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ONE SWEET FRAGRANCE

By Kathy Attardi, Missionary Advisor

I've always loved the fragrances of spring; and last month I enjoyed a sweet May bouquet in an exotic place – Puntarenas, Costa Rica – at the **ITeams International Leadership Forum (ILF)**. I savored the aroma of Christ in ...

... **a Sudanese brother** who grew up surrounded by war and separated from his mom for many years before finding Christ. He is now a seminary-trained missionary desiring to plant churches in western Sudan.

... **a Filipino couple** who endured threats of incarceration and death if they stayed in their host country and shared the Gospel. They stayed and God granted them favor through local officials.

... **an Iraqi sister** who fled her war-torn country along the refugee highway to Canada, where today she shares Jesus with her fellow Iraqi refugees.

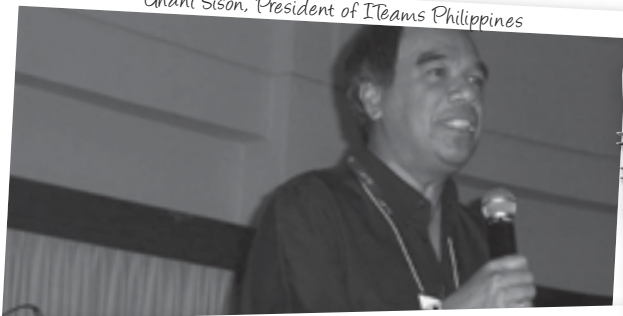
What struck me was the genuine **humility** and gentle **boldness** they exhibited, which was borne out of intense suffering. I have prayed for God to produce such humility and boldness in my life, but I can't say I've ever wanted to suffer to obtain it.

I have **much to learn** from my brothers and sisters and have been so blessed **by their example**.



Among other workers from around the world, the ILF brought together ITeams leaders who serve refugees in Africa, Europe, and the U.S.

Ghani Sison, President of ITeams Philippines



One International Gathering

Well, here I am in Costa Rica, a land of lush rainforests, beautiful shorelines, pina coladas, and REALLY good coffee. More importantly, I'm among some of the most wonderful people on the planet – ITeams missionary team leaders.

ILF has drawn leaders from Costa Rica, Greece, Zambia, France, Russia, the Philippines, Japan, Mexico, Colombia, the Middle East, and many other countries. Standing in the same room with all of them gives me a great perspective on how God is raising up witnesses from across the globe to proclaim his Gospel to all nations.

And He has chosen to involve us!

- Chris



ITeams ministry leaders - ILF 2007

“It was great to pray with believers from all over the world. I saw a **FILIPINO** serving in **JAPAN** pray over a **NIGERIAN** who is a **U.S. CITIZEN** and married to a **FILIPINA** with whom he serves **SOMALI** refugees in **KENYA**.

I started praying with my eyes open after I realized what was happening.”

- Tom, Refugee Ministry Leader

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WOMENS' AND CHILDRENS' MINISTRY (Tegucigalpa, Honduras) »

The team in Tegucigalpa has openings for individuals to help minister to women who have experienced abuse, and to children with disabilities .

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ONE MOVEMENT OF GOD: About the ITeams ILF

The **International Leadership Forum** is designed primarily as a leadership training event. But it has several other components. It is a time where we leave significant blocks open for fellowship. It is a gathering where we **pray** intensively for one another. It is a time when we enjoy exuberant **worship**.

In some ways, the greatest value of ILF is “**connection**.” We connect with old friends and make new ones, as well as re-connect with our peers and sending organizations.

Morning sessions include **worship and teaching**. The **afternoons** have either short sessions or free times. **Dinners** are followed by worship, prayer, and **stories** about what **God is doing** in and through ITeams.

An ILF highlight is **communion** on the last night, where we enjoy great times of prayer, confession, and some real spiritual breakthroughs.

God is on the move like the tide, gently washing over us and making us new. He is ready to engulf us with His grace, overwhelm us with His wisdom, and swallow us up in His arms.



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