



# Vlogger-retiree Mr. James Tanner : The man behind “My PI Dream”

Vlog or a video blog has been a trend in sharing stories and experiences of people on the internet, most of which are the Millennials, though anyone can deal with such endeavor despite age and status. Remarkably, a retiree-member of PRA is never too old and is passionate enough to dedicate a portion of his everyday life for his own YouTube Channel— “My PI Dream”.

The man behind “My PI Dream” is Mr. James Tanner, a 60-year-old retired American from South Carolina who currently lives in Lipa, Batangas. He is happily married to Ms. Necifera Tanner, a former Filipino citizen.

“PI” in “My PI Dream” (his YouTube channel) means Philippine Islands. This gives an idea of what to expect on his videos and as to why it’s gaining more viewers everyday including expatriates in the Philippines and other foreign nationals who consider the country a retirement destination. Aside from the construction progress of Tanner’s house, Villa Feliz, the channel also contains videos of his daily interaction with the locals and exciting activities of a foreigner like him in the country. His experience of getting the Special Resident Retiree’s Visa (SRRV),

uploaded on his channel, is a big help to others who are interested in getting such kind of visa.

Although “My PI Dream” was created only in 2016, it has almost 7,000 subscribers already and garners views ranging up to 4,000 – 87,000 per video. His vlog became a gateway for him to be featured on People’s Television Network’s Kilos Pronto TV4 Channel and an interviewee of the Philippine Realty TV, a show about real estate for Filipinos worldwide.

He is consistent in documenting his daily activities to help people appreciate the beauty and promising potentials the Philippines and its people are ready to offer. One can see on his vlog entries his Filipino neighbors and friends who warmly treat him as part of their family. He always interacts

with them and is always invited to parties and home celebrations. “I’ve found the kindest people in the Philippines. When you come here, you’ll find kindness and generosity of the people, regardless of their social status,” he sincerely expressed in his interview with PRA.

Like the inspirational words of C.S Lewis, “You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.” Mr. Tanner is a living example that getting older also means getting more out of life and that everybody can feel home as one establishes a family in the Philippines.

Catch more of James Tanner’s “My PI Dream” on his YouTube channel ([youtube.com/myPIDream](https://youtube.com/myPIDream))

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*“The more I stay here, the more I fall in love with the Philippines. Filipinos are known to be hospitable and they are.”*

**- Mr. Paul James di Blasi, SRRV member**



*“One of the things that I find distinct in the Philippines, in my case, is the friendliness of the people. That to me is really superb.”*

**-Mr. and Mrs. Ramesh and Pilar Bhatia, SRRV member**