

Fruit from a seed

“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28 (NKJV)

In March 2003, a missionary colleague was killed at an airport in the Philippines, where he had gone to pick up another missionary family. He regularly helped others in this way. His usual work led him into the dangerous parts of the island, so continual prayers went out for him while he was engaged in these activities, but not so many while he was in the “safe” city where he lived!

The Lord had been blessing this man’s work in tremendous ways as he and another missionary had been training 1,000 pastors and leaders to begin church-planting movements. All of us were questioning why our friend was killed at this time.

The week after the memorial service, my husband, Dan, was talking to a head official. When the official found out that Dan knew the missionary who had been killed and that he was a part of the same organization, he invited Dan into his office. In the conversation, Dan shared that this missionary had been willing to die for the Filipino people. Dan told him that he, too, was willing to die and had assurance that he would be with the Lord if he died. The captain said that he wished that he had that assurance, too. Dan then proceeded to share the gospel with this Filipino official and lead him to the Lord!

Salvation has come out of this tragedy. We know that other good things have happened, too, and that the Lord will keep revealing them to us.

—CARA, PACIFIC RIM

Father, ONLY YOU COULD BRING GOOD OUT OF TRAGEDY. THANK YOU FOR THE LIFE OF THIS MISSIONARY WHO DIED IN THE PHILIPPINES AT THE HAND OF TERRORISTS. CONTINUE TO LET GOOD COME FROM HIS DEATH. *Amen.*