

# NEWSLETTER PHILIPPINES

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A small, red sail colors the beach line of a village in Nangan Bay, south-eastern Philippines.

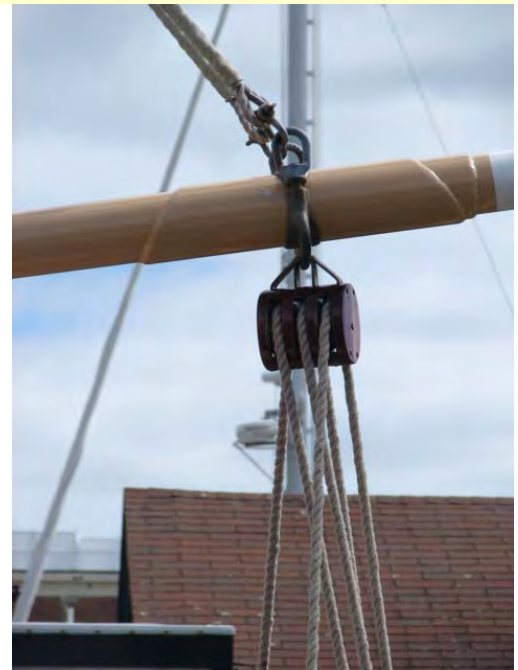
## Compounding Effort

by Glen Knight

Got a load to lift? You can struggle with it yourself or you can get some help. Look at the picture at the right. The triple-block multiplies the downward force of the sail boom. What you can't see is at the bottom...another block increasing the ability of the tackle to a six-to-one pull...now that's powerful help through compounded effort!

There are really times when we need powerful help and thus, compounded effort. Working a ship at sea is obviously one of those times and there are machines to be employed in addition to personnel. Rearing a family is another time when powerful help is needed. The compounded effort of all involved will be of greatest importance. Working a job is another example. Leading a church is yet another. We understand the old sayings: "Two heads are better than one." and "Many hands make light work." Solomon even told us of the wisdom in the counsel of a multitude. On we could go. The simple fact is, when there's a job to be done, none of us can do it bare-handedly and hardly any of us can do it alone. Now you might think otherwise, but consider the tools we use and the strategies we concoct. We need compounded effort one way or another.

The work of Remote Island Ministries is a work of compounded effort. I am amazed and thankful to all who share in this ministry, from our dear friends and co-workers in the Philippines to the many partners in prayer and finances around the world. Whether in our seminary, or on the boat



among the distant islands of the sea, or traveling from coast to coast in the USA we can feel the powerful help of all concerned!

As of this writing, offerings for the construction of **MSV NATIVA II** have reached 1/4 of the total estimated cost. Please keep this project in mind and in prayer...thanks!

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## A New School Year at PMBS

A new school year began at our seminary in Davao City, Philippines during June. At present we have the largest enrollment since 1995 with 70 full-time students living in the on-campus dormitories. While this is a great blessing from the Lord and an indication of things to come in our school, budget short-falls are making it more difficult to take care of everyone.

We are in need of an additional \$400 monthly to meet current demand for food purchase. Please consider this need in your mission giving and above all things, pray for our seminary staff and directors as they lead the school this year. Offerings for the school should be designated, "PMBS."



The beautiful campus of PMBS, Davao City



Children hold new vernacular Bibles given them earlier this year on Balut, Island.



A lovely young lady of the B'laan tribe on Balut Island. She is a member of the church in Lipol Village.



Children's prayers move us and touch God's heart. Unlike many of their parents, these kids are learning early, how to pray.

*"...suffer little children to come..."*

Glen Knight

In 1994 the population of the Philippines was something over 48,000,000. That was the year we moved to the Islands. Today, the population has burgeoned to more than 98,000,000. Almost exactly half the populace is under 18 years of age. This makes the Philippines one of the youngest nations (by citizen age) in the world. While we may quibble over many things in terms of how to work in the Philippines, what to pay...what not to pay, and so on, one thing is very sure—more ministry is needed among the islands than ever before.

In many respects we must employ the old-style methods of reaching people here.



Person-to-person interaction on a broad scale is what works best. There's no replacing hand-in-hand and heart-to-heart when it comes to sharing Christ's love!

ABA Meeting in St. Louis, MO

Paula, Juli and I enjoyed attending the messenger meeting of the American Baptist Association in St. Louis this past June. Together with our pastor Brother Robert Harris, we served as messengers from our sending church. The photo at the right was taken in our exhibit booth where several hundred people stopped to view the photographs and videos of the work. We express our appreciation to Victory Baptist Church for making this possible and to all who visited us at the meeting!



Nativa's Onward Mission

Glen Knight

Our mission vessel, **RIM Nativa** has been and remains a very good boat for ministry as we have carried on for more than five years. There is still a lot of life left in her and many ocean miles to travel through the rest of this year and all of 2012. **Nativa** will serve a vital role in construction of the new schooner, ferrying materials, equipment and supplies to the shipyard as well as serving as a home away from home for some of us working on the new boat. Additionally, we will continue sailing the waters of Davao Gulf and the near areas of the Celebes Sea, ministering among the villages within this entire area. The time will come that I plan to sell **Nativa**...a bitter-sweet thing to consider, but with the new vessel coming, she will



have served her purpose. Pray for her onward mission and for all who sail with us over the next eighteen months. Many thanks go to you who help us sail!

*"The storm drew up from the south, black and billowing. The sea that lay between it and our boat presented a silvery calm, yet we pressed into it as if it were a benign signal. The ocean's fury so approaches. Given the choice, we would seek shelter. Given the circumstance, we secured the vessel and prepared for a rough ride."*  
—Glen Knight, *Memoirs of a Missionary*



## An engine for the new boat...

The photo at the right is of the engine for the new motor-sailing schooner, **MSV *Nativa II***. It is an old Caterpillar D334 marine. Despite its age, the hour meter indicates it has only 676 hours on it. Such an engine as this is actually preferred for its simplicity and the availability of surplus parts in the Philippines.

Through a contact we have with Sewart Marine Supply, Morgan City, LA, I have managed to secure a Twin-Disc hydraulic marine reduction gear, 2:1 ratio, to be paired with the engine in September. The cost of the gear is approximately \$6,000. I am presently searching for a suitable heat exchanger for cooling the engine once it is installed in the boat.

The completed unit will be crated and shipped to the Philippines the first week of December. Once the construction begins on the new boat, it will be good to have the mechanical systems, including the propulsion, on hand.



Searching eyes discover the wonders of God's Word!



"This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!"

## Wells of water...

Glen Knight

A water well close at hand and available for all the villagers to use is perhaps one of the greatest things possible to those who live in far-away places beyond modern convenience. Most reading this will hardly remember a time when ample water wasn't available at the finger tips. The stark reality of the Third World however, is that water...one of life's most essential elements...simply isn't very available. Many even have to struggle with others to get enough and what is there is often contaminated. For this reason, in many villages of our world, infant mortality can be as high as 60%. Bringing water to such places and otherwise providing a means of supply (water wells) is a priority among many missionaries throughout the world including Remote Island Ministries.



to her, metaphorically, that eternal life is like a well of water that constantly gives forth its goodness, (v.14). What that woman received from Jesus changed her life and her eternity.

Jesus spoke to a thirsty woman of life-giving water...water such as only He could give. His offer was predicated upon her knowledge of Him: **"If you only knew the gift of God...you would ask of him and he would give you living water."** (John 4:10) The Lord explained

When we witness of God's saving grace to the world around us we are sharing with people, the water-springs of eternal life through Christ. Greater than the supply of physical water is that supply which comes through the Spirit!

*"Jesus spoke to a thirsty woman of life-giving water...water such as only He could give."*



Here is a photo of the ship's bell for **MSV *Nativa II***. It is a large, 10" diameter, polished brass bell with a beautiful tone. Look carefully and you will see the ship's name and home country engraved.

*"There are many points on the compass rose. I had to locate the few that were meant for me and head for those that summoned me with a passion, for they were the ones that gave meaning to my life." —Richard Bode*



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Black-tip sharks are common off the reefs of Cape San Agustin, Gulf of Davao. This juvenile was taken on a bated line by one of our Bethany men.

*...Reaching people on the edge!*



On the road in Florida during July, we happened to meet up with our pastor and his family just beginning their vacation. This was a rare and refreshing moment during a long month of travel in the southeastern states. Pictured right to left are Sydney, Juli, Sofia, Sherry, Brother Robert, yours' truly and Paula. YES, those are two boxes of Krispy Kremes and we ate them ALL!

**A Final word...**

Glen Knight

Most every missionary will tell you that life on the road is difficult. Truth be known, we'd much prefer being on the job in our field of labor. Be that as it may, it is necessary to do as we are doing this summer. Trying to maintain a sense of routine life requires focus on ordinary things. With us, that means bookkeeping and correspondence with family, done mostly by Paula, Juli's home-school work and my correspondence with our co-workers in the Philippines and partner churches in the United States. The months of August and September will find us still traveling stateside in California, Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana. Many thanks go to all the churches who have hosted our presentations and to the many who have shared offerings to aid the work!



Paula and Juli are at work in a hotel room somewhere in Florida during July. Our return to the Philippines will be welcomed!

*"No amount of skill, no equipment, and no boat will keep you from disaster if you don't develop the most important seagoing skill of all, a complete fear of falling overboard."*  
—Lin and Larry Pardey