



## Drs. Jim and Karla McElroy

Jim and Karla McElroy have served with the Philippine Mission Churches of Christ [PMCC] since 1983. Jim is privileged to serve as the Director working alongside Filipino leadership to develop and prioritize goals, encourage, and assist with raising funds. He continues the legacy of his parents who arrived on the field in 1951. Having been raised there, Jim speaks the heart language of the Filipinos. PMCC pursues the goals of church-planting through evangelism, education and medical outreach. The work of PMCC today looks to the future, anticipating continual growth through Filipino led teams at a 35 bed hospital with a 6 chair dialysis unit, 3 Christian academies with 1900-2000 students, and partnerships with two Filipino-led church-planting teams as well as a church renewal project.



*As a note: Karla was raised at WACC. She is very thankful that the teaching she received there led to her confession of faith, the decision to attend Bible College and, ultimately, to her commitment to be a missionary.*

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### ABOUT THEIR WORK

Jim serves as the Director for PMCC (Philippine Mission Churches of Christ). The Mission supports seven Filipino led evangelistic and discipleship teams across Central and Northern Luzon. These teams reach out through medical, academic and church planting efforts.

- **Church planting teams:**
  - Shoreline and Island Ministry (SLIM). A team of 10 preachers with a target of planting 25 churches in the next 10 years.
  - Southern Cagayan Valley ministry (SOCAVA). A team of 6 with a target of planting 4 churches in 5 years.
- **Christian Academies:** The Academies have planted 15 churches and average 200+ baptisms annually.
  - Northern Isabela Academy (NIA). Established in 1967 offering grades 7-12 with an average enrollment of 500.
  - Central Isabela Christian Academy (CICA). Established in 1983 offering grades 7-12 with an average enrollment of 700.
  - Southern Isabela Academy (SIA). Established in 1967 offering grades K-12 with an average enrollment of 800.

- **Charles W. Selby Memorial Hospital (CWSMH) in Aparri, Cagayan.** Established in 1998 this 3 story, 35 bed, 6 dialysis-chair hospital includes a birthing room, OR, ER, lab, pharmacy, outpatient clinic and ambulance service. A team of 30 administrative, staff and nursing personnel provides outreach through medical clinics reaching deep into the province, partnering with churches for community outreach and remote tribal groups.

Beginning with intake, a member of the Chaplaincy team visits with each patient and family, to share the Gospel and connect them with local churches.

Payments are on a pro-rated system.

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**NOTE:** Manila Bible Seminary, where Jim previously served as President, is now independent with Filipino leadership and support.

## HOW WE CAN BE PRAYING FOR THEM

**Financial and prayer support:** Jim and Karla are deeply grateful for the prayer and financial support provided by WACC! For the past several years Jim has served as the Field Director for PMCC. However, as of May 2021 he will begin serving as the Mission Director. This will increase his responsibilities as he continues as the Field Director and adds traveling across the country to raise awareness – and increase funds – to support the Mission’s expanding evangelistic outreach. He and Karla covet your prayers for this added responsibility as well as travel safety.

**Evangelism:** The hospital, church plant and academy teams are fully committed to finding creative ways to reach their communities in the name of Christ. Examples from the 2020 Covid lockdown include:

- They developed a process – which was copied by the national schools – to continue classes by distributing teaching materials through the barrio leadership. (Online classes were not an option due to lack of computers and internet.) Then, when three typhoons within a month caused severe flooding and destruction of homes and crops, the academies and their alumni provided bottled water, rice and canned foods as well as sleeping mats and mosquito nets.
- The hospital provided regular medical clinics in neighboring barrios.
- The church plant teams took food and supplies deep into the provinces they serve, holding Bible classes with proper distancing. They even established another congregation with 29 baptisms on the first Sunday!

**Discipleship:** Over the last many years, multiple churches have been planted and dozens baptized so please pray for the growth and faithfulness of these new believers.

**Travel safety:** Jim travels between home in Washington State and the Philippines 3 to 4 times each year. Karla joins him about once a year to add her encouragement. He also travels across the US to raise awareness and support for the work as well as to develop and strengthen partnerships with agencies such as IDES and FAME for the benefit of our teams.



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