltrip

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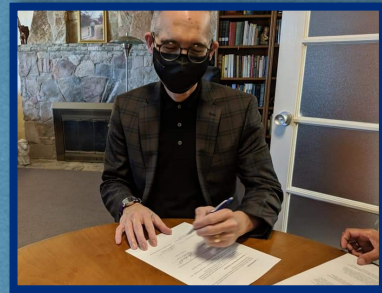
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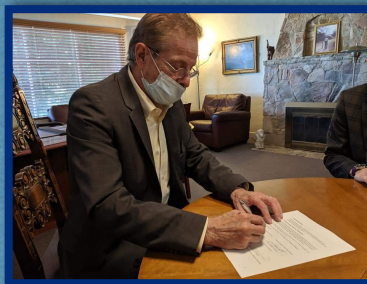
Dr. Blayne Waltrip



Pastor Babes Paulate



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AROUND THE US REGION

WISL

WISL – Online Classes started April 11, 2021

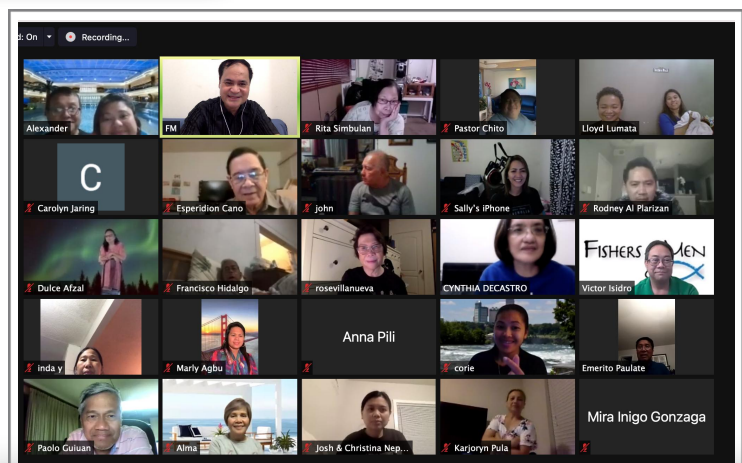
Training the next line of leadership! Training the next generation! Insuring our thriving presence in the future!

Intro to the NT – BS 101: NT Survey

Faculty – Pastor Edwin Hernandez, Pastor Armando Zacarias and Dr. Ferdie Melendres

Systematic Theology – Dr. Ed Miciano

Homiletics – Pastor Ramil Carmen



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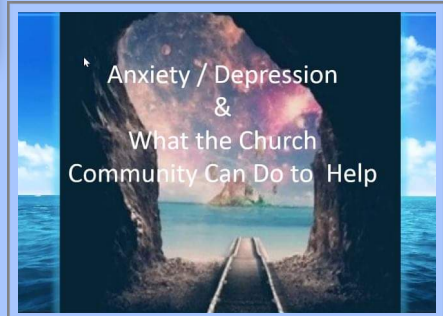
US Pastors Wives

Pastors Wives - Spring / Summer

Chat Room 2021 kick off with Ces Zacarias on **Managing Finances - How To Be A Better Steward in 2021**, January 21, 2021

A 3 part series on **Counseling Women** with Dana Wakabayashi, Vancouver BC started March 13, 2021
Back to Basics in Counseling
Anxiety & Depression
Grief Counseling

Improving Communications with Ces Zacarias, a 2 Part Series started August 7, 2021



LEARNING PATHWAYS

Learning along Different Pathways

- **Re-acting:** Improving a poor result by doing different things from the same frame of reference. This pathway leaves intact the way we framed the situation and those aspects of our models and contexts that informed that framing.
- **Re-framing:** Altering our spontaneous, intuitive understanding of a situation. To see the situation, our tasks, and ourselves in relation to others differently. Reframing can fundamentally change how we act in a particular situation.
- **Re-designing:** Transforming those aspects of our action model or our context that lead us to frame situations in ways that systematically produce undesired results. Sustained fundamental change across situations requires redesign.



Keeping the rules and obeying the commands is only common sense. People who are forever breaking the rules, trying other roads, attempting to create their own system of values and truth from scratch, spend most of their time calling up someone to get them out of trouble and help repair the damages, and then ask the silly question, "What went wrong?"

~ Eugene Petterson
A Long Obedience in the Same Direction

Soul Anchor 2021: One Another

This year's Southern California Soul Anchor Youth and Young Adults regional conference was held last August 6-7, 2021. It was a one-and-a-half-day conference due to the Covid -19 restrictions; we were not able to have it again in our regular camp site in the San Bernardino mountains. But we did something new for this conference. We decided to have a hybrid conference to meet the needs of the young people from our different churches here in the Southland. Our Friday night session was strictly online while for our Saturday sessions, we gathered in person at our church center here in Los Angeles at the same time, live-streaming the Saturday sessions to the delegates who were not able to go for the in-person sessions.



The theme for this year's conference was "One Another" taken from Romans 15:5-7 "May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

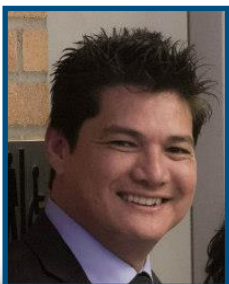
We had a good attendance coming from our Southland churches. There were close to 90 young people registered representing the communities of WIN LA, WIN San Diego, WIN Chino, WIN Inland Empire, WIN Arizona and even from our newly established church fellowship in Las Vegas. There were also some representations from WIN New Jersey, WIN Calgary and WIN SQ. It was a blessing to have all of them join us for this year's conference.

The Friday night session started with an online praise and worship time led by our young people from WIN San Diego. I had the privilege to share for the opening session that evening which was followed by discussion groups that was facilitated by the different youth and young adult leaders.

During our Saturday in-person sessions, it was a blessing to have over 50 young people come to our WIN LA center. Those who could not make it opted to join us online. Our WIN Chino youth led the praise and worship for the morning session and Pyros of Win LA led the afternoon set. It was really a blessing to see our WIN Chino lead for the praise and worship as this was their first time to do it for a Soul Anchor gathering. We had 2 dynamic and anointed guest speakers who shared during our sessions with each session ending with some ministry time. It has been a very long time since we had altar calls for our young people, in fact ever since the pandemic started, we did not have one. So, it was such a refreshing time seeing the young people respond to the Word with the different pastors and leaders praying for those who responded to the altar call. Don't worry, we all wore masks during the ministry time J.

I praise and thank the Lord for the different youth and young adult leaders who put this conference together. Despite the challenges and limitations throughout the year, our Soul Anchor conference was used once again to refresh, impart, and gather our young people as one for the glory of God. Thank you too to all the pastors who continue to stand and partner with us as we continue to do our best to guide, train and equip the next generation. To God be the glory!

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Pastor Mark Briones
WIN USA National Youth & Young Adults
Coordinator

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Soul Anchor 2021: ONE ANOTHER

But to deviate from the truth for the sake of some prospect of hope of our own can never be wise, however slight that deviation may be. It is not our judgment of the situation which can show us what is wise, but only the truth of the Word of God. . . It will always be true that the wisest course for the disciple is always to abide solely by the Word of God in all simplicity.

~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer

WIN LA Hosts Golf Tournament for Missions



Sis. Tess Cordero is the wife of Pastor Chito Cordero, Senior Pastor of WIN LA. Sis. Tess leads Deborah's Fire, the Ladies Ministry of WIN-LA

WIN – Los Angeles hosted a golf fundraiser last July 12, 2021 at the Whittier Narrows Golf Course. Spearheaded by Bro. Peng Goh, this annual golf event is a creative way to raise funds for missions by tapping the community instead of always raising money from the pockets of church members. Bro. Peng saw the potential of fundraising events because the local Filipino golf associations are very competitive and are always looking for tournaments. Golfers from Alpha Phi Omega (APO) Fraternity, Philippine Military Academy (PMA), Philippine Badminton and Golf Association, and the Rotary Club competed.

Named after the late Sis. Nena Latoja who had a heart for missions, the first Nena's Cup was able to raise funds for the missions work that WIN – LA has been supporting in Kenya and Myanmar, as well as WIN – Athens' ministry to refugees. In addition, WIN – LA is also helping the thriving church planting work of Pastors Rene and Mylene Del Rosario in Binmaley, Pangasinan. The couple served in WIN – LA until the Lord called them to plant a church in the Philippines two years ago.

Sources of revenue included the registration fee, raffle tickets, auction of popular golf accessories, and corporate sponsorships. After the costs of venue rental, food, prizes, trophies, commemorative WIN shoe bags, and other miscellaneous expenses, the golf tournament raised \$2,500.

As Pastor Chito Cordero shared the burden for missions, the golfers were happy to support a worthy cause. They also enjoyed the camaraderie during the awards ceremony where coveted golf items were raffled and auctioned off.



Bro Peng Gho has been spearheading WIN LA's charity golf tournaments. This is our third golf fundraiser. Funds were also raised from raffle tickets and auction of golf accessories.

Alpha Phi Omega (APO) won the first Nena's Cup.



The PMA team won second place.

Forty-four golfers from four local Filipino organizations participated in the first Nena's Cup.



Prizes to individual golfers were also awarded.



The Importance of Church Missions

People are anxious nowadays because we are living in an agitated and distressed society. Everything is fast-paced, having short attention spans, get bored easily, and this poses a huge challenge to most of the churches. As some have observed, the church routine, tradition, and extended fellowship had become distasteful to some members. For this reasons, church leaders are trying to use alternative ways or gimmicks to solve these issues in the church. But one thing that should never be neglected by the church is to lead people to Christ in awe and wonder, to worship Him without watering down the important things in the church or reinventing new technique. As Paul wrote, "For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 3:11).

Just before Christ ascended to heaven, He reminded His disciples that they will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon them and they shall be His witnesses in this world (Acts 1:8). Wherever they go, they need to be on a mission to reach all men and women with the gospel. Everything they do should be to bring people to Christ, introduce Him as Lord and Savior, giving glory to God the Father. After all, the Church of Christ is not an organization created by a group of people in order to fulfill their need, but something God planned even before the creation of the world (Ephesians 1:4). These blessings are conferred to the Christians, not merely because God has chosen them, but they are given the task in perfect harmony with His eternal purpose.

On August 21, Saturday, as early as 5 o'clock in the morning, some members of WIN NY were on the road bound to Washington DC for a mission trip. It was the first meeting with Sis Che in person who hosted this event. Sis Che Cavanaugh is a group member of iCare 1, and the group had decided to hold the meeting in her house in Maryland as part of monthly fellowship and discipleship. After about a 4 hour travel, we reached the place to meet the sister in the Lord who would be our contact person to start a ministry in the area. Our goal is to start a ministry and bring the unsaved and nominal Christians to a saving knowledge of Christ, and to train people to proclaim the Gospel for the salvation of many. The meeting was worthwhile, perceiving that this is just the beginning of

more fruitful trips, so that those "rocky hills and mountains" of Maryland, Virginia and DC areas could be tilled and cultivated, and then sow seeds of God's Word, so that lasting fruits might be brought as an offering unto the Lord.

The DC mission was already in the heart of WIN-NY a few years ago, and it was only in the recent months that the Holy Spirit had revived it. When Sis Che called and informed Pastor Ferdie early this year that she had moved from New York to Maryland. Immediately, they started to plan a visit and fellowship. We understand that there are lots of people out there that need healing and comfort. Many of them are scattered, like sheep without a shepherd. Our aim is to step up in faith and be engaged in this mission as it holds such a great potential to reach souls in the area. Christians have all that we need in doing God's mission work. The Lord is calling those who will leap up in faith. Time is running out and we cannot just sit down, listen to anointed messages every Sunday and wait for the second coming of Jesus. Remember, there are many precious souls that need help in the DC area, and you can be part of this mission through prayers, or referring to us the relatives, friends or contact persons that we can visit and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

When it comes to missions, a lot of people and churches do not pay much attention. But, if you're a Christian you can't just do that. We have a God-given and Christ-mandated mission: the Great Commission written in Matthew 28:18-20, "*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And lo, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*" You don't have to be seminary graduate, or hear a literal voice from heaven, be an old time believer, or be financially stable before doing mission. You can go, you can preach and declare, and you can be obedient to God's cause. Ignoring missions for Christ is not a Christian option.

During the fellowship, Bro Paolo and Sis Pauline, former workers of WIN-London who are already

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known to Pastor Ferdie were also present. They are now permanently residing in Virginia. Bro James, the husband of Sis Che, Eliana, their 5-year old daughter, and her 83-year old mother Rosenda were all busy helping with the preparation. The gathering started with eating fellowship, and food was served as the hungry but excited people ate the food with joy and enthusiasm. There was singing and worship unto God, and the Word proclamation was concerning the leading and guidance of the Holy Spirit taken from the narrative of Simeon in Luke 2:25-35.

Do not forget that the goal of the church is missions, and if there be any one point in which the Christian church should maintain its commitment, it is concerning missions. We invite people to church, we disciple them, we nurture and train them in order to send and do the mission. We send missionaries, people who give their hearts to reach others of various cultures and countries in order to bring the good news and help those who do local and international missions.

We, Christians are supposed to be the people of presence, connecting God's presence to one another through the inhabiting power of the Holy Spirit. However, the busyness of our modern society pulls us away from His presence. The role of the church is to fulfill this ministry as presenter of God's presence in the world. Through missions, we must cultivate this ministry so that we can create a space that would bring the presence of God to be felt and known by others.



The structure of the world was created by God so we could live in it easily and happily as his children. The history we walk in has been repeatedly entered by God, most notably in Jesus Christ, first to show us and then to help us live full of faith and exuberant with purpose. In the course of Christian discipleship we discover that without Christ we were doing it the hard way and that with Christ we are doing it the easy way. It is not Christians who have it hard but non-Christians.

~ Eugene Peterson
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WISE Cainta ~ 17th Moving Up

God truly loves our SOH kids for not even a pandemic could keep them from learning and getting fully prepared and ready for Grade One this coming school year.

Congratulations to our Movers-Up for SY 2020-2021, the first batch to complete Kindergarten Level through Modular Distance Learning. You all did such an excellent job learning with your Teacher Mommies, Teacher Tita, Teacher Ate and Teacher Kuya, our Co-Teachers.



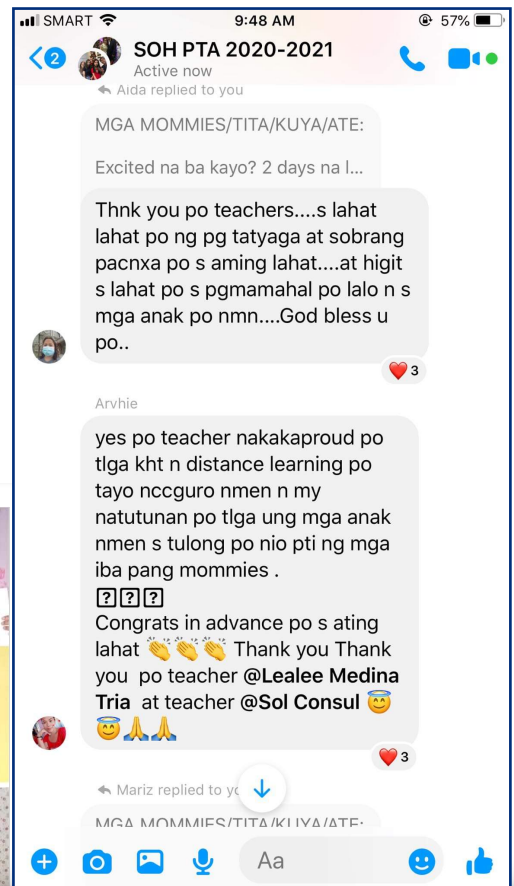
Kudos to our Co-Teachers, too. Great job! Your commitment and dedication to cooperate with Teacher Sol and Teacher Lealee in doing Modular Distance Learning with your children ensured its success. It was not easy, but by God's grace, you did it!

To everyone who in one way or another has been part of these children's learning journey, our endless thanks.

And to our Lord God Almighty, we believe that as you provided and carried us through all these 17 years, you will be faithful to complete this good work you began by continuously sending people with such big hearts to support our mission in serving You through WISE-Seeds of Hope. Thank you, Lord Jesus. We are forever grateful.

For SY 2020-2021 they had 15 Kindergarten pupils. Next school year they plan to have more successful Modular Distance Learning, possibly around 25 – 30 Kinder kids.

Thank you for your continuous partnership to give kids like these the opportunity to know how God is involved in their lives and have a brighter future.



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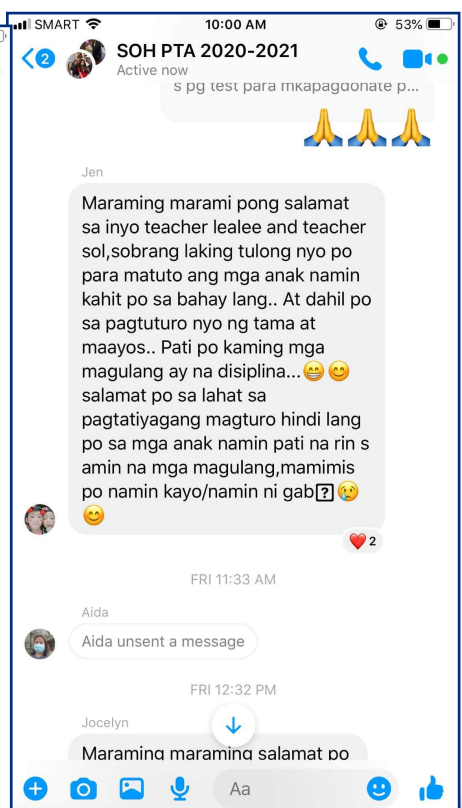
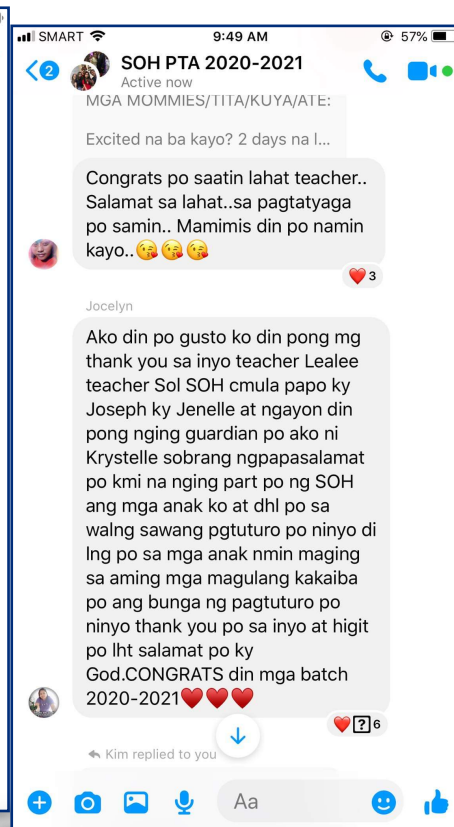
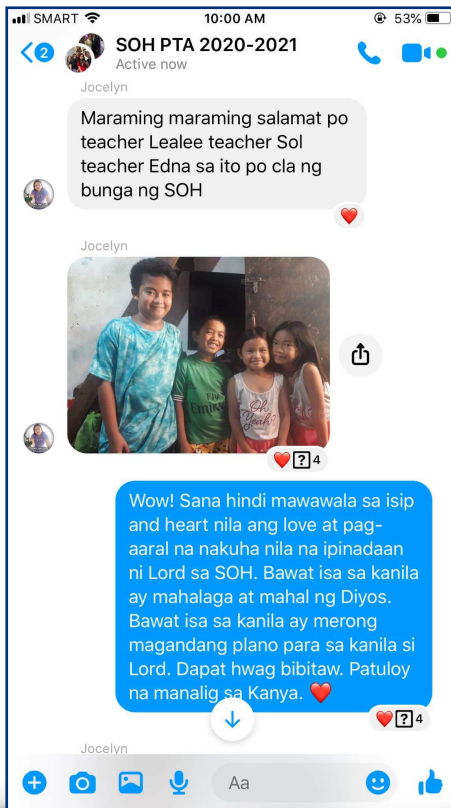
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Teachers Sol, Lealee, and Edna, School Board and School Admin Officer/Registrar and volunteer



Text messages to teachers from grateful parents.



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