

NEWSLETTER PHILIPPINES

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Glen, Paula & Juliana Knight at Philippine Missionary Baptist Seminary-Asia Institute of Theology, Davao City, January 2011.

Building bridges of friendship...

by Glen Knight

They were typically shy at first...so with Juliana, reminding me of how Filipino our daughter is, that being so common among them. The shyness however soon dissipated with laughter, the universal language of children, taking its place followed by endless, energetic games. After long months of my talking about this place and these people, Juli met them face to face. The interesting thing here is the kinship she has with the islanders both in matters of heritage as well as blood ties. This is the home of Manobo, B'laan and Sangil people and is quickly becoming a vital waypoint in development of Remote Island Ministries' work in the area.

The eight villages of Balut Island are scattered along surrounding coastal areas. Our intention was to visit places not penetrated before including the villages of Tagen, Pakilwaso and Batuganding, however, the sea conditions were not favorable and rain squalls with heavy winds made it too dangerous for us to anchor along the southwestern coast of the island. Visiting these three villages will necessarily have to wait for our next trip there in weeks to come. It's not the first time we changed course...God is good!

Time spent both in the village of Lipol and in the Poblacion of Balut, Port Maveas, was well spent as contacts made with people last October were renewed and friendships deepened. Our Sangil friends from Manaboy visited Nativa during an afternoon while at the Mabila Pier and as



Juliana and Glen interacting with children of the B'laan and Sangil tribes on Balut Island, the Celebes Sea, southern Philippines. Photo courtesy of Joe Estep, RIM Team member, January 2011.

always, it was good to see them. We shared three hundred pounds of rice for them to take back to their village on Sarangani Island and some medicines that were needed. Word from "Orly" the man whose foot was severely injured in October is that he has fully recovered...PTL! With opportunities to preach in village homes, the Lord gave success with as many as 25 people praying to receive Christ as personal Savior. Also, the land purchase of 817square meters for the church in Port Maveas is nearly completed.

One of the most wonderful things to me about this voyage is our baby girl's excitement in being on the open sea and making so many new friends out there!

Our Pastor visits the field!

The month of January was made especially nice with the visit of our pastor, Brother Robert Harris of Victory Baptist Church, Sherwood, Arkansas. Back in December 2010 Brother Robert was on hand for the loading and shipping of our two supply containers in the states and was here in Davao the week they arrived and were unloaded. He was able to participate first-hand in each aspect of this important part of the ministry to the Philippines. While here also, we welcomed our Pastor onboard RIM Nativa for the first mission voyage of 2011.

Many thanks go to our sending church for such gracious provision in the work here in Davao City and beyond and for sharing Brother Robert with us during January. Thanks also to Sherri and the girls for letting him come over!

The photo at the right is of Pastor Harris speaking to the students of Philippine Missionary Baptist Seminary during one of the chapel services.





Juli enjoys her home schooling wherever we go. She is pictured here at her desk in the seminary office. Such a means of education for missionary kids is not only vital but a great blessing being Bible-based and Christ-centered.

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Let there be music!

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Most anyone who has ever heard the choir of Philippine Missionary Baptist Seminary will admit that these students have a lot of heart as well as talent! Each year for the past fifteen years the choir has presented an hour-long concert during the annual Strength for the Laborers Conference and this year will be no exception. Although students come and go when their educations are complete in the seminary, it seems the choir maintains its very high quality of talent.

PMBS-AIT is pleased this year to present the musical **“John 3:16, The Numbers of Hope”** on Wednesday evening, February 23 in the sanctuary of Faith Baptist Church, Davao City. The concert will be under direction of Ma’am Paula Knight, the Music Department Head of PMBS-AIT. We believe this could well be the most powerful concert ever presented by the choir in terms of evangelistic impact on the community and throughout the Philippines. The conference theme for the week-long event is the same as the concert title and will



feature twenty evangelistic messages presented by seven different guest speakers from the Philippines and the US.

We are planning to professionally record the concert in DVD format and make copies available to supporters of the seminary as well as anyone who desires a copy. More information is forthcoming about this.

Seminary scenes...



It’s amazing that we are now in our final weeks of the 2010-2011 academic year here at Philippine Missionary Baptist Seminary, Davao City. The time for our annual Bible conference is quickly approaching and with that, a lot of work must be accomplished in a short time. The remaining weeks will be filled with lessons, exams and preparation for commencement that will be held the last week of March. The photo to the right shows Pastor Lony Babelonio teaching one of the music classes and on the left is Pastor Emmanuel Quiazon, teacher and seminary Director. We are completing this year with fifty-seven full-time students and an all-Filipino school staff.



The photo at the left is of the Teaching Techniques class featuring teacher Pinky Quiazon, second from left, front row. This class is taught at the First Year level of the seminary in order to jump-start the teaching abilities of students when they first enter the school. It is required of all PMBS-AIT students to work among area churches on weekends, assisting in various ministries throughout their tenure as seminarians. Many of the students seen in this photo will also assist the churches during their summer-time VBS and children’s ministries, impacting the lives of hundreds of families. Brother Roland (far left) is a pastor in training.

“I cannot forget the expression on that young face, a face so familiar to me as he had for four years sat under my teaching in the seminary classes...a face with eager and at the same time, frightened expression...his question piercing my very soul: ‘Sir, what do I do now?’ My reply came instinctively, ‘Son, go preach God’s Word.’” —G. Knight, Memoirs (upon a student’s graduation.)

Work Begins on Port Maveas Church House!

Work began on the new church building for Port Maveas, Balut Island during January 2011. This type of structure is easily fabricated and transported to the building site, saving a lot of cost. This is now the fifth building of this type we have erected here, some larger, some smaller depending on the area available for construction. This particular building measures 32' x 56' and will accommodate up to 150 people when finished. Our estimated cost for the completed facility is \$12,000.00. To date the fabrication is completed as seen in the photos at the margin. Roofing, guttering, gable end material and all trim are scheduled for delivery within a week from this writing. The building will be delivered to the site on Balut Island during April and erected by a volunteer labor force as a part of **Remote Island Ministries**. Watch for updates!



Beginning the layout of the structure by reviewing the plans. Pictured here are Pastors Nelmar Sumatra, Mike Maxwell and I. Fabrication began immediately.



Shipping containers arrive!

Glen Knight

Shouts of praise rose over the campus of Philippine Missionary Baptist Seminary last week as the trucks rolled into view...the shipping containers had arrived! Fifty-two days after sending the two forty-footers from Hamburg, Arkansas, they arrived in good shape here in Davao City, packed with a full year's supply of Sunday School and Vacation Bible School books, Bibles, hymnals, clothing and shoes, medical supplies, equipment and a new 12' aluminum skiff for Remote Island Ministries. It isn't difficult to imagine the excitement we feel here when such a generous blessing arrives. Within three hours, both containers had been stripped of their contents and all things stored initially inside the school building. The days following were spent sorting and categorizing the load in preparation for distribution. At this writing we have already begun giving clothing among some of our remote island churches and have also begun using the Cebuano version *John and Romans* compilation in our evangelism projects in the City and on Balut and Sarangani Islands in the Celebes Sea.



Empty containers are what we like to see but now, the real work begins!

Once again we want to express our thanks to Calvary Baptist Church, Hamburg, Arkansas USA for sponsoring this project; to Pastor Joel Meredith, Director of World-Wide Literature and Missionary Supply; to the Sunday School Committee of the American Baptist Association; to all the churches that support this work and to everyone who has given any part of the supply to help fill the containers. These two are the 19th and 20th containers delivered to us here in Davao City over the past 17 years. God is great!

I highly recommend the work of Calvary Baptist Church and Pastors Joseph Pemberton and Joel Meredith. This ministry serves as a vital link between churches and their mission projects throughout the world to mobilize missionary families and needed supplies.

"The woman, apparently already a Christian, stepped out slowly...deliberately moving toward the native pastor with tears streaking down her face, obviously brokenhearted. I watched as she dropped to her knees in the altar of the little church house, prayer rising in her native dialect. For a long time she remained there as the invitation song droned on until finally she rose, her face bright with newfound joy and a surprising but most welcomed statement. 'We are glad,' she said, 'that our white friends have come to help us tell others about Jesus. But why is it that we have not told them already? They are our people.'" —G. Knight, Memoirs

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In front of the new Municipal Hall of Port Maveas, Balut Island, Juli and I pose for a photograph in late January, 2011.

...Reaching people on the edge!



The ministry team and crew of RIM Nativa back in the Port of Davao, Sta. Ana Pier late in the day on February 1, 2011. In the photo are visitors from the States including Joe Estep from Georgia, back row, second from the right and Pastor Robert Harris of our sending church, center. Also seen are Pastor Mike Maxwell and our daughter, Juli.

Closing thoughts...

Glen Knight

Everything begins with a plan...so we think. The fact is that usually, before plans are laid out in a definitive form, there is a picture in the mind of someone who dreams. It is formed of desire for that which can be. It admits no impossibility. It seeks the highest means of accomplishment possible and presses toward it with eagerness. The drafting of plans is a necessary step for procedural purposes but the real vision for work exists long before.

As we had prayed and sought the Lord's provision for the new church house on Balut Island last October, we rejoice at moving forward with this project. Much of the work has already been done so that during the weeks that lay ahead we will be able to see real physical progress toward our goal. Many thanks go to all who have prayed and helped with offerings for this work. Watch for progress reports soon!



Reviewing the building plans onsite for the church house to be erected soon in Port Maveas, Balut Island. Pictured are the City Engineer of Maveas, Pastors Boy Tablo & Nelmar Sumatra and yours truly, January 2011.

"The simple and functional design of the structure compliments its usage. It is not for show neither for grand entertainment but for a house in which to worship the Lord...a solid sentinel in an outpost where Christ must be preached...a lighthouse in a dark and dangerous environment."