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Catching Up

Max and Dorothy Chismon



Left : Taken at the SMI Centre in Butuan, Philippines
Right : Making our way back to NZ, happily following the different airline requirements



Catching up with our SM Eurasia team was one of many fruitful Zoom meetings



Enjoying being in Palmerston North and being able to attend the grandchildren's end of year activities



Christmas Greetings from our wonderful SMI Centre Team in Butuan

Dear Friends,

After a very busy year, we realise that we are well overdue in connecting with you all, to let you know what has been going on in our lives personally and in the ministry of Simply Mobilizing (SM).

Looking Back on the Year 2020

2020 has been a challenging year worldwide, and it has been so for us as well. But through it all, God led us to adopt creative online ways of running our mission mobilizing courses, communicating with our global SM family, conducting our International Board meetings and International Leadership team meetings!

The effectiveness of video conferencing and online courses has been a real 'eye opener' for us. From March to November 2020, we have had over 9,300 participants go through over 230 online courses, in over 30 countries worldwide. And the feedback we have received, as to the impact, has been very positive. Just one good example: I (Max), in the Philippines, was asked to introduce a chapter in a Kairos online course for African Pastors, now living in the UK, facilitated by a facilitator from Kenya studying in the UK. At the end of the course, two of the African pastors, who did the course, discovered unreached people groups living near them, and have started outreaches to them.

As a result of these exciting developments, Dorothy and myself sensed this was an opportune time for us to relocate our base to New Zealand. We continue to oversee Simply Mobilizing and continue with our weekly responsibilities through Zoom. The team, at the SMI Centre in the Philippines, continues to function well, even in the midst of severe Philippines Covid restrictions.

In NZ, Dorothy and I have relocated to Palmerston North (P/N). Our daughter, Shelly and her family live here, so this move made perfect sense, although we were sad to leave Tauranga City, our wonderful home church and many close friends. Our goal was to be settled in P/N by Christmas, and by the grace of God this has indeed happened and in a way that only God could have done. Our son, Kevin and his family are doing well in Brisbane, Australia.

Looking Ahead to 2021

We are looking forward to the year ahead. No doubt you are too. We appreciate each one of you.

Much love,

Max & Dorothy Chismon

Praise and Prayer

- Praise God for His protection, provision and guidance, for us and the ministry of SM worldwide, throughout a turbulent 2020
- Prayer for 2021, preparations for new and ongoing mobilizing courses, and the planning of a virtual SM International Conference in Sept 2021



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