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# Newsletter



## News

### ABOUT OUR CHURCH:

### MEETING TIMES:

Sunday Morning:

Worship & Meeting: 9:30 am to 11:00 am

Mighty Kid's Church: Sunday morning 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Mid-week Bible Study / Fellowship Meetings:

Thornlands - fortnightly Tuesday evenings 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Alexandra Hills & Birkdale - weekly Wednesday evenings from 7:30 pm

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- **This morning** we welcome again Pastor Peter and Ann Sutcliffe who will minister the word and fellowship with us. This will be the last Sunday with us until September as Peter will be returning to the Philippines to continue his PhD studies at Asia Pacific Theological Seminary in Baguio City.
- **After this morning's meeting** we have some finger food and refreshments so we can enjoy some time together. Please feel free to join us if you are able to stay. After this there is a prayer meeting for the church and the church vision. All welcome.
- **Next Sunday 13th June** we will be having a special presentation on the school chaplaincy program during the morning meeting. This will involve a slide show and discussion on how we can support the program with our prayers! The School Chaplaincy "road show" will be visiting many churches in the Redlands to celebrate 20 years of chaplaincy. The Chaplaincy team are looking forward to meeting all of the wonderful Christian men and women of the Redlands who have supported them in prayer, financially or by volunteering and want to present the vision to the churches to inspire people with stories of God's work in our local schools.
- **A great testimony** this morning from Martin McGrail who has been through some real tests and trials lately, and it will be great to hear how God is working in his life. You'll be amazed to hear what God's doing and encouraged to follow God's plan for your life also!
- **Please pray for Rachael Farrell** who visited us some years ago with the Timothy 2 evangelistic group from the USA. Rachael feels that the Lord is calling her to come back to Australia, and she has a desire to get involved in youth ministry. Please pray that God will open doors for her to come back and be a blessing here in Australia.

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## Ministry Update

This week I'd like to give you an update on a friend of our church, Pastor Rey Awatin from Tribes in Asia for Christ. His ministry goes to some of the most remote parts of the Philippines and other parts of Asia such as Burma and Thailand. Pastor Rey visited us a few years ago, stayed in our home, and has stayed in touch in relation to his ministry. The following letter arrived a couple of weeks ago:



I just want to update you of our ministry in Abra, so that we can be a partner in prayer for this province. Abra is always on the front page every time there is a political election. Hemmed between mountains and a wide river, Abra is struggling to shake off its unwanted reputation for violence, where warlords and political assassins are rampant. Abra contributes 16 percent of the nation's election-related killings which have been widespread in this province since the 1960's

The police have verified the existence of 3,000 illegal firearms in Abra. The province of 250,000 people only has 88 prisoners, but they allegedly include some of the country's most notorious hired guns. The going rate for a Mafia-style "hit" on a local politician was just 5,000 pesos (about 100 dollars) in last year's elections.

The Tingguians, an upland hill-dwelling tribe makes up 42 percent of the Abra population, and is one of the most unreached tribes in the northern Philippines due to political killings and insurgency related problems. A little place called Tineg in Abra Province is where Tribes in Asia for Christ has been concentrating their efforts. It is one of the most critical areas in Abra because it has the biggest fund allocation (budget) from the national government due having the biggest land area. But Tineg is the poorest town in northern Philippines. All the villages of Tineg are only accessible by foot during rainy season and it takes 2-3 days walk to reach the furthest place.



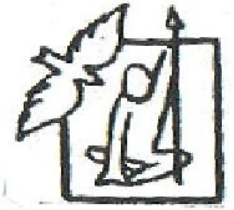
Presently, Tribes in Asia for Christ has one Pastor assigned to work for the ministry in Tineg. He previously was in jail because of his political activities. We have just sent a team of 4 and they will be assigned in two different villages for six months to one year. We had to wait for the elections to finish before we sent our teams for safety reasons. We are still paying for a small piece of land and after that we will build a church building. The place is in Tapayen, Alaoa, Tineg, Abra. This is the first church building to be raised in Tineg. Please pray for our team for safety and protection.

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In my more than 25 years experience in reaching unreached tribes, Tineg is one of the most hard to reach places. But we are committed to reach them at all cost. Pray that the Holy Spirit will move on the Tingguians tribe in Tineg, and that in God's perfect timing churches will spring up in every village. Pray for God's protection and wisdom for our team.

Yours for the tribes in Asia,

- REY AWATIN Tribes in Asia for Christ



## A Few Thoughts on What We Do in Church

### Why do we spend so much time in worship?

"Oh come, and let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker." (Psalm 95:6) "Bless the Lord, I say to myself; and all that is within me, bless His holy name!" (Psalm 103:1) Worship is the natural response of those who are thankful for all they've received. God is kind, loving and good!

### How should I worship God?

"The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the father is seeking such to worship Him. God is a Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth." (John 4:23-24) We are spiritual people, so we worship God in a spiritual way — spontaneously!

### Why do we raise our hands?

"This is how I will bless you while I live: I will lift up my hands in your name." (Psalm 63:4) "So I desire that believers pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, free from doubt and anger." (1 Timothy 2:8) The raising of both hands is also a universally accepted sign of surrender.

### Why do we clap our hands?

"Clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph! (Psalm 47:1)

### Why do we lay hands on the sick?

Jesus said, "They shall lay hands on the sick, and the sick shall recover." (Mark 16:18) "Is any sick among you? Let that person call for the elders of the church, and let them pray, anointing the person with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord will raise him up." (James 5:14-15) There's more than empathy in a Christian's touch: there's healing from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus is worth getting excited about!