



NARRAMORE CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION



Dear NCF BRIDGE BUILDERS,

Jesus, “the way and the truth and the life,” (John 14:6) is our Bridge to the Father and to the abundant life from which we give to others. With his blessing **we together build bridges to underserved peoples and places around the world.** *Thank you for partnering with us!*

One unique and strong bridge to the underserved is **NCF’s PhD in Clinical Christian Counseling education program in Metro Manila, Philippines.** The newest cohort of 17 students from 6 countries – Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Philippines, Singapore, and the U.S. – are all eager to gain education and grow emotionally and spiritually as they serve Jesus in challenging Asian ministries, many of which offer little or no financial pay. We had the privilege of spending two weeks in March with these doctoral students. What a delight it was!

What are the students’ ministries? Serving Muslim teens at their youth camp (right), offering counseling to workers and staff at a Compassion International retreat, teaching at seminaries, and providing pastors’ retreats (below) are some examples.



Leonsito gladly shares about his ministry.

“I am focused these days helping Christian government officials and employees in dealing with the temptations to commit corruption in their public service...for them, to resist temptations to corruption does not require only knowledge about laws and morality and having the conviction to do what is right, but also guidance on the process of dealing with interpersonal psychological factors and emotional considerations.



Ministry with police officers



Ministering to staff of a government hospital

And this is where my studies in Christian Clinical Counseling have been very helpful. I realize that, even in my small way, I can contribute towards lessening corruption in our government as I help these Christian public servants, not only spiritually, but also psychologically, to properly deal with pressure to give in to pressure to commit corruption.”

The doctoral students want us to be sure to share with you what this program means to them. Here are excerpts from what they wrote:

- ◇ *“This program has significantly contributed to my spiritual growth, with Christ as my foundation of safety and strength.”*
- ◇ *“We know how costly graduate studies are but you have generously extended this to a student like me who cannot readily pay out from my own pocket.”*
- ◇ *“I am deeply inspired by Dr. Bill [program director] and Midge’s [student counselor] dedication ...I not only gain the necessary knowledge and experiences in clinical Christian counseling but also witness and personally experience them as persons...the Christlikeness that flows through their inner being has truly impacted me. As the dean of counseling studies at Bible College of Malaysia, their examples left an imprint in my heart to also imitate their Christlikeness in my ministry.”*
- ◇ *“Currently my pastoral work focuses on teaching and preaching and I find this a privilege to integrate counseling in my sermons and lessons. Thus, it does not only prepare the church for work, but also ushers them to a personal and community reflection, especially in facing today’s challenging times.*

Thank you for supporting NCF’s global ministries with your gifts & prayers!

Joyfully serving the Lord with you,

Handwritten signature of Tim Hibma in black ink.

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