

WARLIKE AND HEAD HUNTING COMMUNITIES

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1. Most of the ECP Mountain congregations began in these warlike and head hunting communities.
2. Because of the church, these communities have become peace loving communities. When there is conflict, it is settled at the earliest possible time.
3. These communities do not like to have guns in their homes. They have become gunless communities.

TRIBAL WARS

1. There are still Tribal Wars in the mountain communities where the ECP are the minority.
2. In these tribal communities, every household has at least a long gun and a short gun. Without these guns they do not feel secure.
3. During Tribal Wars these communities live in fear. Their student children in schools and universities in other places come home for fear of their lives.
4. When a Peace Pact is broken and the tribes go on war, the ECP is usually asked to mediate for the restoration of the Peace Pact and for the War to stop.
5. In the ECP experience of mediation, Open Communication is the way to finally let

warring tribes to come to the negotiating table. Negotiated Peace lasts if the settlement is a Win Win solution to both tribes.

NATIONAL UNITY

1. The ECP was also an active participant in the National Unity Process between the Philippines Government and the Communist Party and its Armed Group the National Peoples Army in the 1990's.
2. What was doable and long term solutions were drawn. Rebel activities stopped.
3. Now rebel activities have resumed because of government insincerity and self interest of the military.