

NEWSLETTER PHILIPPINES

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"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."

(Jeremiah 33:3)



Sunset over the Arctic. Photo taken by Juli Knight from the window of our plane along the Aleutian Islands between Alaska and Japan on our way back to the Philippines.

The "Keeling" of Nativa II: An Excerpt from the Dedication

January 18, 2012

SAFI Shipyard Inc.

General Santos City, Philippines

"The construction of MSV/RIM Nativa II is in keeping with God's holy desire for our world in our time. Here marks the progress of Remote Island Ministries-Philippines in reaching the poor, the destitute, the diseased and the lost on remote islands of the Asia Pacific region with the gospel of Jesus Christ. All who witness today, the laying of her keel will bear record to her great purpose. Not only is her design unique to our place and time, but her service will be unique in the entire world. All who engineer her and those who labor in her construction will share in her ministry. Those who sail on her will see the wonderful works of the Almighty at sea and on the land. And those who labor in ministry from the decks of this missionary ship will know the power of God to save humanity for time and eternity.

Through the years we have known the truth spoken by God who said, 'Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.' (Jeremiah 33:3). We have known the promises of the Lord are true, having put them to the test of faith. And here again, we seek His blessing upon this task and this continued ministry."

—Glen Knight, Director Remote Island Ministries

At this writing, the crew of the boat, Nativa I and volunteer workers are on Balut Island, Philippines in the north-eastern Celebes Sea, constructing a new building for the church being planted in Port Maveas. Remote Island Ministries is an ongoing work of evangelism, church planting and humanitarian ministry sponsored by Victory Baptist Church, Sherwood, Arkansas, USA.

Please help us continue work on the new sailing ship, Nativa II. Offerings in any amount for this construction will help us finish and commission the ship in March, 2013.

www.remoteislandministriesph.com

PMD—A GREAT MINISTRY

We have enjoyed the visit of Pastor Wayne Stringer, Director of **Philippine Mission Development**. During the time Wayne was in the Philippines for the dedication of the new church building in Bacolod, City, he was able to come to Davao and spend some time with us here for the first time in about five years. The photo at the right shows him sitting at the wheel of our missionary boat, *RIM Nativa* on the day he left for home in Texas.

Please pray for him and for the work he does here in raising funds and leading out in construction of church buildings throughout the Islands. We encourage your financial assistance of Philippine Mission Development, White Rock Baptist Church, Center, Texas. —Glen Knight



Shipping Containers Arrive!

Glen Knight



“More than 1,500 boxes of Bibles, literature, clothing & shoes, hygiene kits, equipment...were unloaded & stored...”

It was a happy day again here in Davao on February 2, 2012 when two containers sent from the United States on December 6 arrived at our seminary compound! The photograph at the right shows one of the units just after clearing at the Customs house. Once they arrived at the seminary, almost immediately we began stripping all the contents and within three hours the job was done, many thanks to the strong young men and women of the Philippine Missionary Baptist Seminary!



Look closely in the photo to the left and you will see something other than literature. It's a heavy, industrial wood planer donated by our good friend Steve Collins of Promise Land Baptist Church, Hamburg, Arkansas. This piece of equipment will be used in trimming out the wooden interior parts of the new missionary ship, *Nativa II*. It will also continue to be used building pulpits and tables for churches here in the Philippines. Many other hand tools were sent thanks to so many of our friends in the States!

Near the end of the day, our students and staff of PMBS-AIT were exhausted but really happy with the job they'd done. More than 1,500 boxes of Bibles, literature, clothing and shoes, hygiene kits, tools, equipment and the big Caterpillar engine for the new sailing ship were all unloaded and stored in their designated places.



Everything sent in these two containers will be used from now through the end of this year to aid the churches in their ministries. Thank you so much, everyone. PTL!



Many of the students of our seminary assisted in the unloading of eight 40' containers for Samaritan's Purse, *Operation Christmas Child* here in Davao. This is the first time this event has come to our city! Our friend Ken Garcia is pictured here in the black shirt and jeans. Ken is in charge of Logistics in this operation for the year. Pray with him for success!



Stacks and stacks of literature as seen in the photo to the left would not be here in Davao City, Philippines except for the dedicated labor of Pastor Joel Meredith, Calvary Baptist Church, Hamburg, Arkansas. The church there, Joe and so many others who volunteer their time and give their strength are deeply appreciated by all of us here in the Philippines. Thanks to so many of you who send your offerings to help the ministry of *World-wide Literature and Missionary Supply*, we and many others like us throughout the world enjoy a supply line that is incomparable! Thank you all who have sent clothing, medicines, hygiene kits, tools and so many other things this year!

“Life hangs on a very thin thread and the cancer of time is complacency. If you are going to do something, do it now. Tomorrow is too late.”
—Pete Gross

MSV RIM Nativa II Keel Laying Ceremony

Glen Knight

January 18th came with great excitement as we traveled to SAFI Shipyard in General Santos City for the official start-up of construction on our new sailing ship! The keel was laid during a special ceremony that featured a brief speech by the shipyard owner, Mr. Marfenio Tan and a message and prayer by yours' truly. The ceremony was directed by Engineer Ronie Bontor, General Manager of SAFI Shipyard. The ribbon cutting that opened the yard to MSV Nativa II is pictured at the right. Of course, a sumptuous meal was served to the many guests and employees of the yard, complete with the traditional lechon baboy!



Carrying heavy loads down the long stairs at PMBS.



The photo at the left shows the interior part of the keel from the mid-section looking astern. This keel is being built with three vertical plates and a ten-inch wide bottom flange. It will later be filled with concrete to provide generous ballast at the hull's lowest point. The overall length of the keel in this picture is one hundred feet. It will be trimmed as the bow stem and stern step are built onto it, fore and aft. Featured in this photo are (with the hardhat) Elmer Baguio, structural manager, shipyard owner and CEO, Marfenio Tan (light yellow shirt) and that's me, comfortable behind the welding hood...love it, love it, love it!

Within the first week the photo at the right shows one of the mid-ship bulkheads and a rib frame set on the keel. A careful observation reveals the strength of this method of building. The top of the frame and bulkhead is the upper deck level. Bulwarks rising an additional one meter will be added around the deck level when plating begins. The bottom interior of the rib frame is the below-decks level of the cargo and accommodation holds. Beneath the below-decks sole will be the fuel oil tanks and fresh water tanks adding substantially to our ballast in the lowest part of the ship. The gross tonnage of this ship is 277 tons; net tonnage is 186 tons. She's big!



The Caterpillar marine engine with its new hydraulic transmission being unloaded from the cargo container that brought it here from the United States.



This photograph reveals the elegant lines of the sailing ship! The bowsprit will extend another twenty feet beyond the forepeak reminiscent of 19th Century sailing vessels. Here you can see where the keel will be trimmed off at the forefoot.

Work in the shipyard is progressing very rapidly as these photos indicate. We're at the fifteen-day mark of construction. With the arrival of our containers lately, the Caterpillar engine, Onan Marine generator and the navigation/communication electronics are in hand here in Davao. We will ship the engine to the yard within the next two weeks. Pray with us for this project and watch it develop!

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The decision to build the ship in steel and to contract her to the best shipyard in Mindanao was one made through much prayer. To see her on paper and to observe her coming together in real form is a confirmation of the Lord's leadership thus far. The weeks that lay ahead are exciting and at the same time will continue to challenge our faith. Watch the building of MSV/RIM Nativa II on our website and on Face Book.



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RIM Nativa and Juli at Sta. Ana Pier, February 6, 2012...loading building framework for the church on Balut Island at Port Maveas.

...Reaching people on the edge!



Students of Philippine Missionary Baptist Seminary-Asia Institute of Theology work together in the sanctuary of Faith Baptist Church, sorting and packing boxes of Vacation Bible School literature in preparation for our annual Bible conference later this month. Distribution of this and much more literature will be done at that time for about 300 Philippine churches.

A Final word...

Glen Knight

Working together is typical of our manner here in Davao at PMBS-AIT. The day we unloaded our shipping containers we celebrated in the late afternoon with a huge hamburger and French-fries dinner for all the students and faculty of the school. Without the dedicated labor of so many it would be impossible to do the work that is done every day here!

We especially want to thank Pastor John Culley and Phil Hernandez of Timberlakes Baptist Church, Woodlands, TX who gave money to sponsor this hamburger dinner!

Featured in the picture are (left to right) Rea Robles, Marilou Polison, Paula Knight, Josephine Lastimozo, Jonathan DelaCerna and Pinky Quiazon.



“The passage took us from the city...from the noise, the smokiness, the dirtiness of a million people and two million—more or less—wheezing, belching road machines; from a place where the moon hangs dingy yellow at her fullness to where she’s a brilliant white and the air and the water are clean and the people are eager for our calling on their shores.” —G. Knight, Memoirs