



Emo and Kathy Yango

Who? Emo and Kathy Yango, Canadian Baptist Ministries Global Field Staff, met in Toronto in 1983. Emo was born in Manila, in the Philippines, and came to Canada in his early teens. Kathy was born in Sydney, Nova Scotia. They have three grown children: Ryan, Jenna, and Kenzie.

When? In 1998, the Yangos, with their three children, went to the southern Philippines.

Where? After their marriage in 1984, the Yangos served in Japan for seven years, and then returned to Toronto, Ontario. In 1998, they returned to Asia, and have been working since then in the southern Philippines.

What? The Yangos have been leading a multinational team in the task of bringing healing to a broken world through both word and deed, with a focus on biblical and theological training. They work in partnership with the local believers to respond to the basic, felt needs of their communities through various community development projects.

One of the newer projects is the building of a prototype biogas structure that would turn cow dung into gas for cooking! A by-product of the process would be good fertilizer for farming. While two men from the



United Kingdom were building the structure, they realized there were doubts about the project, so they decided they should pray for the project to be a success. When it was finished, these men began gathering the daily requirement of cow dung. After a few days, everyone was amazed to see the burner hooked up and water boiling! This method of

cooking makes meal-making much easier to prepare, and many people can make use of the burner because the gas doesn't cost anything.

In May 2016, two local da'wah (communities of faith) leaders, Sam and Ismael, led a workshop on raising goats for rural pastors in Capiz Province. These pastors work to support their families, as best they can, through farming and other means of livelihood, while at the same time serving their churches.

The Yangos say, "Our team has been exploring a different paradigm to further the work among the Magindanon. In partnership with a lawyer friend in Toronto, Annabelle Verga, [who is] one of our colleagues here, is setting up a local business in order to assist the leaders in establishing small, personal businesses for long-term economic sustainability. For the first pilot business, she will hire Ismael to manage a tailoring business, providing him with initial start-up capital for machines, fabric, etc. He, in turn, will hire a number of his da'wah members who are already trained tailors."

Why? Emo's calling grew out of his anthropological interest in Japan. Kathy, on the other hand, was influenced by a sense of God's claim on her life, as well as by her involvement with Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, and by interaction with international students during her years as a student at Acadia University in Wolfville, Nova Scotia.

Please pray ...

- that the Philippino people's desire for peace will overcome any threats of renewed conflict
- for continued healing for Khalid, an Indigenous Movement Communities (IMC) facilitator, who suffered a heart attack in March
- for Ismael, a new team leader
- for ongoing visits by IMC leaders to their various da'wahs
- for the on-going Bible translation project
- for God's blessing on these very practical initiatives, to ensure the long-term sustainability of the kingdom workers and the movement

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Sources:

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