

# Who Are Ninety Nine To One?



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“Let there be light”



The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness

instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendour. They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations. To work for and encourage true unity across the Church, the Body of Christ.

Isaiah 61:1

## Who and What is Ninety Nine To One?

NNTO is a work that seeks to support and encourage Christian workers and leaders, their families and communities in the Philippines, Brazil and the UK. Working for and encouraging the true unity of the Church, the body of Christ. NNTO began as far back as 1980 when Frank and Merci Pryor and their three month old son James were working as missionaries in the Philippines, Merci's own country.



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All living things begin in seed or embryonic form. The seed does not resemble at all what the fully-grown creation will be. It was this way with NNTO. Frank and Merci and their baby son, James were Christian Missionaries in the Philippines in

1980 where they worked in the rural communities of Tarlac, a province in Central Luzon. Their work was mainly with farmers and their families in many of the villages in and around the towns of Concepcion and Lapas.

Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?

Luke 15:4



Frank and Merci visited the villages sharing the good news of the Gospel of Christ and helping folk in practical ways such as using Merci's skills as a nurse to provide first aid assistance to those who were too poor to pay for medical assistance. It was during this time that many people came to find Christ in a very real way. Among these were quite a few teenagers of around 18–19 years of age. Frank and Merci remained working in the Philippines for almost three years. After leaving the Philippines and returning to England Frank and Merci settled down to raise their family, a family further blessed in 1983 by the arrival of their daughter Ana Grace. It was during a return visit to the Philippines in 2001 Merci discovered that where there had been no local Christian life in the villages before. There were now small groups of believers

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in almost every village where Frank And Merci had worked during the 1980's and much to their joy, some of these little churches were being cared for by the very teenagers (now grown men and women) that found Christ through the work that Frank and Merci had been called to do almost twenty years

My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. To actively encourage and support those who have a clear call and vision to serve God. John 17:21

earlier. Just as Frank and Merci had been given the responsibility for the care of their own children, James and Ana, so it was that they found that God was now giving them the responsibility of helping to support their spiritual children and others in the villages and towns of the Philippines. This has now grown into a work that covers many villages across two provinces in the



Philippines, over three states in Brazil and in the UK.

Brazil: NNTO in Brazil came about through a simple act of obedience to what God had said to Frank during a home group meeting in his local church in Coventry, England. During the meeting Frank became aware that he was to financially support a Brazilian Pastor. Nothing unusual with that hear except that Frank did not know the name of the pastor or anything else about him, his family

When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset. Exodus 17:12

or his church except that he was the pastor of a church where one of Frank's home group members were working while she was in the city of Uberlandia, Brazil. Frank and Merci began their support for him immediately. This very quickly



grew into a deep friendship that led to an invitation to visit Pastor Zacarias Valerio to meet his family and the folk in his church. It was during this visit to Uberlandia that God opened up many doors of relationship, which has now led NNTO to be in relationship with and helping to support many leaders of churches in Uberlandia and other cities and states in Brazil.

In all NNTO are now working with some thirty plus churches, their leaders and pastors in the Philippines, Brazil and The UK. In addition to building and construction of churches, we help with supplying equipment to aid the churches in their

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. **Galatians 6:10**

work, such as overhead projectors, chairs and musical instruments. We have helped establish a children's shelter come nursery



in Brazil, and begun what is an exciting slum rebuilding project in the Philippines, helping many individuals with a variety of needs. We send out packs of useful items to go to the Philippines and help supply equipment for the disabled along with long term financial help with medical costs for those who do not have the means to pay for treatment. Above and beyond all of this is the burning desire to see The Church that Jesus loves and has died for come to genuine unity of love and support for one another. To encourage Churches of many different denominations and persuasions to recognise that Christ has died and has risen for one body, his church and that through genuine love for each other the whole world will see that He truly is God's son and our Saviour.



Dave and Julie Scanlan  
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Co-workers (UK)



Nick and Margaret Simmonds  
Co-workers (UK)

The Folk of NNTO: Over the years several individuals and churches have supported NNTO but since 2002 Frank and Merci have had the much needed support of several folk, who have acted as our trustees and co-workers following our becoming a registered UK charity. Our present trustees are Dave and Julie Scanlan who are our Chair and treasurer, Simon and Marcie Edwards who are our secretary and Pauline Ewing our prayer coordinator. More recently David and Jenny Jenkins have joined us as co-workers as also have Nick and Margaret Simmonds.

NNTO folk in the Philippines are Ruby Ann from Haspiel, Angeles City, who has been invaluable as one of our representatives, along-side Amanda Cagausaan, in Caluluan. NNTO folk in Brazil are



Ruby Ann Haspiel  
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Amanda Cagausaan  
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Juliet Rogers  
(Brazil)



Zacarias and Alenita Valerio  
(Brazil)



Elias and Ivone Paniagua  
(Brazil)

Juliet Rogers, who is the founder of Cooking For Life has been a very faithful helper, Representative and friend to NNTO (you can find a link to Juliet's Cooking For Life website on our website). Zacarias and Alenita Valerio have been wonderful faithful friends to NNTO from our beginnings in Brazil. They have been the means of linking us with so many wonderful people and churches since our first visit to Brazil in 2002. Elias and Ivone Paniago have given so much of their time, energy and hospitality to NNTO and Frank and Merci over several years. All of these folk and many more, whether in the UK, Brazil or the Philippines deserve our deepest thanks and appreciation.