Study Guide # 7 – Asianising Christianity Filipino Villagers and Global Diaspora Filipinos (Chapters 15&16)

This study guide examines Filipino Christian ministry within the context of the Filipino diaspora in Singapore, while also incorporating cultural insights from the Philippines. The Philippines is recognized as the "third largest exporter" of migrant workers globally, with over 200,000 Filipinos, including professionals and domestic workers, residing in Singapore by 2021. Their primary motivation for migration is to seek employment and a better life.

This significant diaspora presents a "missions at our doorsteps" opportunity for local churches. Organized ministry efforts began in the mid-1980s with Bible study groups, evolving into formal organizations like the Filipino Outreach for Christ (FOC) and the Brotherhood of Filipino Churches in Singapore (KSPS), which later became Net Fil. The guide explores the context, challenges, and various approaches to outreach, discipleship, and training for this community.

Here are 6 Questions for the Study Guide for Chapters 15&16:

1. **Filipino Village Pastors:** What historical challenge did Christian mission in the Philippines face regarding ministry in rural villages, and how has the situation reportedly improved in recent times?
2. **Filipino Village Pastors:** Describe the core approach and key components of the training and discipling ministry implemented by Asia Evangelistic Fellowship Destiny Ministry Incorporated (ADMI) for village pastors and leaders in the Philippines, as discussed by Castillo.
3. **Filipino Village Pastors:** According to Chapter 16, what are some significant Filipino cultural values relevant to ministry among village folk, and how does ADMI's approach specifically incorporate a culturally relevant learning method?
4. **Filipino Diaspora in Singapore:** Based on the research presented in Chapter 15, identify some of the primary cultural and contextual challenges and issues faced by Filipino migrants, particularly domestic workers, in Singapore.
5. **Filipino Diaspora in Singapore:** Discuss some of the effective strategies and factors contributing to church growth and successful discipleship among the Filipino diaspora community in Singapore, as observed in the study of selected churches.

6. **Reaching the Global Filipino Diaspora:** Drawing from the insights in Chapter 15 regarding the Filipino diaspora in Singapore, how can ministry among Filipino migrants in one location contribute to reaching the broader global Filipino diaspora and even their home country?