

## Equipping Christian Filipinos for Christ



**E**rnie and Donna Manges have served in the Philippines since 1985, and our church has been a part of their support team all of that time. They note that we have a special place in their hearts because we were the very first church to pledge to support them (during candidate school in 1984). Ernie and Donna both came to know the Lord during their college years at Indiana University where they were then trained in evangelism and discipleship by the Navigators. Even before their marriage, they both were called by God to serve as missionaries outside of American culture. Ernie studied at Trinity International University and earned two master's degrees while Donna worked as a speech therapist.

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In 1987 Ernie and Donna left for the Philippines as missionaries with the Evangelical Free Church Mission. After a year of language study they located in Cebu City, which is the second largest city in the Philippines.

There Ernie teaches at the Evangelical Theological College of the Philippines (ETCP), which is our Free Church school for pastoral training. Between 1985 and 1990 the Manges' three children, Jill, Lauren, and Kyle, were born. In 1991 Donna also joined the teaching faculty at ETCP. In 1995 the Manges family took a study leave and moved to Scotland where Ernie earned his PhD in Church History. They have been back in Cebu City since 2001 where they both teach at ETCP. Ernie also uses his advanced degree and teaches at the Cebu Graduate School of Theology. His expertise in Roman Catholic Theology is especially helpful in equipping Filipino pastors and lay leaders in their ministries because the country is 80% Catholic. The Manges say their motto is, “Training Asians in Asia to reach Asia”.

*Join us on February 26th as the Manges come and visit with us here at First Free Church to share in-depth how God is moving in the Philippines. (First Word)*

