

EXPLORE AND SERVE



Companion With The Poor—Manila

Serve the underprivileged in the world's most densely populated city.



Samaritana—Manila

Partner with Samaritana in fighting prostitution and sex-trafficking in Manila.

HOPEVALE MARTYRS

75 years ago, 11 American Baptist missionaries stationed in the Philippines were martyred at the hands of Japanese Troops during the Japanese Invasion of the Philippines. Despite requests that these missionaries return home at the outbreak of World War II, 11 of the 18 missionaries stationed in the Philippines refused to abandon their mission. With the assistance of their Filipino friends, the missionaries opted to take refuge in a forest they called "Hopevale." For twenty long months, this would be their home — their "cathedral in the glen." They built an open-air chapel, and led the locals, in groups of 75-100 people, regularly in worship.

On December 19, 1943, Hopevale succumbed to impeding Japanese forces. The missionaries begged to free the Filipino captives, instead offering themselves as ransom. At the dawn of the next day, the cohort requested to pray; at the end of an hour, they offered themselves to the Japanese, informing them that they were ready to die. The adults were beheaded, and the children bayoneted one-by-one, establishing themselves forever as martyrs to the Christian faith.

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75TH ANNIVERSARY HOPEVALE



JOIN US FOR AN EXPLORATION
OF CHRISTIANITY AND BAPTIST
HISTORY IN THE PHILIPPINES!

WHAT IT'S ABOUT

Join us as we honor the 75th Anniversary of the martyrdom at Hopevale. On this 10-day exploration, you'll intimately encounter both urban and rural Filipino culture.

Participants will immerse themselves in ministry in Manila - the most densely populated city in the world. They'll partner with Companion With the Poor in serving the underprivileged in Manila. They'll also work with Samaritana ministries in fighting prostitution and sex-trafficking in this major Asian hub.

After a few days of urban exploration and ministry, participants will then travel to Iloilo city and partake in a 4-day ceremony honoring Hopevale. They'll have the opportunity to commune with Christians from all over Asia and explore the lush, rural landscape of the Philippines.

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Hopevale Commemoration—Iloilo

ITINERARY

DECEMBER 11

Depart JFK for Manila

Transportation from Philadelphia to JFK provided

DECEMBER 12-15

Ministry in Manila

Serve with Companion with the Poor
Serve with Samaritana
Sightseeing

DECEMBER 16

Depart for Iloilo

DECEMBER 17

Hopevale Commemoration

Opening of Hopevale Diamond
Dinner of Hope

DECEMBER 18

Pilgrimage to Hopevale

DECEMBER 19

“Gleanings of Hope”

with Capiz Community

DECEMBER 20

“Gleanings of Hope”

with Central Philippine University

DECEMBER 21

Iloilo - Sightseeing

DECEMBER 22

Return to JFK and Philadelphia

ALTERNATIVE TRIP

(Hopevale Commemoration Only)

DECEMBER 15

Depart JFK for Manila

Transportation from Philadelphia to JFK provided

DECEMBER 17-21

Hopevale Commemoration

Join the group and participate in scheduled itinerary

DECEMBER 21

Iloilo - Sightseeing

DECEMBER 22

Return to JFK and Philadelphia

COST

Both trips cost approximately \$2,350 per person. Exact price will be given at time of registration. \$250 non-refundable deposit due at time of registration.

Passport required.

Final payment due on October 11, 2018.

Cost includes:

Lodging and Transportation

Cost excludes:

Meals and Immunizations