



Shepherd's VOICE

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*"And the things that thou
has heard of me among
many witnesses, the same
commit thou to faithful
men, who shall be able to
teach others also."*

II Timothy 2:2

Finishing The Course

This past April 21st, we held our graduation for our 1st year, 2nd year, 3rd year and 4th year diploma students. All the hard work, all the discipline, and all the homework by the students paid off as we handed out their diplomas. This year was especially satisfying for me and my family because we have come to the end of our time here in VBCI Thailand. Our time here has been quite fruitful as we have been part of the lives of many students over the past 5 years, and more directly, as the Dean of Students over the past 3 years. Of course this is just part of the overall course that the Lord has in store for me and my family, and yet we feel satisfied that we have finished this part of the race and we are ready for the next part of our assignment. In the future, I want to look back and say we finished what God asked us to do. We finished and so did so many of the students.



VBCI graduation 2013

One of our students, Franco Salvador from the Philippines, graduated here at VBCI Thailand with a four year degree in Biblical Studies. I remember when Franco first came here to the school (I had him in some of my classes), from the very beginning, he was determined to respond to the leadership in a Godly way. He took over the morning cooking for the students for 3 years and then he handed it off to Tanawat Pondee, a 2nd-year student this past year. Franco finished much of his 4th year in the Philippines doing his project as part of a ministry team in planting a church. Another one of our star students was Nelson James from Malaysia. Nelson was our honor student and he showed his servant heart from the very beginning of his time that he spent here. We want our students to have a servant's heart and to be faithful in all that the Lord (and the leadership) is asking them to do and Nelson exemplified that.

It was only a few days after the graduation that I went to the Philippines to teach at VBCI Philippines. Pastor Rich Conte, who has over twenty churches in the Philippines, asked me to come and teach his students in Fairview,



Schumacher family and Franco



Dr. Al, Nelson and Pastor Tom



Preaching at graduation.

Philippines, which is in Metro Manila. It didn't take me too long to realize that I would be busy in Fairview. Aside from ministering in the school, I preached seven different times in his church! But it was fun as the members of his church and the Bible school students are so hungry to receive the Word of God.

As for my wife and me the Lord has definitely used these past four years to put things on the inside of our hearts. I feel blessed by all of the leaders and associate workers that God has put into our lives. God will use numerous leaders and delegated authorities in our lives to help shape and mold us into the vessels that He wants us to be. Being the vessel that God has called us to be takes time and patience as He is

molding all of us (you and me) to affect many lives now and for the next generation. I believe many times we are short-sighted when it comes to God shaping our lives. It is important that we understand that God will use numerous authorities in our lives to bring numerous applications that will become part of our lives. I can say that I am very thankful for my parents and all of the different people that God has used to help me in my walk with the Lord. Truly the Lord is good and merciful to His servants as He watches over all of the details and relationships in our lives. The scripture in Psalms 16:11 says, "Thou will show me the path of life; in thy presence is fullness of joy; and at thy right hand are pleasures forever more." Thank you for your continued support as we continue the ministry, our new assignment in Myanmar (Burma).

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