

PHILIPPINES BRANCH OFFICE OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Quezon City
Philippines

WELCOME





“GO, THEREFORE, AND MAKE DISCIPLES”

MATTHEW 28:19

The Philippines branch supports the work of over 215,000 publishers.

What Work Is Done at a Branch Office?

In over 230 lands, more than eight million Witnesses of Jehovah are preaching the good news of God’s Kingdom in response to the commission that Jesus gave his followers. (Matthew 24:14; 28:19, 20) To organize this work, there are some 90 branch offices worldwide, all serving under the direction of the Governing Body of Jehovah’s Witnesses, located in Warwick, New York, U.S.A.

Branch offices coordinate the Kingdom-preaching work and care for the needs of Jehovah’s Witnesses within a specific geographic area. The Governing Body appoints mature elders to serve as members of a Branch Committee. As representatives of the Governing Body in their assigned territory, Branch Committee members faithfully carry out the direction coming from God’s Word and “the faithful and discreet slave.”—Matthew 24:45-47.

LANDS WHERE MISSIONARIES FROM THE PHILIPPINES PREACH:

- HONG KONG
- INDONESIA
- MICRONESIA
- MYANMAR
- PAPUA NEW GUINEA
- SOUTH KOREA
- TAIWAN
- THAILAND



Planning regional conventions



Providing Scriptural direction for congregations



HID representatives sharing information with doctors



Disaster Relief Desk

DIRECTING THE WORK

The branch office supervises the activities of Jehovah's Witnesses in the Philippines in various ways.

The Service Department cares for matters related to the preaching work and provides Scriptural guidance regarding congregation activities. It also arranges conventions, assemblies, and theocratic schools. In addition, the Service Department looks after the congregation territory boundaries and determines where Kingdom Halls and Assembly Halls are needed.

When medical emergencies arise, the branch office provides loving support and direction through the Hospital Information Department (HID). This department helps Jehovah's Witnesses to obtain competent medical treatment without blood and strives to promote a spirit of cooperation between doctors and their Witness patients.

Another area in which the branch provides direction and assistance is disaster relief. The local branch office is quick to respond, supplying provisions and funds to those in need.



FACILITIES LOCATED IN THE PHILIPPINES BRANCH TERRITORY

- 2,244 KINGDOM HALLS
- 4 ASSEMBLY HALLS
- 5 REMOTE TRANSLATION OFFICES
- 1 SCHOOL FACILITY

CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

Building Houses of Worship

The branch office is responsible for approving and overseeing the construction of Kingdom Halls and Assembly Halls and for ensuring that existing halls are being maintained properly. Construction is coordinated through the Local Design/Construction Department (LDC). The LDC develops architectural plans and works with field representatives to schedule projects. Using volunteers to build and maintain facilities results in buildings that are economical, practical, and comfortable.

Using Donated Funds Wisely

In order to get the most value from existing facilities, the LDC arranges for Kingdom Halls to be inspected regularly. This helps to ensure that any safety or maintenance issues are handled promptly. The LDC also provides maintenance training for local congregations.



TRANSLATION

Words That Touch the Heart

Bible truths often reach the heart more quickly when people read Bible-based literature in their mother tongue. Therefore, when the need arises for publications to be translated into additional languages, branch offices make their recommendations to the Governing Body.

In the Translation Department, brothers and sisters translate materials for meetings, conventions, various schools, and our website, jw.org. This department also oversees the production of sign-language videos.

We produce audio recordings of our publications in 16 local languages.

Remote Translation Offices

The Philippines branch oversees five remote translation offices (RTO) within its territory. RTOs are usually located near communities where the language being translated is spoken. This helps the translators to be immersed in their target language as they share in the preaching work, attend Christian meetings, and engage in daily activities.



Remote translation office—Bicol

RTOs IN THE PHILIPPINES BRANCH TERRITORY

- BACOLOD
(Hiligaynon)
- NAGA
(Bicol)
- SAN CARLOS
(Pangasinan)
- TACLOBAN
(Waray-Waray)
- TUGUEGARAO
(Ibanag)





LITERATURE AND SHIPPING

Literature requests from some 3,400 congregations in the Philippines are processed every month. The requested literature is sent to the Philippines from the Japan branch. Our Shipping Department prepares all necessary documentation for importing Bible literature into the country. In addition, the department arranges for the delivery of literature to congregations throughout the country.





FACILITIES LOCATED IN THE ASIA/PACIFIC REGION

- 19 BRANCHES
- OVER 50 COUNTRIES
- OVER 60 REMOTE TRANSLATION OFFICES
- OVER 5,800 KINGDOM HALLS

ASIA/PACIFIC DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

Our Regional Design/Construction Department for the Asia/Pacific area is one of four that exist worldwide. The other three oversee Africa, the Americas, and Europe. This department operates as an extension of the Worldwide Design/Construction Department located at world headquarters.

This regional department helps branches to build Kingdom Halls, Assembly Halls, and branch facilities as well as to buy and sell property. For construction and renovation projects, it assists with planning, designing, estimating, purchasing, and training.

This department also helps branches to develop maintenance programs for their buildings.



SUPPORT SERVICES

The Philippines branch office could not function without the many dedicated volunteers who work in support services. Some serve in the kitchen and dining room, while others do laundry, dry, hair care, cleaning, housekeeping, sewing, gardening, and driving. Still others maintain the heating, plumbing, electrical, mechanical, and computer systems. But no matter what assignment we receive, it is our pleasure to serve, for we do it out of love for Jehovah God and our brothers and sisters.

Thank You for Visiting!

We sincerely hope that your visit to the Philippines branch office has been a rewarding one. No doubt it has helped you to become better acquainted with the work we are doing to preach the good news about God's Kingdom. May your visit encourage you to learn more about our loving Creator and put God's Kingdom first in your life.—Matthew 6:33.



Would you like to know more about the work at Bethel and how you can support it? See lessons 21 and 22 of the brochure *Who Are Doing Jehovah's Will Today?*

Planning a Visit?

Tours are available Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Additional information is available online at:

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