

Bob Tebow Evangelistic Association

This year has already been very productive for BTEA! In January and March, we sent teams on evangelistic trips to the Philippines. In late February, a team went to Thailand and also to an unnamed country in South Asia, where we have begun ministry. In April, we held our annual BTEA staff conference on the Island of Cebu, Philippines, where we gathered our national Filipino staff for four days of training and encouragement. While our staff was together, we were able to translate the gospel tract, which was written and illustrated by

Joey Allen (my son-in-law), into the five most common languages of the Filipino people! When you receive this letter,

I will be in Thailand and another unnamed country. I hope you enjoy reading about what God is doing around the world through the ministry of BTEA. The harvest truly is plentiful!

Philippines - January 17 - February 1

Mark Webster: I am overwhelmed and blessed when I see the tears of joy and the hands of acceptance of each precious soul God has called. We spoke to over 58,000 people in 10 days and saw 53,000 come to Christ. What can you say but, "Thank you, Lord!"

Charles Pittman: One day, our team visited five schools, and the message was welcomed by school district administrators, principals, and teachers. Throughout the day, over 5,000 students put their trust in Christ! What a beautiful chorus we heard, as young voices prayed in unison to make Jesus Christ their Savior and Lord!

Charles Stone: After sharing the gospel in a small mountain school with about 175 students, where almost all of them acknowledged that they trusted Jesus for eternal life, a teacher, with tears in her eyes, came up to me. She said she was the only born again believer in the school, and she had been praying for someone to come and share the good news of Jesus with her students. She said, "Now they are Christians, and I can tell them more about Jesus in our class." She said there is no church in the area, and she has to go down to the city to attend church. She was so thankful for our visit.



Rachel Zak: As I arrived at a high school, I saw the students assembled across the road in a small auditorium. I shared the gospel, and at the end, I couldn't help but cry for joy when I saw 670 students acknowledge they accepted Jesus Christ as Savior. Two fourth-year girls came up to me and thanked me for coming and sharing the good news. They had been Christians for awhile, but their classmates were not willing to listen to them share the gospel.

On January 17, 2009, BTEA sent a small team to the Philippines for a two week trip. The team included Bob Tebow, Charles Stone, Michael Cowley, Jimmy Taylor, Charles Pittman, Mark Webster, Ed Venning, Christine Parham, and Rachel Zak. They were able to share the gospel with 58,953 people at 169 schools and one film showing. Of those who heard the message, 53,202 responded to put their trust in Christ!



Michael Cowley: I noticed a couple of Muslim girls in the crowd at one of the schools I preached at. They were easy to spot because of the headdress they were wearing. I thought to myself, "They are about to hear a better message." As I was preaching the gospel, one of the Muslim girls started to cry. She was hearing a better message - a message of love and hope, a message that changes lives. When the invitation was given, both Muslim girls accepted Jesus as Lord. "For God so loved," is the best message ever told.

Christine Parham: On our last day in Masbate, Mr. Tebow sent out a text message, telling each team to get to as many schools as possible because we would not be preaching

the next day, as was expected. My team had three Americans, three Filipino pastors, one driver, and one jeep. By 4:00, our team had reached 20 schools! As we headed back to the hotel, we came across a high school, way up on a hill. One of the pastors rushed to find the principal to gather the students. There appeared to be only 60 students left at the school. To our surprise, the school continued down the other side of the hill, and I watched, as students filled two classrooms. I got to speak to the 68 students who could not fit inside the classrooms, and all of them put their trust in Christ.



South Asia ~ February / March

Charles Stone and Charles Pittman spent several days in Thailand, seeking a Christian contact for us to partner with to spread the gospel in Thailand. Please pray with us, as we continue to seek God's man to lead the ministry in Thailand.

Following their time in Thailand, Charles and Charles joined Bob Tebow and Joey Allen for a training conference in an unnamed country in South Asia. Over one hundred nationals gathered for the conference, taught by Bob, Joey, Charles, and Charles. This special time with the nationals was also used to translate Joey's gospel tract into the language of the people in this country!



Joey Allen and Bob Tebow with girls that were rescued by BTEA

Joey Allen: Many people might think I was crazy for going to South Asia, considering that my wife was nine months pregnant in Bangkok, but Christy and I both believed that I should go and that God had something special in store for us. Even though God gave us a peace about my going, that didn't prevent us from praying that the baby would not be born while I was there. God answered our prayers (Joey IV was born 9 days after I returned), and God did have a special trip planned. I had four opportunities to speak at the training conference. Most of the people who attended had traveled at least five hours, and some had traveled as far as two days' journey. During one of my presentations, I told them they were all fools for traveling so far, because, even though the food was good, it wasn't that good—if Jesus *didn't* rise from the dead. I told them I was a fool, too, for leaving my pregnant wife to come - if Jesus *didn't* rise from the dead. But, the Good News, the news that means we are *not* fools for suffering for Christ, is that Jesus did, in fact, rise from the dead. I received inspiration from the way the believers embrace hardship for the sake of Jesus, and I was blessed by their responsiveness to the training we gave.

We also had a precious meeting with four young girls who were rescued from slavery. We were all moved to hear about the change that has taken place in their lives, as caring people have shown them the love of Jesus. All four of the girls testified that they have trusted in Jesus since their purchase from captivity in July. For the first time in their lives, they are fed, clothed, and safe.

Charles Stone: One day at McDonald's in Thailand, three college students were eating at the table next to us. They spoke English; so, I shared the gospel with them. They were very attentive and even asked some questions. Though none of them openly prayed with me, I will never forget the hunger in their eyes, as I talked about the peace in my heart that Jesus gives and the gift of eternal life. I pray that we can go back to Thailand and preach in the villages. With so few Christians, there is a great need for Christ there.

Charles Pittman: I met two ladies in a village in South Asia who had heard the gospel on the radio and accepted Christ. Once they became Christians, they were no longer welcome in their own home or even their village, because Hinduism was practiced. They started walking with no place to go. However, they did have the address of the radio station, which was a considerable distance away. The radio station put them in contact with a local Christian pastor, who allowed them to live in the church temporarily. They had lost everything, but they had found Jesus. Their faith was real, and I was truly blessed to see them praise Jesus and seek after Him.

Philippines - March 7 - 15

Timmy Tebow: One of my favorite experiences was preaching at night in a small village on the Island of Mindanao. I showed the first half of the *Jesus Film*, and then I shared the gospel with the crowd that had assembled. Almost all of the people there responded to the invitation to ask Jesus to be their Savior. Most of the people who watched the second half of the film had just entered into a personal relationship with the Person in the movie they were watching so intently.

Another memorable experience was playing a basketball game in order to draw a crowd. Filipinos are good basketball players, but they are not as tall and as crazy competitive as Robby, my dad, and I. At half time of the game, I was able to share the gospel with the large crowd that gathered to watch the game. Nearly all the people raised their hands to indicate that they had prayed with me to ask Jesus into their hearts. Secondary to the fact that many people came to Christ, we did win the game!



Bob Tebow, Robby Tebow, Timmy Tebow, and David Sinopoli used spring break as a time to spread the gospel in the Philippines! They shared in 29 schools and at a film showing and a basketball game. They shared with over 9,000 people and more than 6,000 chose to trust Christ!

Robby Tebow: My favorite part of the week was taking the orphans to the "mall" for a shopping spree. We gave each of them 500 pesos (just under \$10) to pick out whatever they wanted to buy. We also bought them ice cream. I was overcome with joy, as I watched them shop and eat ice cream, both of which were new and exciting experiences for most of them.