

# NEWSLETTER PHILIPPINES

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## Multiply effort...divide responsibility

by Glen Knight

Somewhere along the way I read a comment made by someone I assume was fairly wise. At any rate, it made sense to me and I sort of adopted it as a method. It went something like this: **"Multiply your effort by dividing your responsibilities."** The notion really works in most cases. Whether in a secular sense or spiritual, as in ministry, the idea of multiplying then dividing is a good one. As I understand it, that's what Jesus taught in making disciples. It's just cool to see that what we do for the Lord can grow to extremes when we share labor by giving it over to others. It's a mentoring and liberating process that has undeniably good results.

I have to speak as a gospel missionary. Most of us typically consider ourselves as mere helpers

or more specifically, facilitators. I find the greatest need among fellow ministers in the Philippines is that of training and encouraging in the work. The fact is that my Filipino counterparts are far more adept at ministry in the Philippines than I will ever be. Without question in looking back over fifteen years of service the best I could ever hope for was to build a fire of vision, ideas and methods and bring others along to fuel and fan the flames. That work is lifelong and for the most part is beneath the radar. But I am sure that this is best way to get a job done for Christ that honors Him and not someone else and to do it in the time allotted.



Teaching young men and women in the service of the Lord is a vital link to reaching our world for Christ.

*"It's just cool to see that what we do for the Lord can grow to extremes when we share labor by giving it over to others."*

*"Thought is the wind, knowledge the sail, and mankind the vessel."*

—August Hare



A Sangil native woman sings a folk song in a style typical of the islands of her heritage. We hope to teach her and others in the village to sing songs of praise to the Lord Jesus.

Photo: Glen Knight

## Serving the Lord...helping missions around the world...

by Glen Knight

Pastors Joel Meredith, Joseph Pemberton and Calvary Baptist Church of Hamburg, Arkansas are truly friends to missionaries around the world. Early in the month of December two forty-foot, high cube freight containers were shipped from the church's warehouse in Hamburg, to our Remote Island Ministries base in Davao City, Philippines. Hundreds of boxes of Sunday School and Vacation Bible School literature, as well as Bibles, personal hygiene kits and various other materiel were included in this shipment. Many thanks go to those who helped to load the containers, to Pastor W.A. Dillard for the Bibles and to Pastor Doug Clements, the church and local association in Idabel, Oklahoma for the hygiene kits. We also gratefully acknowledge the donation of outdated and press overrun literature from the Baptist Sunday School Committee in Texarkana, Texas. And finally, we thank all the churches who help with monthly contributions to World-wide Literature and Missionary Supplies of Calvary Baptist Church! On behalf of all who receive these blessings in the Philippines, thank you so much and may God bless you for your love!



Pastor Joel Meredith in the warehouse of World-wide Literature and Missionary Supplies, Hamburg, Arkansas, December 10, 2009. The shipment is bound for the southern Philippines.



**Pastor Joseph Pemberton**  
Calvary Baptist Church  
Hamburg, Arkansas



The men who helped load the two cargo containers on December 10, 2009.



Brother Joey and the truck driver signing the paperwork for Maersk Shipping Lines.



The next time we open these doors will be at the seminary in Davao City, Philippines!

## Time with family in Tennessee...

How grateful we are to have been able to spend Thanksgiving with all our children and grandchildren at mother's farm in Tennessee! This was the first time in many years we have all been together there. Paula and I are amazed at how our little family of four has grown to thirteen. All of our grandchildren except for the youngest one, Rhoda, were born in Davao City, Philippines. And of course, our daughter Juliana was born there as well. Our family is truly a mix of culture, naturally born and acquired through years on the mission field. God has been good to us...we are humbled and thankful.



The Knight Family

Paula and me with our children and grandchildren at the family farm in Tennessee during Thanksgiving time.

A BRIEF UPDATE ON JULIANA: Many of you know that we have been trying to acquire a change in Juli's immigration status so she can become an American citizen. This has been and remains a difficult task despite our best efforts. We filed all necessary paperwork over two years ago. Her emigrant visa was approved a year ago and sent onward to the National Visa Center for completion, however, according to the office of our area congressman, the file has been lost by the Postal Service somewhere between New Hampshire and New York. We are still waiting.

Juli will be ten years old in March and longs to return to the Philippines but cannot. If she leaves the United States before completing her emigrant/citizenship process, she could be denied reentry for up to five years. This is disheartening to our family. We need your prayers in this regard. All we want to do is to gain citizenship for our daughter and have the liberty to travel to and from our field of labor as a family.



Juli loves to spend time at Grandmother's farm in Tennessee. Fishing and feeding the horse are big hits!

## Y-2010...already?

Where were you in Y-2K? You remember what I'm talking about, right? We were in our mission home in the southern Philippines. News of pending "disaster" had us storing water, food and batteries. We disconnected our computer. We filled the fuel tanks in our vehicles. We saved money for whatever purposes might arise, including the potential of having to seek refuge in some safe (?) place other than our home. And when all had been done that we thought necessary...we waited. Midnight came and the century rolled over but nothing happened...nothing, that is, but the reality that God is still in control and He still had work for us to do. So, we

carried on. The water, food, fuel, batteries and money were all consumed over the weeks and months following. And during that first month of the Year 2000 we initiated the largest physical part of the work to date with beginning construction of the new seminary complex in Davao City. Ten years hence, we have learned much. God is faithful to His promises and He knows every move made by His people. He blesses all that is done for His glory. He assures us of our future safe with Him despite the difficulties we may face here and now.

The new year will bring much for us to do through Remote Island Ministries. New target areas for evangelism and church planting have been established. More students are receiving quality education in the seminary, including many from indigenous villages like the one in the photo. From all of us to all of you...Happy New Year...welcome 2010!

Glen Knight



## A Water well for Bethany...update

Glen Knight

We praise the Lord for His abundant supply of all things needed in the work! At our last writing an appeal was sent out for aid in drilling a water well in the village of Bethany. Some of you have responded to this need...thank you very much! Sufficient funds are in place now to drill the well and to provide additional things needed in the village to make life among our brethren there a little easier and a lot healthier. It is our desire to drill the well in January so please help us pray for this project and watch for more information regarding it. I will be documenting the progress of the project and communicating that back to you from the field. Needless to say, we are very excited and eager to get on with this work! Thank you all once again for your help and prayers on behalf of our Remote Island Ministries team and the dear folks at Bethany.

Bethany is one of many places that could use such a well. If you want more information about this and future projects, email me: [glenandpaula@hotmail.com](mailto:glenandpaula@hotmail.com)



**Pastor Randy Emban**  
Bethany Baptist Church  
Bethany, Cape San Augustin

## PMBS-AIT LIBRARY...update

Glen Knight

The green light is on for our seminary library project as we move into the new year. Thanks to generous help from the Heritage Bible Class of Heritage Baptist Church, Texarkana, Texas, (formerly taught by Pastor Magness) we have purchased six new 60" round tables and forty-eight padded chairs for the library. Additionally, we were able to purchase paint for the walls and painting tools to get the job done. Sherwin Williams Paint Supply on Richmond Road, Texarkana, Texas donated ten gallons of paint in addition to what was purchased...thanks J.J. Taylor, the store manager! The Magness family donated the rest of Brother Magness' pastoral library which has been shipped to the Philippines already. We have a portrait of Pastor Magness to be placed on the dedication day during our Bible conference in February. We believe this will honor the Lord as we honor one of His faithful servants who loved the Philippines with his whole heart. The PMBS-AIT library will soon become *The Pastor Paul D. Magness Memorial Library*.

Thanks again to many people who have helped and may the Lord bless the memory of our loved one and fellow servant of the Lord in the Philippines.



**Pastor Paul D. Magness**  
Founder  
Philippine Missionary Baptist Seminary

## Getting the job done...

Glen Knight

The work of Philippine Missionary Baptist Seminary is an "all hands on deck" affair. The faculty and support staff are busy giving their best in the classrooms and elsewhere so that our students receive a quality education in Christian ministry. The students also contribute a fair share of work in many ways, including making up the work force that helps keep the seminary complex attractive and in good order. All who are associated with the school are doing outstanding work that is worthy of prayer and financial assistance.

Thank you so much for helping the ministry of Philippine Missionary Baptist Seminary and please keep this as a matter of interest through the new year.

We're looking forward to our annual Strength for the Laborers Conference coming the last week of February, 2010. The theme is "Prophecies and Practicalities" and should be most interesting to all who attend. Last year there were more than 300 in regular attendance with 180 churches represented.



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Faithful and talented young students at PMBS-AIT.

*"The three major factors to consider in a successful crewman are attitude, attitude and attitude."*  
—Dennis Conner

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*...Reaching people on the edge!*



Sunset over the Philippine Sea along the boundary between the Philippines and Indonesia south of Mindanao. The Mission vessel **RIM Nativa** plies these waters serving remote islands between the Philippines, Malaysia and Indonesia with the gospel. **Photo: Glen Knight**

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*RIM Nativa Captain Rex Ancajas at the tiller of the skiff that tends the boat. Nativa is manned by five crew members and up to 12 ministry team members on voyages.*

Photo: October 2009

**How We Know...**

By Glen Knight

I am often asked the question, relative to voyaging, "How do you know where to go out there?" Obviously there is more involved than setting out blindly at sea. But there is little information supplied by existing demographic surveys. The sea charts provide physical information on land, sea and ports but nothing with regard to settlements of people. So, how do we begin to know our ports of call?

Circumstance is a leading factor. Things like weather, ship's condition and available funds are considered. We sail near or far depending on circumstance. Another factor is personnel. The people available for the voyage bring skills to accomplish a variety of tasks. Depending on what the principle work is, we sail to one place or another. It may be construction, well drilling or clothing and seed distribution but in every case, it will be proclaiming the gospel. But the most important factor is what I call, *hearts desire*. One can imagine the amount of prayer that precedes every voyage. Often, weeks in advance prayer is made for wisdom in choosing direction and setting waypoints in a trackless sea. We navigate by stars and GPS, but not before seeking the direction of the Spirit of the Almighty and the desires He places in our hearts.



*Bonds of friendship are quickly created when RIM Nativa drops anchor in remote places. Pictured here are RIM Associate Director Pastor Nelmar Sumatra on the right; village counselor Mr. Guinang in the orange shirt and yours truly, center.*

*"If a man does not know to what port he is steering, no wind is favorable to him."*

—Seneca