BORQUIST



Ann & Bruce Borquist

LANGUAGES

English
Hiligaynon
Portuguese
Bahasa Indonesia
and others

MINISTRY PRIORITIES

Economic Development, From Everywhere to Everyone, Training and Capacity Building

BIRTHDAYS

Ann 1/11 Bruce 9/11







ABOUT

ANN serves as Global Consultant for ministry "From Everywhere to Everyone" to build capacity in contextualized theological education, servant leadership, cross-cultural skills development, church-based holistic community transformation, and work with refugees. BRUCE serves as Global Consultant for Holistic Community

and Economic Development to promote faith-based social entrepreneurship, servant leadership, cross-cultural skills development, and church-based holistic community transformation. They work alongside a wide range of Baptist partners, including those in Brazil, Cambodia, Indonesia, New Zealand, Malaysia, Myanmar (Burma), the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam, and others. Ann and Bruce have also served in the Philippines, the US, and Brazil since 1987.



Ecuadoran pastors and church leaders are excited to learn how faith-based social enterprises can bless their community.



Sisters and brothers in Christ around the world are eager to share the good news of Jesus in creative ways that meet human needs and address complex problems. A number of IM partners are inviting us to provide training that helps people start faith-based social enterprises that can support their families or churches and bless others in their communities.

Many refugees in Malaysia have lost their jobs during the pandemic. Leaders representing over 150,000 Myanmar refugees want to develop businesses that help their people. Our training in planning and starting community-based social enterprises provides inspiration and guidance for a health insurance business and a job skills training center.

In Ecuador, we work with leaders of a Baptist seminary to provide training on developing a faith-based social enterprise. These leaders told us, "Participants are eager to find creative, effective ways to reach their communities in Jesus' name. They are worried about the economic crisis [caused by the pandemic], and this

seminar gives them hope." One participant remarked, "Jesus went to a hillside and gave a sermon showing he was concerned about the spiritual and physical hunger of the people. Faith-based social entrepreneurship can lead to real revival—it is a practical expression of integral mission." The seminary invited us to help them launch a social enterprise incubator program so that graduates will have the skills to empower their congregations to bless their community in practical ways that draw people to Jesus.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that Jesus followers among the Myanmar (Burmese) refugees in Malaysia would be strong witnesses to God's love and justice as they seek equal access to education and jobs, and that God would restore hope among these sisters and brothers in Christ.

Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide seminaries in Brazil, Ecuador, and the Philippines as they empower graduates to share the gospel in practical ways.

Pray that many would be drawn to Jesus through faith-based social businesses that demonstrate God's love in a tangible way.

SCRIPTURE

"Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."

James 2:15-17 (NIV)

