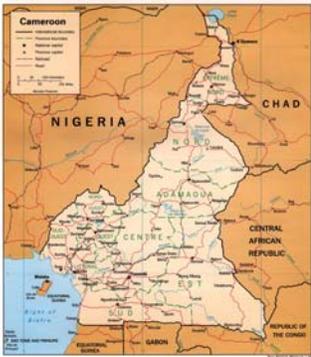


Cameroon starts from the Blight of Bengal and Equatorial Guinea on the southeast, bound by Nigeria on the west, Chad on the northeast, the Central African Republic (or Congo) in the east, and Congo and Gabon in the south.

Going there one passes through the East Coast, flying trans-Atlantic to Europe and from there through various points down directly to either English-speaking Douala or French Yaounde.

It has a young population of 17 million of 79% literacy with an median age of 19. Cameroonians are 40% Christian, 20% Muslim and 40% practice indigenous religions.



The Paglinawan couple takes on West Africa and the Philippines

Ado and Margi Paglinawan have been active in the catholic renewal movement for the past 27 years. They joined the Christian Businessmen’s Breakfast in Manila in 1980 and the Ligaya ng Panginoon Community a year after. In 1985, their service was transferred to Ligaya’s outreach community called Couples for Christ.

In April 1986, following the Philippine people power revolution, Ado was drafted by President Corazon Aquino to join Ambassador Emmanuel Pelaez in the Philippine Embassy of Washington DC. Margi and all their children joined him a few months after, establishing residence in northern

Virginia.

Soon enough, the couple found a home for evangelism in the area working with local Catholic charismatics staging the first Christian Life Program in the United States in September of 1986. Coupled with another mission from the Philippines a year after in Los Angeles, CFCUSA has now grown to more than 10,000 from coast-to-coast with presence in almost all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

But it was not until 2003, when torrential rains washed down hundreds of black indigenous families of the Dumagat tribe from the mountains of Dingalan, Aurora in northeastern Philippines, that Ado and Margi would discover what the Lord has been preparing them for. Quite spontaneously, they organized a fundraiser for a rehab village for the survivors.

The Baltimore-Washington based Foundation for Aid to the Philippines (FAPI) ⇨ P2



A proud day with Dumagat brethren in front of two of 60 houses of a rehab village built by the Foundation for Aid to the Philippines of Baltimore and the Filipino-American Community of Hampton Roads, VA.

Jun Basilio and Jim Taylor sparks missions to Caribbean and Central America

“Traveling barely on your own with the least in tow as the Scriptures say, and on an airline body pass can mean sleeping in a foreign airport waiting for that chance for a seat in the next flight,” says Jun Basilio, the first missionary out of the DC area.

“Anyone who goes in mission must be ready to face any and all kinds of experience. There is definitely uncertainty about entering a new country, being received cordially by the natives and achieving the mission in whatever degree. But one must place himself under the promise and full protection of the Holy Spirit,” Basilio adds.

Basilio took over the area’s mission in St. Vincent and the Grenadines in the Caribbean, opened Barbados for Couples for Christ, and recently went with Jim Taylor to Costa Rica.

The trip to Costa Rica fueled Taylor’s ⇨ P3



Posing with one-fourth of the new CFC members in Cameroon poses before the Molyko parish church after their dedication and a Solemn High Mass.

Miracle in West Africa yields 314 members in 10 days

quickly responded to put up the first 30 houses. The FilAm community in Hampton Roads, Virginia followed suit with another 30. Today, there are about 400 Dumagat men, women and children living in what was later christened as “The Hapi Village”.

It was not the rehabilitation project, however, where Ado and Margi’s epiphany would occur. It was when they found out that the indigenous tribe they helped had a passionate love the study of the Holy Scriptures because its elected neighborhood association president, Mang Diego, assisted an American missionary many years ago in the translation of the Bible from English to the Dumagat dialect.

The Paglinawans have also secured a window for a mission to Africa. They have long

prayed for an opportunity to open a few countries in the continent for Couples for Christ but Margi’s near-fatal bout with trigeminal neuralgia in 2004 and Ado’s battle against cancer in early 2006 caused seemingly endless postponements.

Finally, God’s grace



through able health, and sufficient funds and logistics made a Christian Life Program in Cameroon, West Africa possible in November 2006.

But when they learned of the plight of blacks families right in our neck of woods, namely in Washington DC and Baltimore, and just south of the United States in the Caribbean basin and in Latin America, the need for an integrated evangelization plan leading to the total human liberation of the black people became rather obvious.

Take Baltimore for instance. Recent surveys say that as much as 75% of black children in the city belong to single parents because almost all of the couples are neither married at all in church nor by some magistrate. The CFCFFL study is not yet complete, but the starkling discovery they also made in Africa, is that tribal and in-

digenous practices and generational living style has contributed greatly to many of the social problems there.

Ado and Margi now leads Couples for Christ Washington DC Inc., aligned with CFC Foundation for Family and Life worldwide. Together with predominantly Filipino men, women and children, the vision of CFCWDC is now to expand the CFC tent beyond ethnicities and race, beginning with the spiritual and humanitarian needs of the Black and Hispanic émigrés in the Maryland, Virginia and DC area onto expanding evangelization to the Caribbean Islands, Latin America and more of Africa.

Cameroon, for instance, could be a base to look closer at the continent’s humanitarian crisis – catastrophic hunger, the plague of AIDS and malaria, governmental tyranny, genocidal war – and

how God's power and mercy can intervene through his people.

It is a gutless wonder why in this day and age, the black people continue to suffer real life scourges while the rest of the world remains insensitive to their sufferings. This is the imperative that birthed the Black Nazarene Missions. "Explosive!" said International CFCFFL Director Frank Padilla, when he heard missionary couple Ado and Margi Paglinawan opened Cameroon last November 19, 2006 following the endorsement by no less than Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales, Archbishop of Manila.

Cameroon is the 28th CFC country in Africa and 157th in the world. The very first Christian Life Program harvested 303 lay men, women and youth, 10 priests and one bishop. It established in effect 5 family ministries namely CFC, Singles for Christ, Youth for Christ, Handmaids of the Lord and Servants of the Lord, and one special ministry, Priests for Family and Life. In a single net, the catch put in place one chapter, consisting of 42 households in 7 units.

The work does not end there. CFCFFL in the MDVADC area has scheduled a Youth Rally for 1,000 in Buea town and will open a second diocese in the Northwestern province late this year.

Mission to Caribbes and Latin America has great potentials

← P1 enthusiasm "There is so much work out there. Latin American awaits us too. We have 34 million Hispanics in the United States. Like the Filipinos, they are émigrés looking for better lives. So they begin to acquire wealth in this country and send their relatives money and goodies from the first world. Until they come to a realization that there is a limit to how material goods can bring hope and satisfaction," Taylor said.

Couples for Christ for Family and Life has organized a committee called Juan Diego Missions to help evangel-



Jun Basilio and Jim Taylor met Apostolic Nuncio Osvaldo Padilla in San Jose, Costa Rica recently.

ize the Caribbean and Latin America.

The Juan Diego Mission begins by spreading the Mid-Atlantic reach of CFCFFL to Southeast USA, especially Florida, to serve as the launching pad for evangelizing the Caribbes. It is also poised to establish *Matrimonios para Cristo*, the CFC counterpart in Spanish, first in the Metro DC area to start a Hispanic mass base that can service Puerto Rico, Cuba, the Dominican Republic in the Carriibbean Islands and of course Central America.

This complements the Black Nazarene missions of the Paglinawans in the West Africa and the Philippines.

Our CFC brothers and sisters in St. Vincent gather to brainstorm for the renovation of a chapel that was recently destroyed by a typhoon.





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Your Excellency:

Greetings of peace!

This is to introduce to you Adolfo and Margareth Paglinawan and their companions. They are lay Catholic missionaries from Couples for Christ who are sent on mission to assist in conducting a Christian Life Program among the laity in your diocese.

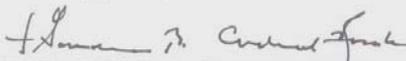
As you may have probably been informed, Couples for Christ, which began in the Philippines in 1981, has been recognized by the Holy See as a Catholic lay association. It now exists in 156 countries worldwide, 27 of them in the African continent.

Adolfo and Margareth have been serving in the Couples for Christ since 1985.

We will greatly appreciate whatever form of assistance you may extend to them for the fruitfulness of their mission in Cameroon.

With the fraternal esteem of best wishes and warm regards, I remain

Fraternally yours,


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It will be published on a 5.5" X 8.5" format, lengthwise, with colored front and back cover, and black and white inside pages. To be included in the Mission Yearbook will be pictorials and articles of the actual missions undertaken by CFCWDC for CFCFFL, selected greetings and inspirational articles.

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