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Visit to the Sector of Singapore | 9 – 15 February | 2 Communities. There are two communities in Singapore and my first stop St. Patrick's. There are five Brothers officially belonging to the community with Br. Nicholas Seet as the Director. Nick is full time with St. Patrick's School. Collin Wee works full time in Hope House together with a small group of Lasallian partners. Hope House is slowly gaining recognition in Singapore and in fact will be visited by the Minister in charge of social welfare centers. The young Gregory Lim is retired but also does small things for the community and the sector. The two other members are Br. David Hawke and Br. John Pill. Their work, especially the former, brings them out of the community for extended periods.

I moved to St. Joseph Institution on the evening of the 10th. SJI is home to the Sector Leader Br. Paul Ho who also teaches full time in school. Director of the community is Br. Jason Blaikie who also teaches full time at SJI. Though officially retired, Br. Dominic Chong lives an active life by his volunteer work in our different schools in Singapore. He also continues to teach brain gym whenever there are requests. Two new members are Br. Kennedy, from the Delegation of India, who teaches Tamil and Br. Arian Lopez, from the Sector of the Philippines, who is in SJI International. Br. Mark Murphy is also a member of the community as he works part time for SJI International as consultant.

I ended my visit to the community on the 13th of February but brought out the two communities for dinner the next day. While in Singapore, I also took the opportunity to have a LEAD Leadership meeting on Resource Management with Brs. Jose del Coss and Tom Lavin with Br. Mark Murphy sitting in as consultant.

I flew out on the 15th for the Philippines. Thanks to Br. Paul Ho and to the two directors, Br. Nicholas and Br. Jason for organizing the visit.

Visit to the Sector of the Philippines | 15 – 29 February | 6 Communities. Together with Sector Leader, Br. Ricky Laguda, we were able to visit six of the nine communities in the Philippines for this two-week stint. First stop was the University of St. La Salle Brothers Community in Bacolod City from 16 – 18. The community has five members with Br. Dindo Maralit as Director. He is also the Vice – Chancellor for Administration at the University with special focus on construction and maintenance of buildings and grounds. Br. Ray Suplido is the University President and also oversees St. Joseph High School in Villamonte. Br. Ray contributes much to the Sector through his involvement in boards and different councils. Br. Mario Dacanay is full time in the University teaching management courses. Br. Sockie de La Rosa, the community's young brother, has been in St. Joseph the last three years teaching Christian Living. Br. Johnny Pius Rombo from Papua New Guinea will finish his degree at the end of the month and return to ministry in PNG. I met with the community on the evening of the 17th and had dinner.

We flew out of Bacolod at 6:00 am on the 18th and was picked up in the airport by the Director of the De La Salle Lipa community, Br. Bong Servando who drove us back to Lipa. The interviews took place on the 18th and the 19th. Aside from being Director of the house, Br. Bong is also Vice Chancellor for Administration and works closely with Br. Kenneth Martinez, President. Br. Ruben Caluyong handles some classes in the high school and is moderator of the third year high school. The community's young Brother, Br. Aikee Esmeli teaches Social Science and CL to the high school. Br. Carl Clayton, from the District of Eastern North America, is the community's sage. His commitment was for one year and he has been working with the school's Campus Ministry. He will return to his District at the end of this month. (continued in LEAD Story 34)

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