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The Passion of a Woman and the Faithfulness of her God
A Training for Trainers (T4T) Testimony

It was Bing-Bing's* smile that first caught my eye. Her long legs make her taller than most Filipinas, but she is a lovely lady with dark eyes and long flowing dark hair. In her smile, I saw eagerness and a love for Jesus. She wanted her friends and family to love Jesus, too, but like most Filipinos, she thought she would have to wait for her busy pastor to have time to tell them about Jesus. Bing-Bing had invited her acquaintances to church before, with little success.

When we announced Training for Trainers (T4T) for those wanting to tell the good news about Jesus and plant churches, Bing-Bing was

one of the first to join. She faithfully attended the sessions week by week and completed her assignments. Some in the group dropped out, but Bing-Bing was willing to do anything necessary to be a disciple of Christ.

Bing-Bing learned that to be a true disciple of Christ, she must obey all of her Master's commands. She learned to hear her Master speaking and to immediately obey His instructions. Although timidly at first, she began to share her testimony. The very first time she shared her testimony, two friends were saved. Before long she was leading Bible studies and experiencing the joy of seeing others come to love Jesus and accept Him as their personal Savior and Master. She now leads a group of new believers each week.

Bing-Bing and a few other ladies from the church raised enough money to go on a mission trip to another Asian country. This in itself was quite a testimony to their faith in Jehovah Jirah—God who Provides. She returned from this experience unable to contain her joy and her passion for Jesus! She testified about praying specific prayers, just as she had been taught, and how God answered those specific prayers. One day, she and her companions were running short of funds. They asked God to provide a free meal for them that day, and God answered! A brother in Christ took them all to lunch unaware of their prayer and of God's hand leading him to be the instrument of His provision.

Bing-Bing also testified that she is burdened by the many Filipino believers who lack passion for the things of God. While Filipinos are free to worship, to read their Bible publicly, and to tell others about Jesus, few do so. Sadly, I had to admit that my fellow Americans are guilty of the same impassionate response to God. Bing-Bing's heart is burdened for the peoples throughout the world who cannot freely confess Christ or hear the good news. Bing-Bing's passion and love for God is contagious. Is yours?

What about you? Will you also tell others what you have learned about Jesus?

Prayer Requests:

1. Pray those who have been trained to train others (T4T) in the Philippines will be faithful to continue training others.
2. Praise the Lord that in 2007, the first believers were baptized among the Eskaya People Group and the first church was planted among the Eskaya.
3. Pray many Filipinos would have a strong desire to study the Word of God.
4. Ask God to continue to call out Filipino missionaries to tell the good news about Jesus across the Philippines and throughout the world.

*Name has been changed.