

## **Evangelical Migrant Churches as Mission Partners: An Interview**

**Evi Rodemann** has been involved in creating and organising events for young people and churches locally, nationally, and on the European level since she was a teenager. Mission events have always played a vital part in her own walk with God, but she has also seen how they bring Christians together and mobilise them for a missional lifestyle. As well as receiving training in event management, Evi also earned an MA in European mission with a focus on the impact of conferences. She studied missions in the Netherlands and has worked in India, Africa, and Hong Kong, but her strongest passion remains Europe and helping its young people to find their kingdom role and live missionally wherever God has called them. Until 2016 she directed Mission-Net for nine years and organised four European youth mission congresses. In addition to being engaged in various European networks such as Lausanne and the European Youth Ministry Network, Evi also works part-time in a German aluminium company.

**Rene Ramos Nepomuceno** has been a pastor and teacher since 1989 and is now the International Director of Word International Ministry (WIN), a mission-led organisation with a heart to plant and grow community churches worldwide. As of 2018, WIN has 185 churches and mission outreaches in the Philippines, Asia Oceania, Europe, the Middle East, Canada, and the USA. Rene served as a missionary pastor in the UAE from 1992 – 2000 and was instrumental in planting community churches among Filipino migrants in other countries in the Middle East and Europe during that time. In 2003, he moved to the United Kingdom to plant a church in London, whereby 3 other churches were birthed. Aside from serving as the international director, he leads the training and development of community leaders and ministers across WIN. Rene, an electrical engineer in his previous profession, has a Master's in Christian Leadership from Asian Theological Seminary (Philippines), an MDiv from Pentecostal Theological Seminary (Cleveland, Tennessee, USA), and has earned units in a DMin programme at Fuller Theological Seminary. He currently divides his time between the UK and the Philippines together with his wife, Rosanna, and their three children, Hannah, Sarah, and David.