



EXCITING REVIVAL IS OCCURRING IN MANILA AMONG THE DEAF COMMUNITY!



In January 2002 Perla Ocubillo was the first person to be baptised by full immersion and receive the Holy Spirit with the Bible evidence of speaking in tongues in the Revival Fellowship in the Philippines. Perla is fluent with sign language and has brought several deaf people to the meetings.

They are very evangelical and have witnessed to others. Thirty deaf people, who have been unable to learn to speak, have been baptised and 20 of these have received the Holy Spirit speaking in tongues. This is simply confirmation that it is not a learned thing: it is a God-given prayer language. Obviously it is not 'mass hysteria', 'the power of suggestion', 'copying' or any natural thing.

They speak in tongues through the power of the Holy Ghost with no practising or lessons...just with lots of prayer and explanation of the scriptures. It's a miracle from God (just as it is in people who can hear), but much more dramatic for them! They're all very excited about this, and 'say' they felt an incredible peace come over them at that time too. We are looking forward to more great testimonies of their healings and blessed lives!

Despite travelling difficulties they regularly attend the meetings, which are far from where they live and involve a journey of about one to two hours each way on at least two buses (that are not air-conditioned) in stifling heat and humidity.

The 110 Spirit-filled people (plus their children) in the two Philippine assemblies have a strong love for and bond with the Australian and Singaporean saints. They are very poor financially but rich spiritually, and are thrilled to know they have brothers and sisters here who pray for them and to whom they are bonded in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

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