

# NEWSLETTER PHILIPPINES

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## Across the Oceans...2012 On the Horizon

by Glen Knight

Approaching a new year calls for reflection upon the one just passed. Time spent serving the Lord on many fronts has made this year a very busy one for most of us. Early in 2011 we realized the need to produce a new and more capable missionary boat that will be better equipped for service in a wide range of seas and at the same time, more economical to operate. Within nine months, April to December, the vision of having such a ship is quickly becoming reality. The coming year will be a hallmark year for our ministry in the Philippines with the completion of the new motor-sailing ship, **MSV RIM Nativa II** by the end of 2012. We embrace the challenge of both its construction and its use with eager anticipation!



Lying to the west of the Zamboanga Peninsula of Mindanao is the Sulu Sea at the edge of which is the western Philippine island of Palawan. For many years we have had a desire to visit that area but for various reasons have not been able to do so. Bounded by the South China Sea along its western coast are many very remote villages in what truly is a wild frontier of the Philippines. Working in this area is an objective of Remote Island Ministries once the new sailing vessel is completed. Over the coming months we will be focusing our prayer attention on this goal. Thank you for joining us!

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Many of you who read this newsletter have contributed generously to this project through the past nine months. We thank you so very much for your help. At this writing there remains a financial need amounting to approximately \$100,000 to complete the ship by the end of 2012. We're prayerful for the Lord's continual supply month to month so that we may keep the shipyard on schedule with the work. Please note the diagram and article on page 3 of this newsletter for a progress report.

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RIM team members bringing boxes of clothing and shoes ashore on Talikud Island. These supplies were distributed among some of the people in the new mission there.

## Good friends...working together!

Our daughter Juli, and her close friends, Sophia and Sydney, the children of our pastor, Robert Harris and his wife Sherri, spent time together on the day we shipped the containers from Arkansas. What a joy it is to watch our children growing physically and spiritually!

Pastor Robert Harris and our friend Jeff Foster of Promise Land Baptist Church, Hamburg, Arkansas, work together inside the second container during the loading. Great fellowship is always a part of the shipping process...thanks men!



## Two More Containers Shipped from U.S.

Glen Knight



Paula warms with coffee inside the warehouse. As usual, the shipping day was cold and wet...thank the Lord for a warm, dry warehouse!

It is difficult to adequately express our appreciation to all who share in the ministry of World-wide Literature and Missionary Supply. Calvary Baptist Church, Hamburg, Arkansas and Brother Joel Meredith, pictured at the right, lead the ministry and together with volunteers from various churches throughout the area, labor diligently to keep the work moving forward.

On December 6th we shipped two more forty-foot units laden with more than 80,000 pounds of Bibles, Sunday School and Vacation Bible School materials, tools and various pieces of equipment needed by the churches, our seminary and Remote Island Ministries.



The projected arrival date of these containers in Davao City is January 26th. By that time we will be ready to unload and begin immediately using the great supply provided for our year of ministry.

The picture at the left is of Brother Joel Meredith supervising the loading of our Caterpillar marine engine into the container. This and several other vital pieces of equipment for the new ship are now on the way to the Philippines. Special thanks go to Mark Young and many of the members of Bethel #2 Baptist Church, Herbine, Arkansas for their gift of an Onan Marine Generator and many tools for construction!



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A fisherman of Talikud Island, overjoyed at having a "new" jacket, is one of the men attending the new mission church there.

## Ongoing ministry: Project Pitoy

Glen Knight

Recently a team of volunteers sailed to nearby Talikud Island with Remote Island Ministries to aid Pastor Isidro Decena and the new mission station being developed in the village of Camotes. Various photos from the day of ministry are featured in the side-bars of this newsletter. The photo at the right is of Pinky Quiazon, the wife of Pastor Manny Quiazon, Faith Baptist Church of Davao City, as she assisted a young boy with new blue jeans, a jacket and a shirt. All of the children also received new shoes during the clothing distribution.

We cannot offer enough thanks to all of you who continue to give used or new clothing and shoes for this aspect of the ministry. Such expressions of love open many gospel opportunities to us among the remote islands of the Philippine seas. Thanks so much!



*"Christmas comes to us throughout the year. We recall times past when containers, crates or even single mail bags would arrive at odd times, many with Christmas wishes enclosed and always with much love from the senders. In most cases, expressions of thanks to those who had given were best demonstrated by passing on the blessing to others who had none. That was and is part of what makes every gift, small or large, so very special reminding us of God's great Gift, given and passed on to all mankind." —G. Knight*



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Crew members of **RIM Nativa** unload boxes of used clothing for distribution on Talikud Island, October 2011.

*...Reaching people on the edge!*



The mission vessel **RIM Nativa** at anchor off Talikud Island, Gulf of Davao in October, 2011. **Nativa** is in her sixth year of service, taking the gospel to remote islands of the southern Philippine seas. She will soon be for sale as we replace her with the **MSV RIM Nativa II**.

**A Final word...**

Glen Knight

Growing up in the Arkansas River delta gave me an opportunity early to learn about farming procedures. Rice was one of the main products of our area, planted in flooded fields by airplanes. How different rice production is in the Philippines where it is sowed in small nursery plots then transplanted one sprig at a time in the large fields! Every single seedling is purposely set by the planter resulting in long, straight rows on beautiful terraces. Although the work is difficult and time-consuming, it assures that every rice plant will produce and be harvested.

A missionary's work is much the same. The usual manner is small-scale...one-to-one planting of God's Word, nurturing, encouraging and often guarding against destructive forces that would ruin the hopeful harvest. The time-consuming labor is difficult and in some cases, dangerous but as we see it, there is no other way to get the job done. The fields of souls are numerous, in fact, more than can be counted and so we and others carry on, ever on and on.



Please pray for Paula, Juli and me as we leave for the Philippines on January 10. Thank you all so much for your kind hospitality through the months as we visited with many of you. Thank you for your help in so many ways. We hope for you a God-blessed Christmas and New Year!