

## E-Mail in the Philippines with Jeff & Nette Carrera

This is to share what the Lord did in the Philippines as we (my wife Nette and myself) went for our yearly follow up in our mission field in that country. We conducted an EMAW study with a group of men prior to our annual conference with our co-laborers in missions in the Philippines. There is much to be say but the purpose of this communication is only to provide you with feedback we received from eight of the men that were part of our study group whom by the way are pastors in different cities in the Manila area.



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Following are the points to consider for subsequent prints of the materials:

1. Book number one **should not discourage** single men to go through book number two. We need to encourage them to take it as preparation **for their near future**. The reason for this is that young men who will attend book one assumed to be age 16 and older (in the Philippines) and per God's commandment, these boys will have to get married to a woman, and they should be prepared for such an important event. Genesis 2:24; Ephesians 5:31

Suggestion: There should be an instruction for single men **to begin praying for the “helper suitable” that God has already created for them.** All things consider that person is already on earth. A model prayer should be included so that they can have an idea how to pray for that purpose.

2. Lessons regarding the upbringing of children are very important for young men because the lesson is a two-way benefit. They may not have children yet, but they may have fathers that are not behaving according to the biblical teachings and they, in some way, will at least be able to see what the right way is. We never know if the Lord will open the door to have these young men taking the course to get their fathers reading the lessons together. God works in mysterious ways.

Reasoning behind this: Most marriages in the Philippine society are in shambles and they are not applying the Lord's principles to grow children. This study is a good opportunity for young men to foresee the blueprint of a father. They will understand that filling the roll of a man is not only obeying the first instruction from God, but all of them. Genesis 1:28; Proverbs 22:6; Proverbs 13:24

Marriage takes preparation, even before the hormones begin to kick in, to generate changes in young men. If they have monster fathers, most likely they may end up replicating that model instead of allowing Christ to brake the curse.

Boys need to know that a man has to work and save prior to get marry. Genesis 29:20 presents a good picture of effort and preparation, although Jacob ended up working more than 7 years for the woman he loved. Nowaday, young men get into relationships without taking responsibility and some of them apparently are looking for a woman that will care for them instead the other way around. Interesting enough I have seeing older man doing the same thing.

MINISTRY UPDATE - I started doing Every Man a Warrior (EMAW) September last year. After doing book #1 three times in a row with three different groups, I decided to offer the opportunity to some ministry partners in the Philippines, since my wife and I are missionaries to that country we went on September 27 and returned on November 13th during our yearly round visiting our partners I

had the privilege of leading a group of men with book 1 and have our successful graduation day Nov. 3rd. This group was made up of leaders of different churches, 10 men (8 of them pastors in different cities in the Philippines) were so joyful and excited for the disciple training and other materials we provided as part of our mission this year.

We have photos and videos that I can share if you would like to have them to promote this material that God is using in a great way to transform the lives of many men. Our church FBC in Killeen provided the resources for this event to take place and we have some suggestions as a result of the feedback received from the pastors that participated.

Looking forward to hear from you and a phone # that I can call to share a little bit more of what God did and is doing in that country.

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PS By the way we have already 50 other men signed up for our upcoming event on July 2019 and the group is growing as the pastors talk about it.

Here are some pictures of the EMAW men of the Philippines:



Philippine EMAW Training on 10-8-18



Philippine EMAW Training on 10-16-18



Philippine EMAW Men – Pledge to the Lord





Philippine EMAW – Certificate Reception 10-24-18