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GLOBAL NETWORK UPDATE

Quarterly newsletter from ECFA encouraging the faithful administration of God's work among all nations



On October 12, 2015, the Christian Council for Transparency and Accountability (CCTA) led by Mr. Angelito “Anji” Gabriel hosted Dr. Gary Hoag, ECFA International Liaison, and Dr. Wes Willmer, ECFA Press Author, for a two-part training for ministry and marketplace leaders in Manila. The two sessions covered “Faithful Administration and Governance: Defining and Measuring Success in Ministry” and “Integration of Faith and Fundraising: Sowing to Rally Sustainable Support.” This gathering was sponsored by the Center for Community Transformation (CCT) and promoted widely with assistance from Dr. Zenet Maramara of Asian Theological Seminary (ATS) and the Christian Stewardship Association (CSA) of the Philippines. CCTA plans to provide further trainings on these topics in cooperation with CCT, ATS, and CSA in response to requests from all over the Philippines.

CCTA Moves Forward

By Angelito “Anji” Gabriel



“Angelito, now we know how you felt when you visited us in Dallas last April!” Those were Gary Hoag’s first words when I met him and Wes Willmer after they landed on Philippine soil after about 24 hours of air travel. They were relieved to know that the first scheduled activity on their itinerary was to check in to their hotel to get much-needed rest.

A trip with a mission

What can be accomplished on a four-day ECFA visit to the Philippines? A lot, especially when members of a global network are praying for a fruitful trip to advance the faithful administration of God’s resources in the Philippines. These were the outcomes of their first ever visit to the Philippines from October 8–13, 2015:

- Encouraged and energized the Christian Council for Transparency and Accountability (CCTA) board members to

move forward with its governance, transparency, and accountability advocacy.

- A great awakening in the practice of governance and stewardship after the trainings facilitated by Gary and Wes.
- Clamor from training participants and many others to get their own copies of ECFA Press books, *The Choice* and *The Sower*.

The two trainings, “Faithful Administration and Governance” and “Integration of Faith and Fundraising,” at Asian Theological Seminary were packed thanks to assistance from Zenet Maramara. More than 90 participants actively interacted in the teaching and discussion format that Gary and Wes facilitated. [Click here for full article.](#)

Online Resources

Visit www.ECFA.org/GlobalNetwork to download PDF copies of the handouts from the two trainings CCTA hosted in the Philippines: “Faithful Administration and Governance: Defining and Measuring Success in Ministry” (based on content from the ECFA Press book, *The Choice: The Christ-Centered Pursuit of Kingdom Outcomes*) and “Integration of Faith and Fundraising: Sowing to Rally Sustainable Support” (based on content from the ECFA Press book, *The Sower: Redefining the Ministry of Raising Kingdom Resources*).

Updates from the Nations for Prayer, Praise, and Collaboration

Africa – Ms. Valentine Gitoho believes that God has called AfCAA at the right time in Kenya where the call for action against corruption and the pressure for legislation of religious organizations due to lack of accountability has elevated. On November 23, 2015, President Uhuru Kenyatta said, “I also urge the religious leaders to declare corruption a sin against God and humanity.” [Click to read.](#) Recently another article brought this topic forward. [Click to read.](#) Pray for AfCAA to start accreditations in 2016 and formally launch in August.

Australia – Mr. Stephen Kerr has been appointed as the director of the CMA Standards Council. He starts on February 8, 2016. Pray for a good beginning and that peer accountability takes root in Australia. Additionally, Mr. Gary Williams had a fruitful visit to the USA near the end of 2015. Among his stops, he visited Dr. Gary Hoag in Colorado. Over a meal in the Rocky Mountains the two prayerfully sketched plans for an ECFA visit to Australia in June 2016. Details to follow.

Europe (Spain) – Dr. Sas Conradie (Global Generosity Network) and Dr. Gary Hoag (ECFA) are co-sponsoring the “European Consultation on Generosity and Accountability” in Malaga, Spain on January 20-21, 2016 in conjunction with a Compass Europe Conference January 21–23, 2016. Ms. Jenni Hoag (Gary’s wife) will also attend as she has developed stewardship materials in Spanish. Pray for relationships to form as a platform for a European accountability initiative in the future.

Europe (UK) – Dr. Sas Conradie also celebrates that God has provided a new headquarters for Global Generosity Network (GGN) at Spurgeon’s College in South London. He is praising God for the provision of space! Also, GGN asks for prayer for charitable gift support, as some significant regular support will cease in 2016. After five years of fruitful ministry, let’s pray for God’s provision for GGN so the work can continue!

Guatemala – *Prensa Libre*, a leading newspaper in Guatemala, honored “the Guatemalan citizens” with their 2015 “person of the year” award. The collective achievement of our citizens was to remove corrupt government officials. As no person or group could orchestrate this, Edgar and Gladys Güitz believe God is moving in the hearts of Guatemalans toward honesty and transparency in administration. They request prayer for the new president and cabinet to remove structures of corruption.

Hong Kong/China – Mr. Chi-Chung Keung and Dr. Gary Hoag will travel to Hong Kong in April 2016 for PIHK board meetings. They are hopeful that Dr. Sas Conradie will join them to help host a “Consultation on Generosity and Accountability” on April 18–19, 2016, to catalyze a conversation with influential people who serve in churches and Christian ministries as a foundation for further transparency initiatives as God leads.

India – Mr. J. S. Anbu reports that the Christian Institute of Management (CIM) has been hosting seminars, workshops, and courses for leaders on various facets of ministry administration and financial accountability. Part of their strategy for

shaping a culture of transparency is through the distribution of a management devotional. Pray that their efforts, and specifically this devotional, will shape the hearts of leaders to practice and champion accountability and transparency across India.

Latin America – Ms. Barbara Shantz, TWR’s Global Fund Development Strategist and Lausanne Catalyst for Resource Mobilization, has opened the door for strategic talks between ECFA and Wycliffe Global Alliance / COMIBAM International. Pray for wisdom to serve these Latin American entities. Shantz will also attend the “European Consultation on Generosity and Accountability” in Spain on January 20–21, 2016.

South Korea – Rev. Dr. Sung Wook Chung, ECFA Korean-American Advisor, traveled to Seoul in December 2015 with Daryl Heald and Cameron Doolittle of Generosity Path. Dr. Ho Chan Hwang and the CCFK board were encouraged by their visit. They request prayer for God to grow membership. Churches and ministries are in the process of joining CCFK, but things are moving slowly. Pray that CCFK’s efforts will support greater levels of generous participation in the Gospel.

Ukraine – While the battle rages, God is working in the hearts of faithful servants. Ministry is challenging, but blessings flow from above. Prayers are lifting to God, and answers are coming: 2016 promises to be a year of impact with further development of accountability practices to help ministry move forward. Pray for those who struggle economically that God would enrich them spiritually.

USA – As the majority of ECFA members are parachurch organizations, ECFA has launched initiatives in 2016 to more effectively serve church administrators. ECFA vice president Michael Martin, who will help lead this effort, notes that churches are our fastest growing area of membership and ECFA wants to serve them well. Pray for wisdom to create much-needed resources.

God is at Work Around the World



“But forget all that—it is nothing compared to what I am going to do. For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland” (Isaiah 43:18–19 NLT).

In a recent conversation with ECFA president Dan Busby, while we were praising God for the great reports from around the world, I exclaimed, “God cares more about accountability than we do!” He enthusiastically agreed. While the global network prays fervently and serves faithfully, God is doing something new in this generation. Let us praise His name together!

— Rev. Dr. Gary G. Hoag, ECFA International Liaison

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