



*"You cannot compete with Filipino pastors in church planting. We are the best, bar none."*  
 – Manuel Movido, Philippine Challenge church research volunteer

**Philippine Challenge (PC)** is OC's second-oldest field. They started sending Filipino missionaries in 2003. Today, as one of the mobilization centers of the Global Alliance, they have 10 missionaries in three countries around OC's world. They also have six appointees in the support-raising/training stages. Rich Henderson, field leader in the Philippines, shares some of the victories and challenges of the Philippines Mobilization Center.

*Rich Henderson*

Many of our PC missionaries are the best of the best. Here in the Philippines many are well trained even before they join us, having partnered with us for years. In this way they are benefitting from the training that we are doing with national church leaders.

One big challenge for our Filipino missionaries is raising the needed support. This is true for both those who leave to minister cross-culturally as well as those who stay in the country and serve. Many Filipino churches are not used to supporting missionaries because sending missionaries has not been a part of the DNA of the church.

Philippine Challenge is celebrating 60 years this year. Our missionaries have been evangelists, teachers, professors, engineers, athletes and pastors. We have seen God do amazing things in those 60 years. Today Filipinos are seen by many to be one of the nations that will help complete the Great Commission, because they have access to the world and are willing to go.

## Pray With Us

*Pray* for Precy (previously with PC), who is ministering in Indonesia, encouraging deaf believers to live well and using sign language to offer hope to nonbelievers.

*Praise* the Lord for Whinney and Flor as they finally begin coaching leaders in Central Asia. With experience starting 46 churches in the Philippines, they were invited to live there but national violence, language barriers, and security concerns for Christians prevented them from coaching new church planters until now.

*Pray* for the PC team as they consider new ministry opportunities. Philippine churches experienced healthy growth during the DAWN Movement, encouraging believers in other countries. Pray for those in Mongolia seeking help with a research project and for leaders in Myanmar requesting church planting coaches.

*Pray* for Nona Aguila and Rich Henderson as they work with several missionary candidates. For them to participate in an internship this April, they must meet some requirements before the deadline.

## FACTS

"With more than **11 million** Filipinos overseas, the Philippines has one of the largest diaspora networks in the world."

[www.cultureight.com/philippine-fun-facts](http://www.cultureight.com/philippine-fun-facts)

**4,500** Filipino full-time missionaries and another **50,000** tent-making missionaries are working outside of the Philippines sharing the gospel, planting churches and making disciples. An estimated **500,000** evangelical Filipino Christians are working outside the country. (*Operation World*)



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