

# Elmer & Miyen Lobusta

Serving with: Couples For Christ

*How many mission trips have you been on? When was your first trip?*

We both started going on mission trips in the Philippines, while we were still in Singles for Christ (SFC), a ministry under Couples for Christ (CFC). Our first mission trip together was in 2000, when we went to Pampanga, a province in the Philippines, to give talks to young, single professionals.

As a couple in CFC, we have been on 5 mission trips already, once in Malacca, twice in Darwin, Australia, and twice in South Korea. We will be going to South Korea again in 2013.

*Why did you decide to participate in mission trips?*

While still single and actively serving in Singles for Christ (SFC), we both heard God speaking to our hearts to go out and “proclaim the good news”. So many people didn't know Him or knew Him on a superficial level only and were not receiving the blessed life that God wanted them to have. We wanted others to experience Him as we did and be transformed like we were. So, when SFC created its first ever Mission Core Group, we joined and thereafter went on mission trips to the different provinces in the Philippines, primarily giving talks on faith formation.

After getting married in 2001, we moved to Singapore and our mission trips stopped for a while – although you could say that the service we were doing here in Singapore was a mission too. In 2005, while attending a Global SFC Leaders Conference, we heard again the call for us to “go out to the ends of the earth” – even as far as Africa – to tell them about Jesus. In 2010, CFC Singapore created a Mission Volunteer Group which would send members to various countries in the region to give talks to and minister to. We eagerly joined the group as we knew this to be a continuation and fulfilment of God's earlier call to us.



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Where have you been?  
What was your role on these trips?

Together we have been to provinces in the Philippines (as SFC speakers), to Malacca (as CFC speakers) and to Darwin, Australia, and South Korea (as Head of our C.L.O.W.N.S. Mission Volunteer Group in CFC, serving also as speakers, leaders in music ministry, and prayer warriors for various faith, marriage and family formation programmes).

*\*C.L.O.W.N.S. (Called, Listened, Obeyed, Walked, and Nurtured with a Spirit-led Heart)*

What were some of the more significant experiences for you?

A lot of the significant experiences were on seeing God's power at work and how His love transforms us, the people we minister to and the people we go on mission with.

An example was when we were on mission in Darwin, Australia, for the first time. We almost missed our flight because the taxi's trunk would not open and we could not retrieve our luggage. There were many obstacles such as the driver not having the right key or tools in the car to open the trunk. There was no repairman from the taxi company who could help. With time ticking, but knowing that this was God's work we were going to do, we could only pray for Him to make a way for us to still get on the flight. True enough, a few minutes before the check-in counter would close, we found a construction worker in the terminal who just had the right tool to open the trunk, get our luggage and for us to get on the plane – just in time! From this, we saw how when we have faith in God and rely on His mighty power, His purpose will prevail.

Would you continue with mission trips? Why?

God willing, we hope to continue with our mission work and that our children will do the same in the future. God has called us to this work, and because we have felt His love and been blessed so much by Him, we can only say as the song goes, "Jesus, (we) believe in you, and (we) will go to the ends of the earth, for you are the Son of God and all the world will see that you are God."