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From: Pip & Wilma Cua
Presidents, CFM Continental Asia

Re: Missionary Visit to Sumatra, Indonesia

Date: August 26-31, 2018

Greetings from CFM Continental Asia!

We are pleased to make a report on our missionary visit to Medan, North Sumatra, Indonesia on August 26-31, 2018.

Brief background of Medan, Sumatra:

This is the 3rd largest city in Indonesia, the other two are Jakarta and Surabaya, capital of East Java province. The Archdiocese of Medan is located in the province of North Sumatra. This 181,680.68-kilometer-square province consists of 110,000-kilometer-square seas and 71,680.68-kilometer-square land. This province has more than 14 million (2010) population living in 25 districts and 8 municipalities. The Catholics number about 500,000.

The **Team** that went to Medan, North Sumatra, Indonesia was composed of:

1. Bishop Gerardo A. Alminaza , ICCFM Continental Asia Chaplain
2. Pip & Wilma Cua, ICCFM Presidents for Continental Asia
3. Fr. Marlou Lemaire, Parish Priest of the St. Peter Parish: Shrine of Leaders, Quezon City, Philippines

Fr. Cyrus Banque, Cmf., based in Medan, Sumatra accompanied us in our entire journey to different parishes.

The purpose of the visit is to meet Capuchin Archbishop Anicetus Bongsu Sinaga and to present the CFM Family Evangelization programs with the possibility of bringing Family and Life Weekend Encounters in Medan.

August 26, 2018

6:00PM

Arrival in Medan, Sumatra. We were met by Fr. Robertus Hadun, CMF and Fr. Romy, CMF, Head Formator of Claretian Missionary in Medan.

Dinner and subsequent meals were hosted by the Claretian Missionaries and lodging in the Claret House at Mestika Road, No24 Mandala, Medan.

August 27, 2018

8:00AM

Breakfast at the Claret House, after attending Mass.

Looked around the Paroki St. Yohanes Penginjil, where Fr. Robert is the Parish Priest and read the posted Archdiocesan matrix

9:00 AM

Proceeded to the Marian shrine dedicated to Our Lady of Good Health called Graha Maria Annai Velangkanni. It is a Catholic temple in Indo-Mogul style opened in 2005 in Medan, Indonesia. We were met by Fr. James Bharataputra, S.J., its designer and keeper. He toured as round as tourist of a mini "Holy Land". At the end of the tour, Fr. James gave us his blessings and treated us to some drinks and merienda.

4:00PM

Courtesy call on Archbishop Anicetus B. Sinaga of the Archdiocese of Medan.

We gave to the archbishop the ESP books of ICCFM and some flyers on CFM.

The Archbishop was pleased and enthusiastic about our CFM Mission in his archdiocese. In fact, he reminded us repeatedly that that our mission should not end on that CFM afternoon meeting with him, meaning that we should be able to deliver the CFM programs in the archdiocese.

He instructed General Fr. Harry R. Harianja, OFM Cap (Episcopal Vicar of Hyamyuruk Vicariate) to include the CFM Program in the archdiocesan pastoral matrix.

6:00PM

Dinner with Focolare sisters based in Medan with whom we are arranging possible networking on matters involving family and life programs of CFM.

August 28, 2018

12 NOON

Lunch conference in JW Marriot hotel sponsored by Fr. Marlou Lemaire in preparation for the talk to be delivered at the Immaculate Conception of Mary Cathedral Parish.

6:00PM-9:00PM

Venue - The Immaculate Conception of Mary Cathedral Medan (Cathedral for short)

Topic - The topic requested by the parish leaders was on the "Teaching Functions of Parents with the 3-Fold Function of Christians." This was facilitated by Bishop Gerry using the Observe-Judge-Act (OJA) process/method. The CFM structure and organization with its vision/mission and its family evangelization programs were also presented to the audience.

Attendees - The audience was composed of about 80 archdiocesan leaders organized by the Assistant parish priest Fr Anthony Nguyen and Fr Cyrus Banque. Sister Imaculata Silalahi (Postulant Formator) translated the talk into Bahasa Indonesia. The Parish Priest, Fr. Sesarius was very supportive of the event. The attendees were very participatory – asking questions and sharing their thoughts and comments on the subject matter of the talk.

August 29, 2018

10:00 AM

A visit to Rumah Retret SAMADI MARANATHA at Keuskupan Agung Medan. A peaceful place to hold retreats and possible venue for CFM Weekend Programs.

11:00 AM

A visit to Gereja Katolik Paroki St. Fransiskus Asisi Berastagi, also at Keuskupan Agung Medan.

12 NOON

Lunch at RM.BPK KADE-KADENTA, a roadside eatery famous for B1 (Dog meat) and B2 (Pork meat) with free wi-fi. It was an adventurous experience to eat with fellow Indonesians

2:00 PM

A visit to Panorama Indah Tele which afforded us a beautiful view of Medan and Samosir.

4:00 PM

A visit to the newly built church in Gereja Paroki St. Antonio Maria Claret Tomok.

We were welcomed by the Parish Priest, Kristian Dodok, cmf. We toured the church with finishing touches still going on and met the choir members who are practicing their songs for the forthcoming inauguration of the church.

It was a long day trip to reach our destination – the Samosir Island where the Gereja Katolik Parokis St. Paulus Onanrunggu is located.

August 30, 2018

10:00AM - 2:00PM

Venue: Gereja Katolik Parokis St. Paulus Onanrunggu, Samosir, Medan

Audience: 120 parish leaders from two parishes (Tomok and Onanrunggu) under the Claretian congregation.

We delivered the same talk and presentation as was done in the Cathedral Parish. An activity on “how well you know your spouse” was happily participated in by the attendees. The local political leader of the place (similar to Barangay Captain in the Philippines) and a representative from the Education Department welcome our team and delivered a talk on family matters in Bahasa Indonesian language. Fr. Cyrus served as interpreter and likewise hosted together with the Education Department the lunch for the participants.

August 31, 2018

Departure for Manila

EVALUATION/RECOMMENDATIONS:

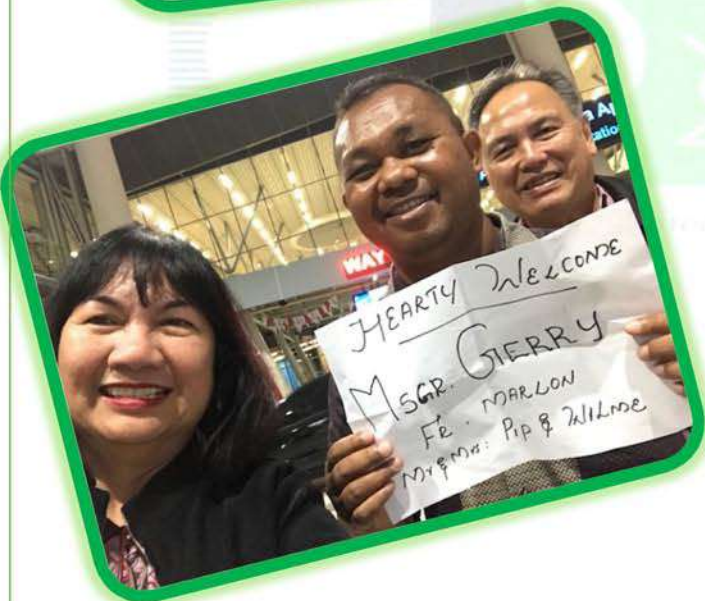
1. Based on the reception of Archbishop Sinaga of our team and our two presentations in the Cathedral and the parishes in Samosir, we are hopeful that we can establish CFM and promote its programs in the archdiocese of Medan, Sumatra.
2. We met a certain Sister Ima, an Indonesian, in the Cathedral who could speak English. She served as the translator during the talks/presentation. We talked to her after the talks and invited her to help us in the CFM mission in Medan. We invited her to attend the CFM Asia Conference in Sri Lanka. Sister Ima would be a great help to us once she decides to get on board along with Fr Anthony and Fr Cyrus.
3. Next trip to Medan, Sumatra would be 2nd quarter of 2019. Meantime, Fr Cyrus, Fr Anthony and hopefully Sister Ima could select and organize the CFM core group in time for the next visit.

Pip & Wilma

SOME PHOTOS:

August 26, 2018:

Arrival in Medan, North Sumatra, Indonesia



August 26, 2018:

Dinner hosted by Fr. Robertus Hadun,cmf at the Claret House in Mestika
Road No. 24, Mandala, Medan



August 27, 2018 at 8:00 am

At Gereja Katolik Santo Yohanes Penginjil (Church) ; Reading the
Jadwal Pelaksanaan Fokus Pastoral 2018 (Parish Pastoral Plan) pursuant to
Archbishop Anecitus' Pastoral Matrix posted at Paroki St. Yohanes Penginjil



August 27, 2018 at 9:00 am

On our way to Graha Maria Annai Velangkanni





