



## *Our Mission*

To promote among and equip stakeholders in crime on biblical restoration.

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### **NPMP set to re-organize**

Attorney Roy Valenzuela, Vice Chairman of NPMP, was tasked to revisit the constitution and bye-laws of the National Prison Ministries Philippines, Inc. for the purpose or re-organizing the ministry.

The move was in line with the revitalization of the organization initiated by its current Chairperson and Chief Operating Officer, Dr. Reynaldo S. Taniajura and supported by Attorney Roy Valenzuela and Executive Director, Ms. Tessie Uadan. NPMP is looking forward to having additional new members who will help bring the organization into its mandated posture.

Towards achieving this objective, NPMP is gearing up for an annual general meeting and assembly. ■



*Attorney Roy Valenzuela gives the inspirational talk to STP participants as Executive Director Tessie Uadan listens*

### **Herbal soap-making introduced at Manila City Jail Female Dormitory**

Thirty days after participants from Manila City Jail Female Dormitory joined the demonstration of making herbal soap, they are now using the soaps that were produced during the demonstration. They are also now eager to do their own soaps.

"I am using the soap. I do not need moisturizer anymore. It makes my skin feel smooth." These are the words of one inmate who is keen on developing a livelihood out of herbal soap-making. The soaps that are being produced has hibiscus as one component. *continued...*

PARTNER WITH US IN PRISON MINISTRY WORK THROUGH

**programs that offer reconciliation and healing like the Sycamore Tree Project • empowerment training as in various livelihood projects • care and medical assistance • other ad hoc services**

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## Invitation to PFI's leadership empowerment series

Prison Fellowship International (PFI) is conducting its third web-based leadership training on 10 Truths About Leadership from March 2-31, 2009. It is PFI's special service to its family of national ministries and co-laborers all over the world.

Interested parties may contact Tessie Uadan of NPMP at +63 2 4262294 for appropriate introduction to PFI.

There will be more leadership empowerment series that you may avail of as part of an ongoing webinar.

WEBINAR #3

### Topic: 10 Truths About Leadership

Dates: 2-31 March 2009

Synopsis: *Many leaders remember those life-changing moments when it suddenly became crystal clear what had to be done to reach their organization's goals. It wasn't until Pete Luongo was faced with that one epiphany in his life, a difficult period that required him to rebalance his life's priorities and bring a new understanding to his work, that he recognized that all results are based upon behaviors appropriate to the circumstances.*

*Through this understanding – that actions are determined by specific, well-defined standards – he developed a model for success, one that is both sustainable and that allows people to retain their personal dignity as they pursue their life plans. In this webinar, Luongo illuminates the ten most common obstacles to success and pairs them with the ageless principles that help viewers overcome them. His straightforward advice, based on data and hard-won experience, provides an understandable plan for improvement and achievement.*

About the Presenter: **Peter Luongo** retired as President and CEO of The Berry Company in August 2003. His career at The Berry Company spanned more than 33 years. During his last nine years with the company, Peter was instrumental in guiding Berry through a period of record sales growth, numerous contract acquisitions and the perpetuation of the nearly 100-year old company as an industry leader and "a great place to work."

## Herbal soap-making... *continued...*

The herbal soap-making demonstration was held in January 12, 2009. Ms. Alma Coner of Greens & Blooms – the organization that produces the herbal soaps – and Ms. Florenda S. Gabriel, a lecturer from the University of the Philippines College of Home Economics, were the main presenters.

A hands-on workshop and soap-making demonstration was organized due to incessant request so that the women will have every chance to produce their own herbal soaps. ■



Mrs. Luz Pangilinan (extreme left), an STP facilitator, examines ingredients; Executive Director Tessie Uadan (center) watches with other participants

### What is STP?

The Sycamore Tree Program is a model of Restorative Justice with the following features:

- Voluntary participation of inmates and victims.
- A way of showing participants the love and mercy of Jesus.
- Crime victims are given the chance to tell inmates how they have been affected and the hurt they feel.
- Inmates are given an opportunity to consider how they can try to make things right with their victims.
- Inmates and victims are given the chance to explain, in a public celebration, what they have learned about the meaning and importance of healing the hurt and making things right.
- Finally, the group meets in public celebration and graduation ceremonies.

**Restorative Justice** is a theory of justice that emphasizes repairing the harm caused or revealed by criminal behavior. It is best accomplished through cooperative process that includes all stakeholders.