The Great Commission, One Person At A Time
Bro. Rainier Camara

"Jojo was a man who thought he was a woman" is the opening line of a very popular Beatle’s song titled, “Get Back”. Although the lyrics are out of sync with the Great Commission; it is fearfully in line with the issues we deal with today.

Gender identity issues, personality disorders, hopelessness, hatred, and confusion run rampant everywhere you look. We live in a world filled with the lost and confused. Allow me to share a couple of examples:

“Abdul” was an intelligent man who thought he needed to know the whole truth, whatever the cost maybe. I did not know Abdul before he called; he got my number through the WIN network. He was a man who desperately needed assurance that Jesus Christ is who He claims to be, the Savior of the world. Abdul called at all times of the day, for several days. This man hungered to know the truth.

“Beto” was a man who thought he needed the answer to life’s most important question, right away. He came unexpectedly to our house one early morning and asked, with a tone of urgency in his voice, “What does it really mean to be born again?” “Beto” is my neighbor.

Both of these men represent the great need people have for knowing God, no matter how much they studied or how hard they searched for knowledge. In doing so they only filled their brains - their hearts however continued to starve.

The core of the Great Commission deals with matters of the heart. The Great Commission, “Go into all the world...” ends up becoming a great statement if we are to be seekers of the lost, but we remain still. The hearts that long for God is what matters most to Him who commanded, “Go and make disciples...”, whether across the seas or across the street, we are called to “Go”. By design, once we lay down our lives to serve Jesus, the shackles of inertia are broken - not just for our sake but to serve His purpose.

Jesus didn’t just preach the Great Commission - His life and ministry serves as our example to follow. Jesus spent time with many individuals and spoke to their hearts, e.g., the woman at the well, the blind beggar and the tax collector. Jesus came to be
I met Pastor Chito and Pastor Mark Briones of WIN LA at a Prayer meeting of Filipino Pastors in Los Angeles, California in 2006. This group met once a month and after a few months, Pastor Chito asked if I could assist some members of WIN LA with a legal matter. After meeting with the church members and Pastor Chito, and getting to know them, I was impressed with the warm, friendly manner in which I was included. It seemed we talked more about Jesus than the legal matter.

At that time, I was a member of another church group where I had been an assistant pastor for several years. Pastor Chito asked if I would preach at WIN LA while he was visiting Canada. This was my first visit to a WIN Church and WOW!!!

I committed to join WIN. I came to the first meeting as a member on Resurrection Sunday 2007. Since I was single and living alone, Pastor Chito invited me often for dinner. I was exposed to a variety of Filipino cooking and found it delicious!!!

I had been to the Philippines on two mission trips in 2005 and 2006 visiting Mindoro, Boracay, Talavera (Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija, Manila and the suburbs. I was helping to sponsor two schools for pre kindergarten and kindergarten in Tondo and Talavera. Since then I’ve visited once, sometimes twice a year. I have also become involved with missions in WIN. During these visits, I have travelled with Pastor Chito, Brother Babes, and Pastor Edman Locsin. I have visited all areas of Metro Manila, Cebu and Bacolod.

I have toured Tondo with Pastor Abel and been blessed to preach and speak at many WIN Churches. I have been to the Mission House in La Carlota for the first and third graduation. I’ve attended a meeting of all Filipino pastors for their National Conference in Antipolo. I was also blessed to be at the G7 (2007-2008).

In 2012, I was at the conference in Tagaytay when Pastor Rene was installed as the International Director. I was with my fiancé Beth Felix who lives in Manila. I met her through Pastor Dani Sindac who pastors the WIN Church in Austin, Texas.

February 1, 2009 I became Senior Pastor of WIN IE, WIN Inland Empire, 50 miles east of WIN LA. In December 2013 I moved to Las Vegas, Nevada where I am now working with Sis. Farrah Florendo holding Bible Studies for two Iranian families and a couple of American families. We are looking to expanding these studies to become WIN Las Vegas. I commute every weekend to continue as Senior Pastor of WIN IE.

With WIN my life is complete!!!

Hallelujah!!! Purihin and Diyos!!!
Blessed to Be Part of The WIN Family
Bro. Rihard Pasiburu

We have been blessed to be part of Word International Ministry family. WIN has been providing us a lot of opportunities to learn more about God and His love through Sunday services, care groups, trainings, conferences, family camps and other activities. Most importantly, we feel that church is our extended family where we can be ourselves.

Our engagement with WIN NL dated back to spring 2006 when I started my assignment with a company located in Nieuwegein (a city just outside Utrecht) in the Netherlands. We truly believe that God has a plan for us in Nieuwegein/Utrecht so I accepted the offer. Since the first week we moved to Nieuwegein, almost every week we were moving from one church to another. We have been visiting, if I am not mistaken, all the international churches we could find on the internet. After more than 4 months of trying, we were at the point of really asking God if we were in the right city because we did not find the church we felt we belonged to.

At the end of our frustrations, we found WIN NL website. At first, we were not sure about coming to WIN NL since we never heard about the church. We just felt the urge from the inside to visit the church, and we were very happy that we have followed the leading of the Holy Spirit. The first time we came, even though we were the third ethnic group in the church (after Filipino and Dutch) despite the handful number of attendance, we felt that God wanted us to be part of this family and we’ve been happy ever since.

Looking back, we can now testify louder that God was indeed calling us to Utrecht to be part of this great family. Through WIN NL, we are able to serve the Lord and experience more of His love. We are glad that WIN has the vision to reach the world starting from Filipinos overseas but also to all the nations. We have been seeing the fruit of this vision. More and more ethnicities are being added to our WIN NL families. We not only have Filipino, Dutch, Indonesian, and Singaporean, but also Indians, Africans, Chinese and Mongolian.

We are praying for more. We are praying that God will use our church not only for those who are living in Holland, but also for those who come temporarily in the Netherlands for trainings, business, work or leisure. I remembered one time that we prayed for God to send us people praising Him in our church from all continents. We are really blessed that God heard our prayer - we first saw people visiting us from North America, then South America, Australia and the latest was from Africa as they travel for their business, studies or leisure.

We are also blessed and privileged to learn from pastors/leaders from all over the world through WIN NL. Through them we see more about our Lord Jesus Christ, church leadership and discipleship. We have seen miracles happening, lives transformed and restored.

Looking forward, we truly believe that God is doing great and mighty things in WIN as we continue the journey to bring all nations to come to the saving knowledge of Him.
I am honored to write a brief testimony of being a pastor in Myanmar and having the privilege to work among the Filipino brethren.

Thank God that He has allowed me to work together with Filipinos for the past 10 years! I am sure that He has chosen me and appointed me to serve as a pastor. Serving the Lord is my satisfaction in life rather than doing any other thing, even in the midst of persecution, suffering, and being brought to the valley of death during the time my country was under military rule.

Way back in 2003, Pastor Chito Cordero and Pastor Butch Yu visited us in Myanmar. That visit gave birth to a wonderful working relationship between us and Word International Ministries. Today, WIN Myanmar is supported by both WIN SQ and WIN LA.

We have been able to put up an orphanage where we are taking care of young children who do not have parents or whose parents are unable to send them to school. Today, many of those children have been able to build up their lives and are able to stand on their own.

Through the generous help and support of WIN, we have been able to establish the Word Bible Seminary - a bible school solely dedicated to educating the brethren in the Word of God. To date, we have trained more than 117 people in the seminary and have planted churches in several places in Myanmar.

We share with WIN Singapore the passion for lost souls, and their generous giving for Christ’s Kingdom has brought us to where we are today. Together, we have not only built the buildings of the WIN Orphanage and the World Bible Seminary, but we have also built lives.

We appreciate Senior Pastor Butch Yu, and his wife Sis Manju, under whose leadership we are learning a lot. I have learned a lot of things on leadership, how to lift up our leaders, connecting people to God with love, and giving opportunity of service for fellow workers. They opened my eyes and brought me to step out into new experiences, like what happened during the recent WIN Asia and Oceania Summit held in Singapore. Their unselﬁsh desire to disciple and share their knowledge has caused all of us to gain a lot and be able to share to our churches back home.

I have never felt like stranger among our Filipino brethren when we have fellowships. We can feel their sincere and deep love for us. They have strong desire to build up those who cannot stand. They have a positive and clear concept of their mission, and they are strong in their desire to share the gospel to the world. Putting Christ Jesus in the centre of their lives, they love to work as a team, rather than prioritize themselves. I am proud of them, and to be part of them.
Filipino Hospitality Served In London
Sis. Sophia Cirujales

I’ve had the pleasure to interview Kenneth and his wife, Clari, on his experience as a member of the WIN Family. As a Denmark native, attending in a church who’s population is 90% Filipino, we are particularly interested in what led him to WIN London, and how he found his experience to be like.

But to answer that, we first have to share a little on Kenneth and Clari’s story.

Clari came to London for post-graduate studies in Information Systems Management. She came from Rizal, Philippines, and have been attending in our WIN churches there. She was picked up by Ptr Rene at the airport, and was immediately accepted within the WIN London family. Sis Babes, a Filipina nurse, took her under-wing and helped her adjust to life in UK.

It was in university that she met Kenneth and have gotten close to him during the end of the school year. They studied a lot together and started dating, and eventually Kenneth joined Clari in attending WIN London’s services. It was within this family that they have said their wedding vows and have been integrated ever since.

This inspiring love story was only made beautiful by how God worked through Kenneth’s life, and how he is now using it for the Lord’s ministry. When asked how he was encouraged to involve himself in ministry, he says that it was simply knowing what he can contribute. He started with the smallest of things like helping out with projector issues. Now, he’s part of the media team and has recently given a short exhortation as part of the Holy Week program. According to him, this is how a community functions - when people step up to answer issues when they know they have the answers.

During the recent 11th anniversary of WIN London, Kenneth woke up realizing that it would be a great idea to ask everyone to take selfies during the whole event. He then quickly setup Flickr as a platform for people to publish their selfies, and these were shown in a slideshow during the entire event. I personally think this was a very innovative idea of taking the current culture and providing a great way to document the event as well.

WIN London has clearly made a great impression not only on Kenneth, but also to Clari. She describes the people as lacking in pretentiousness, very transparent and very caring. They have automatically felt like they belonged. Everyone was welcoming, and Kenneth has never felt like they were the odd ones out. No one is forcing anyone to do anything, and are left to come to their own commitment to the Lord and to the ministry, each at his/her own pace.

WIN UK as a whole has come off as really tight-knit communities, and that’s because people meet like-minded people, perhaps similar backgrounds, creating a support network. Now, WIN London is reflecting London itself as a city, with it’s multicultural demographics. While it is still largely Filipino, Bro Stefan (currently Senior Pastor) drives the message that the church should no longer be identified as a Filipino church, but rather an all-inclusive church.

Clari observed that it was not Kenneth who adjusted to the church, but rather the church adjusting to Kenneth. Currently, the number of non-Filipino attendees of WIN London has grown, albeit still a small percentage. However, if Clari’s observation remains true, then surely we would be able to see continual growth not only for WIN London but for all the WIN communities globally.
Kenneth has been key to the revamp of the WIN International Website. With his knowledge of Wordpress, and website development in general, he has helped out by setting up the framework of the website. I have worked with him on this project and I would like to take the opportunity to appreciate him for his willingness to dedicate his time and expertise. This is truly a milestone for the organization!

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