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President's Perspective

a message from David H. Snyder · President · Baptist International Missions, Inc.

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Thank you for your interest and financial investment in worldwide missions. Your gift is very much appreciated and will be used to glorify God as souls are saved throughout the world.

The work of missionaries does not stop after a church is planted. An indigenous church continues to have souls saved and disciplined long after the missionary has moved on. Rick Martin recently told an amazing story of how God worked in the life of a blind man through a graduate of the Bible college (Iloilo Baptist College) started by Brother Martin. Here is a shortened version of the story:



Samson Clorion was born Christmas Eve 1960. . . . When Samson was five years old, he got the measles and lost his sight. When he reached his teenage years, he tried to fill his days by making friends. However, these friends influenced him to smoke and drink. One day while he was alone, he realized how foolish he must look—a blind drunkard. That day he quit, but his life was still empty. He kept asking himself over and over “Why am I blind? What can I do with my life?” One thing that Samson could do was listen to the radio. One day, he just happened to tune in to a Baptist preacher talking about salvation by grace through faith in Jesus alone. He listened intently to every word. That day (in 1979) Samson received Jesus as his Savior. . . . One day one of the graduates of Iloilo Baptist College, Pastor Reymundo Porras, started a church in the village where Samson lived. Soon, Brother Porras saw the great love Samson had for Jesus. No one needed to accompany Samson to church. . . . Samson owned a cow, and so Brother Porras and Samson taught the cow to take him to church. So, he would climb on her back, and she would take him to church! Because of his desire to serve the Lord, Samson would try to visit people in his village. He would memorize the way to certain people’s homes. Although he would often fall while trying to walk on the slippery dikes between rice fields, he kept on. . . . Eventually, Samson Clorion went on to start the Tacay Fundamental Baptist Church and became their pastor!

This story encourages me to keep serving the Lord through whatever difficulties come my way. It also reminds me that my missions giving continues to work long after I have given it to a particular missionary. I pray that you will also be encouraged by this story. Thanks again for your generous giving. It is an honor to partner with you in worldwide missions. May the LORD richly bless you!

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David H. Snyder".

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John 15:16