

Our Fondest Memories

Dad Bill and Mom Lil

When Mom Lil sees that nobody is talking to you and she is free, she gets out of her way to talk to you and ask, "How are you doing with the Lord?" She makes sure that you are comfortable talking to her. As to Dad Bill, you will not see him doing nothing. They are a wonderful couple. True Kingdom - Builders (Kingdom of God), they really mean what they say.

- Reuben Ramos, 1976

They effectively taught the Discipleship Training which formed very good and solid foundation in our Christian lives. The approach was very revolutionary and impacting. Our JP outreach in Luneta and Lawton were the testing grounds of our new found faith in Christ.

- Dioni and Lei Cardona, 1975

I remember joining them with others (whose names I can't recall anymore), for a week on their yacht in Puerto Galera (Mindoro). What we did? -- to study the Bible, work, play and swim a lot. It was a time of bonding (building relationship), knowing each other more and team building for the work ahead. It's one of the most enjoyable moments in my life.

- Angel Receno, 197_



I got to know dad Bill and mom Lil up close and personal in 1982 after I joined Open Doors with Brother Andrew. I have been hearing about this couple who pioneered the Jesus people in the 70's. The first Christians in our family -- ate Nona, Joan and Ningning have been involved in the movement then. I was 13 years old when I joined JP Bible

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studies in Pasay. Dad Bill is 'my hero' base after he led "Project Pearl," the delivery of 1 million Bibles in China using a barge and a tugboat. Most of the action and preparation of that daring delivery was done in the Philippines. I was very proud of him. Later, when I joined Open Doors assigned at the Communication Department, I was privilege to see most of the documents and pictures of that daring operation.

God gifted Dad Bill a brilliant mind. He is a self thought individual learning to fly a plane and captain a ship from reading books. He later taught our staff how to computers when it was 'something new' in those days. He is a man to watch in work ethics. Rarely I have seen him doing nothing. He read books when he relaxed but most open time you always see him tinkering with something. He is very quick to think. He loves fun and music. He and mom Lil plays the guitar and the Ukelele and sings in Hawaiian style.

Mom Lil is also a dynamite. She is lovely and always cheerful. Small as she is but she could be very tough. I remember when one of the missionary kids drove her somewhere and he was speeding. Mom Lil ordered him to stop the car. She scolded the kid who is about 200 lbs and more than 6 foot tall asked him to get off trade places and she drove the car.

- Pio Arce, 1974

I remember joining dad, mom and the JP team to evangelistic meetings. Their inspiring folk and country - style music have really been used by the Lord to attract people's attention; they were really great.

- Rico Deriquito, 1978

I equate Dad Bill to what they call "Jack of all trades". Mom Lil is the Jacky. When Mo and I got married, we had no place to live. We were offered a free room by Bill and Lil Tinsley at their house in Tandang Sora, Quezon City. (Free amenities too). Given a choice to 'replay' my salvation path I will still pick Jesus People and Bill and Lil Tinsley as the biggest part of it.

Eric Rodriguez,
1975

We organized Dad
and Mom's

Christian wedding at the center. It gave me a joy in my heart that we were able to successfully organize this wedding and giving them one of the greatest surprises of their lives, if not the greatest. I can still see the smiles on their faces.

- Cynthia Alonzo, 1977

One Sunday in YMCA, Dad Bill shared how his wristwatch was snatched in Manila. Sa isip ko lang, "Kawawa naman, nagsisilbi na nga sa Diyos about salvation and forgiveness, pero di pinatawad ng magnanakaw"

- Ef Impreso, 1975

I started my discipleship training under them. One thing I have observed, this couple reproduced themselves in their spiritual children. Who are like them in their zeal to serve the Lord, and living an un compromised Christian life

- Wilma Mateo-Dillon, 1977



I am privileged to undergo my Youth Aflame DT and other teachings such as the Metano, Halakah series etc. directly under them and which prepared me spiritually. They inspired me in my walk with the Lord and gave me the confidence as a child of God. I never realized that

those trainings will prepare me to handle campus ministries/ Bible Studies in PLM (1977-78), in CLSU (Nueva Ecija, 1978-1981) and in AIT (Thailand, 1982-83).

- Pearl Inocencio – Padilla, 1973

Mom Lil was a very accommodating adviser helping me out in making major decisions in my life such as in my studies, job and partner. Right after graduation while we were job hunting (the BS Chem group: Nelids Ilanga, Beth Mariano-Evans, Maureen Uy, Fe Alcances, etc), I remember Dad Bill was already pushing us to look for possible business or work where we can busy ourselves.

They are not always that serious but I could remember them being funny, too. Mom with her chewing gum all the time even as she teaches and sings and Dad as he burst



with laughter even at corny jokes. Food? I will not forget the kangkong with burgers in Tandang Sora.

- Pearl Inocencio – Padilla, 1973

When I first met William 'Bill' Tinsley, I couldn't help but think of him as a bear of a man. At six foot one or so, he did not walk as normal people do. He ambled his way around like a grizzly would. His thick hair and full beard completed the picture. But unlike bears, he would invariably wear a disarming smile and the ever present twinkle in his eye especially when he tries to convey the love of God in Christ to any person he might meet. With his basso-baritone voice he would share- Bill never preached- he would share like in a laid back conversation with friends. More often than not, Bill would make his sharing rounds in his khaki pants, white tee-shirt and leather sandals on a Japanese motorbike (or by the ancient Volkswagen van). And like a bear he would be always preoccupied with one thing or another resting only when he has to have his nightly hibernation. He swam, he dove, he wrote, he sang (aloud, always it seems aloud!), he talked (and how!), he read, he played his ubiquitous ukelele and made tons of friends along the way. But most noteworthy to me is that he built things with his bare hands. He built their (first?) house of timber and tin roof in Fairview in 1972. He refitted the MV Friendship in 1973. He built the whaleboat in the Subic Naval Base in 1974. And he rebuilt lives with the gospel of the Lord Jesus. And in like almost everything he puts his mind to do, Bill persisted in finishing whatever project he started, be they boats, houses or people. This very important work ethic would vastly and deeply influence and shape the lives of the young believers in the Jesus People.

- Ernie Palacio, ____

Dad Bill - He's the "big American guy" who rides a motorcycle, plays the ukelele and awed me with so many new things! Most of us call him Bilo (tagalog version of Bill) and he showed to us his serious side when he teach the Bible. If you ask me to remember Dad Bill in a verse, it would be John 3:16.

- Butch Ocampo, 1975

Mom Lil - She's the petite but big-hearted Lady whom I will always remember to have taught us how to be interesting (as opposed to boring) Bible teachers and/or public speakers. She's the one who told me/us to walk around instead of just standing behind the rostrum, interact and draw the audience by using colorful, vivid words when speaking or teaching in public.

- Butch Ocampo, 1975

As a couple, Dad Bill and Mom Lil will always be our spiritual parents, the dedicated evangelists yet down to earth people who made a big difference in our young life

back then. Even if they don't talk, you can sense their Love for the Lord God and Lord Jesus and for us.

- Butch Ocampo, 1975

I worked under them for six months on 1977 at their house in Tandang Sora, Q.C. They were giving me allowance amounting to 120 pesos a month (minimum wage on that year) plus the daily merienda and lunch. My work? Primarily, I collected grasses for their rabbits, then, I was doing some experimenting, re easy-to-do it yourself chemical mixtures, like pesticides, furniture cleaning wax, wind shield glass smoothing liquid, etc. They offered that work just to help me earned a living while being treated for 6 months to recover from a mild illness that prohibited me in entering UNILAB. It was actually an expression of kindness and parental concern from them. I also was able to participate in the Discipleship lessons they conducted in their house on those times.

- Francis Domingo, 1975

I remember their hospitality. I often visit their house at Tandang Sora. - Jun Alonzo, 1978

Dad and Mom Lil - I would always equate them with the ever-present ukulele and their unique way of partnership in sharing God's word. The very small round ukelele which was always used by Ate Tanette and Ate Moriel.

- Ed Garvida, 1974

I enjoyed the fellowship at their house in Quezon City and the picnics on the beach with Mom Lil's carrot and celery sticks and mayonnaise. Having them as spiritual parents was big thing for all of us because most of us were ostracized by our families.

- France Panol - Brader, 1976



DAD BILL is a huge, bearded-guy with soulful eyes who look like 'the Jesus' in most pictures playing the ukelele singing "...the old rugged cross...", constantly instilling in us the high cost of discipleship, reminding us to always prepare to be beheaded for the

cause of the gospel... remember him for words like kuriakos, metano, doulos, agape, etc. **MOM LIL** is jolly and giggly, but when serious, the stares from her big, wide brown eyes will make you feel guilty of doing something wrong, parang search lights kasi. Her warm motherly embrace soothes and calms my weary soul though.

- Nelids Ilanga-Kho, 1976

I remember their "surprised wedding" at the CLSF Calbayog [sometime in 1987?]. Everyone was excited and we had a good time laugh during the night.
- Lemy Maguigad-Gaddi, 1982

Whenever I hear Dad Bill playing the electric guitar and singing alone at the San Juan center at an unusual time and unusual day, I know he's got a problem.
- Noly Garvida, 1972

I am privileged to have undergone part of my Discipleship Training with Mom Lil.
- Teddy de Guzman, 1978

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Jesus People

I first came to the Jesus People meeting at the YMCA Ecumenical chapel through the invitation of my classmates, who unbeknown to me at that Time, had been praying for me because I've been causing some of them so much trouble. Their prayer worked and I gave my life to the Lord in response to the simple preaching of the Word by Kuya Manny del Mundo. That was 13 June 1976. When the Adamson group was asked to present a song, I was asked to join in. After that presentation Ate Mo asked me to join the singing group which later on became known as "Earthen Vessels".



We had lots of fun and interesting experiences then. One particular instance was, when we were invited to sing at a conservative Baptist Church somewhere in QC. We were the only ones wearing jeans and nobody would want to talk to us. Kuya Ernie stood out amongst the men because of his long hair.
- France Panol - Brader, 1976

It's only here at JP that you hear about Kuriakos, what other groups call "cell group". Walking in Halakah is the byword.
- Reuben Ramos, 1976

Jesus People is a group of young university students in MM and beyond, who decided to follow Jesus and totally sold out to follow Him no matter what the cost (even dying for Jesus). As Jesus People then, we were disciplined and mentored into deep commitment and service to God via Kuriakos.
- Dioni and Lei Cardona, 1975

I remember the times when we just stand in the corner of a busy street and begin praying, singing, sharing and preaching the Gospel. I was so nervous at first. But when I became accustomed to it (by God's grace) it was a lot of fun. I learned a lot from it and it made me grow faster in my faith.
- Angel Receno, 197_

Jesus People is my birthplace.
- Eric Rodriguez, 1975



Jesus People fellowship was my refuge when I was lonely, angry, and looking for fellowship. After the fellowship at YMCA, we would still hang around and sit in the "bangketa" (side walk), singing and sharing. During my first days sa YMCA, I remember Kuya Ernie Palacio leading some brethren (I can't remember who they were) in singing songs for the Lord. They were practicing, I think. Then he asked me if I want to join the singing group then. I remember my answer was. "Di pwede kasi, nagtatrabaho na ako sa ospital" (It's not possible, I am already working in a hospital). My other excuses were: "My day-offs are not the same, many times I worked on a Sunday" not knowing later on that I will be the head of the Music Ministry.
- Cynthia Alonzo, 1977

My fond memories of the fellowship? We love the bible study too much. We really applied the teaching "Love one another" that we really fell in love with one another.
- Ef Impreso, 1975

I was ministered to the Jesus People. I attended one of their Bible study / Tutorial on Electrical Engineering at Luneta Park. Kuya Angel help me and the rest of us who

attended have a better understanding of the subject. It was Agape love at work!

- Wilma Mateo-Dillon, 1977

In 1973 when I first attended the church in San Juan, I felt at home right away. I felt the warmth and love even for first timers like me. In PLM, which is very near Luneta, we can go there anytime and will find long haired Mel Marinda singing /worshipping alone. I never heard of him after PLM days (Btw, Jun, where is your bro?) We conduct our campus fellowship sitting in the grass of Luneta back of the Reading Center. Once a week, we would distribute tracks. We kept our gospel tracks at the engineering building of PLM with Manny del Mundo being our head of evangelism then and Noli Garvida as the JP Head. Sweet Aleta del Mundo was my first BS leader. I remember having evangelism in Luneta, Evangelistic rally at Plaza Miranda etc. We were all young then but Dad Bill would let us stand and testify of God's salvation and grace. He is a very dynamic leader. You can not say NO to him. "Praise the Lord" was the common expression of JPs. Although life has been difficult during those days, PLM JPs survived by sharing our books, uniforms ,goods , food and money so that everyone could graduate.

- Pearl Inocencio – Padilla, 1973

'Nothing beats the benefit of hindsight, except having a good foresight.'

JESUS PEOPLE –Almost forty long years ago in one of the most turbulent times of the Philippines, a couple of would be missionaries and their children came to our shores with not much more than a prayer and an unquenchable fire in their hearts. It was the height of Ferdinand Marcos' power and influence in the course of which Martial Law was declared and many of the heretofore civil liberties were suspended. Strange and fearsome days indeed. Where other sunny day ministers would shun the islands as too dangerous, William and Lil Tinsley thought the profitable opportunities for winning souls far outweighed any danger, real or otherwise. The next five years found them taking under their wings a ragtag band of young people, a motley crew of students, out-of-school youth and a precious few young professionals. It was years



before the ATM, ages before the internet when snail mail was the norm. We mostly were as naïve to the ways of the world as children born to not too rich parents usually are. For a long while as far as one could remember no one owned a car. So we took the jeepney or the bus (no air-conditioning!) and on rare emergencies a cab. William, also known as Bill and his unsinkable Lil began their early ministries in the U- Belt. It was a place then known as Chi Alpha, ran by the Assembly of God youth ministry. It was here that the first fruits of their labor bloomed and budded. The next twenty years proved that much of the fruit would remain to even bear much to the glory of God.

- Ernie Palacio, ___

JESUS PEOPLE. I remember the times when we go on an evangelistic meeting at the Luneta Park. From PLM, we will march together going to the Rizal Monument while singing praise songs, while some are distributing tracts. We will sit in circle at the ground near the monument and continue singing. Passers-by will soon gather around and this will give us the opportunity to stand and start preaching/sharing the gospel impromptu.

- Noly Garvida, 1972

I remember also, during Good Fridays that we will ride on the old VW van with Dad Bill driving. With empty milk cans tied at the back of the van will go around the city while singing aloud praise songs accompanied by guitars. Late in the afternoon, we will then hold evangelistic crusade at the Plaza Miranda while Good Friday mass is going on at the Quiapo Church. Any one of us called upon by Dad Bill will take turns preaching/sharing impromptu in front of many people.

- Noly Garvida, 1972

I remember the evangelistic meetings atop Dad Bill's jeepney at Plaza Miranda and elsewhere

- Jun Alonzo, 1978



I remember those times of chatting with the new found brethren, like Lei Garcia, Olive Celerio, Nap Oro, Nick Lopez -outside the YMCA chapel, sitting on the side walks

near the Tennis Courts. The first time I experienced the kuriakos was when K. Francis brought me to their cell group at Luneta. I remembered it was a birthday gathering for A. Nona. I was asked to render a song which I gladly did. It was a very memorable night of being accepted by a Christian, godly group, so that I was drawn to them from that time forward. I vowed to the Lord that I will not stop being an active part of JP.

-Beth _ Domingo, 1980

JESUS PEOPLE - bunch of rugged, good-looking, intelligent, energetic, idealistic young students who are very much in love with Jesus, willing to die and give up their lives for him, having deep passion to share the gospel to the lost.

- Nelids Ilanga-Kho, 1976

I found my worth and significance as a person when I received Jesus on Dec.11, 1975. Since that day I found a second family, I found real people who loved me not only by words but through practice. I, therefore, was drawn completely to Christ and to the JP, and participated wholeheartedly in all activities. The JP group became my inspiration to succeed in life because of its balanced stands in many issues of life, like the common true knowledge and common unselfishness pertaining with students life, choosing a life partner, choosing a career, which we were taught are all our ministries to the Lord as we pass through all those phases of a human responsibilities. Jesus People is a very enticing word, a memory-laden word to me. It is me.

- Francis Domingo, 1975

I remember joining some friends from **CLSF Malibay** and attended (twice) their street children's ministry in Pasay Road Makati. It was very encouraging to see them caring for these kids and their commitment to be with them at the wee hours of the night.

- Lemy Maguigad-Gaddi, 1982

I was with JP already when we were having worship services in YMCA Manila, 3 years perhaps.

- Teddy de Guzman, 1978

Jesus People - God used the fellowship (through my brother Noly and Kuya Oteff) to bring me to His kingdom. I will always remember the times we were fellowshiping at Luneta and the evangelisms we conducted there

- Ed Garvida, 1974

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YMCA & other Places

As we grow in the Lord, we moved from place to place -- from **YMCA Chapel**, to the **National Library Auditorium**, **Lion's Club Auditorium**, **PBS Auditorium** and then the **Calbayog sanctuary** (until we reach heaven).
- Reuben Ramos, 1976

One most memorable place in our entire life. Basically, **YMCA** was a wonderful place to be in fellowship with the Jesus People. One venue where I learned how to testify about my Christian life, bring invitees, a place for prayer, praise and worship, fellowship, training and meeting new friends.

- Dioni and Lei Cardona, 1975

At **YMCA**, I remember the hardships but rewarding experience of starting a fellowship. At Montojo (Makati), we dealt with someone (a family in fact) who tried to swindle the group. Perhaps, it was not a fond memory but it made the bond of the group stronger. So, it's nice to remember the old days.

- Angel Receno, 197_

YMCA is my manger.

- Eric Rodriguez, 1975

I missed all the evangelistic concerts and presentations we had in **National Library**, **Philippine Bible Society**, and **Lion's Club**. I remembered we were only using Manila paper for our songs that took a lot of time to prepare.

- Cynthia Alonzo, 1977

Back then, our leaders would interrupt the worship leader *kapag hindi makalipad ang* praise and worship (if praise and worship could not take-off). Individual praise reports are always a part of the Sunday services. Also, we look forward to the afternoon snack - "pinagong at monay and softdrinks in a nearby bakery store sa labas ng **YMCA**.

- Ef Impreso, 1975



It was Kuya Dan's teaching on "Tithing" that God used to convict me to do so even when I did not yet have a job at that time. It was Kuya Dan's teaching on sowing our

"Talents" to the Lord's work that made me join the singing group and offer my services to Jesus People/CLSF with fear and trembling. These all happened at **YMCA** Jesus People fellowship.

- Wilma Mateo-Dillon, 1977

YMCA was the culminating place of all JP campus ministries with Sundays as fellowship services and Fridays as prayer meetings. Here we would meet brethren from FEU, Trinity (Jesus Flock now) PCC (Si Oteff Cruz lang yata yon), Adamson and other schools (including High Schools). We also have our special services here such as anniversaries, etc. At that time **YMCA** is being rented at P80/month and only one brother pays for it (Benjie Navarro). We were all students then. Even after service, we would still meet together and chat for hours outside the chapel sitting/ standing around tennis courts/ hallways etc. as if we don't want to split and leave yet. Well, those were the days, PTL (Praise the Lord)

- Pearl Inocencio – Padilla, 1973

I remember the **YMCA** Fellowship as a combination of joyful praising, solemn worship and touching sharing and Gospel insight as well as encouraging collective prayers. When I attend the Sunday Fellowship, there is not a time that I cry and feel the Spirit of the Lord being present. The **YMCA** chapel has only wall-fans which creaks and unable to cool our packed bodies inside its small space, yet I feel very serene, very peaceful when the joyous praising, the tear-shedding worship starts. To me, this is my refuge from my family and unbelieving friends' persecution and I always look forward to Sunday for this.

- Butch Ocampo, 1975

YMCA. This place became very memorable to me. Here I matured in the new found faith in Christ, so that I have invited and brought here some college pals, like Susan and some classmates from CEU. I shared to Emer _ Castillo, Ernie de Guzman, Choi, and other classmates at the time of our Montojo days. This place became a second home to me, and I even brought here my sisters and brothers from Tanay.

- Beth _ Domingo, 1980

For a long time, **YMCA** was the venue for our Sunday fellowships, mid-week services, prayer meetings, and discipleship trainings with dad and mom; where most romance between JP pioneers blossomed.

- Nelids Ilanga-Kho, 1976

I remember asking each of the Jesus People leaders (being the director then), before the start of the Sunday Service, if they have fasted. We have committed ourselves to fast at least for the breakfast.

- Noly Garvida, 1972

I remember and treasure the one hour or more after-service informal fellowship outside the **YMCA** chapel

- Jun Alonzo, 1978

I became a Christian inside the **YMCA chapel**, it was 6:00pm, a Thursday, December 11, 1975. I can't forget the solemn feeling pervading throughout the entire place. It was a prayer meeting day. We were 3 friends who came, Benjamin de Borja (a 1-week old Christian who invited us), Rene Ileteo (our classmate), and me. We were distributed to different prayer groups. Each prayer group stood under the incandescent lamps that were lined up around the perimeter of the chapel. It was the setting when I met the Savior, as He spoke through Kuya Godo when he read Matt. 11:28-30 "Come to Me, all of you who are tired and heavily laden and I will give you rest..." It was here that I surrendered my heart to Jesus, and vowed that I will serve Him throughout my life time.

- Francis Domingo, 1975



When I became a Christian, I started attending the Jesus People service at the **YMCA**. After the service, Ate Aleta del Mundo was the one who handled initial teachings in the faith with me. I still remember that the outside of the **YMCA** Chapel in Manila was littered with Jesus People, either chatting or doing one-on-one follow up with new and young Christians. Then all new Christians are required to finish the Youth Aflame Discipleship Program. Ate Mo taught me and help me finish this training.

- Dory Alonzo, 1977

YMCA. That's where I gave my heart to the Lord Jesus - and where I was asked (later on) by Ate Moriel (Despa) Rodriguez to join the worship team.

- France Panol - Brader, 1976

I was born again in 1980 but I came to the fellowship only in 1981. I remember at **YMCA** once when Ate Mo apprehended me for using the tambourine during worship, when I am not a member of the music ministry then. (Healed na ko dyan! ha ha ha.) Then I disappeared in 1982-1983 for graduate studies in Thailand. I was back just when the CLSF SEC papers are already in process. Then for CLSF, I volunteered in any such menial tasks

(while observing the routine of ministry work): cleaning/ organizing files/ stock supplies/ equipment/ inventories at CLSF office in **Montejo** Makati, preparing verse cut-outs for Sunday worship services at the **Philippine Bible Society, Lions Club and National Library Auditorium.**

- Jojo Padilla, 1981

YMCA is a small place but I still remember the bonding/ fellowship right after the Sunday service.

- Lemy Maguigad-Gaddi, 1982

I still recall seeing the deaf and mute Christians who were also using the **YMCA** center for their worship services. The unique way Kuya Dan played the piano when there was no guitar around.

- Ed Garvida, 1974

Mehan Garden in Luneta: That was where the Chai kuriakos meet for Bible study.

- Reuben Ramos, 1976

I was sent by mother to spy on Kuya Francis with one directive in mind "tingnan mo kung ano ang mga pinag-gagawa ng kuya mo roon". The mission was to my own benefit, and my life (as young as 14 years old) was changed dramatically. I was caught up in a net of warm, friendly, loving people – the brethren in **Luneta**. The spy was captured by the net of Jesus, and I came to know Him as my Lord and Savior.

- Sinia Domingo-Valenzuela, 1977

I remember our bible studies, gospel tract distribution

- Nelids Ilanga-Kho, 1976

When I think of **Mehan Garden**, I also think of Mom Lil whom we regularly meet at Mehan Garden. She alternates with Dad Bill in teaching us the Discipleship training. With Mom Lil, we are her kids, accepts us with our childish imperfections and we have fun in our training. She showed us the epitome of Corinthians I:13.

- Butch Ocampo, 1975



Luneta Park (now known as Rizal Park) is a place more commonly known for family outing and lovers "*pasyalan*" (hang-out place) *pag walang pera pampanood ng sine* (if we don't have money to watch movies) back then. In my Jesus People days, I had my Bible Study here. With Ate Mo as my teacher, we learned to ignore all the distractions of the place and be in tune to what the Spirit of the Lord is teaching. Both Ate Mo and Eric (who invited me to join Jesus People after I accepted the Lord Jesus) were my Bible Study leaders and prayer partners at the Luneta Park. - Butch Ocampo, 1975

Mehan Garden was a place of discipleship for my young Christian life. In here I made many vital decisions, promises, surrendering, meditations, fellowships, and waiting. In here I attained spiritual growth. In fact, this was the place where the Chai Kuriakos was disbanded to usher us to become cell leaders. We were all crying then, not wanting to be parted with everybody, but weaning time is inevitable for independence and spiritual growth. We then became responsible cell leaders of new Christians in the family of God.

- Francis Domingo, 1975.

Luneta was the place where I first experienced the cell life or kuriakos gathering. We just sat on the grass-laden lawn, in a circle. We prayed, worshipped the Lord, shared our experiences with God-a once a week event that I eagerly looked forward. It was here when I was persecuted by my family, threatened to withhold all my privileges as a son because of my faith. In this place that I received encouragement from my cell leader to trust the Lord, and as I trusted Him, He did miracles-in two years time all my family members became Christians. I learned to evangelize, by giving tracts in this place and to share my new found faith.

- Francis Domingo, 1975

I remember Dad and mom's residence in **Tandang Sora** QC, the same venue for JP board meetings, enjoying mom's freshly-baked cookies and fresh salads during parties and youth hang-outs

- Nelids Ilanga-Kho, 1976

Mom & Dad's residence in **Tandang Sora**, QC . Yes, I remember that. I also remember joining one evangelism in **Plaza Miranda**, in front of Quiapo Church.

- Teddy de Guzman, 1978

My first impromptu public preaching experience was in **Plaza Miranda.** - Nelids Ilanga-Kho, 1976

Liwasang Bonifacio was where I was cast in a drama, short skit presenting the Gospel to by-standers on weekly basis - Nelids Ilanga-Kho, 1976

My first street evangelistic rally experience, carrying placards proclaiming Jesus and the gospel was in **Project 4** in Quezon City - Nelids Ilanga-Kho, 1976

When Jesus People grew in numbers then we moved from one Fellowship Hall to another even to the **National Library Auditorium** in Manila, I remember.
- Dory Alonzo, 1977

OTHER PLACES

Malibay - the first time I ever conquered my fear of rejection and persecution was in Malibay. Together with Kuya Andrew, Kuya Mario, Kuya London, Ate Nona and other Jesus people, one evening we went there to distribute tracts, evangelize the local residents and tell them Jesus Loves all of us.
- Butch Ocampo, 1975

Naabutan ko pa ang YMCA days. Ang memorable days ko ay nung nag open ng bible study sa house namin [sa **Karuhatan Valenzuela Bulacan**] buong Alonzo family nasa bahay namin, pati si tatay at nanay Alonzo. Naaalala ko rin ang Perez family, at sina Kuya Angel at Ate Obie.
- Wenny Espino, 1979

We also used to meet in **our house near Central Market**, Manila for the home bible study attended by most of the pioneers of Jesus People like Ate Mo, Kuya Eric, Edison, Emma, Godo, Ate Beckay and Kuya Rollie, Kuya Tony Damasco, the Alonzo family, etc. and later added new believers. Each one takes turn to facilitate the assigned topic of discussion once a week. After which we all ate dinner together prepared by us and the fellowship continued, so gabi na sila nag-uuwian. It was so much fun and this was how I grew in the Lord, in this kind of warm, fun fellowship with co-believers.



- Dory Alonzo, 1977

Outreaches on the **streets of Pasay** and the outreach at Plaza Lawton. Our kuriakos gatherings at **Luneta Park and Mehan Garden**.

- France Panol - Brader, 1976

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