

# REMOTE ISLAND MINISTRIES—Philippines

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***“...I can tell you for sure, sometimes He blows me away with His absolutely profound ways of saying, ‘Hey...come with me.’”***



*I cannot adequately express in words the thanksgiving we have toward God for so many who have given so generously toward the new ship-building project. The construction is not done yet but completion is on the horizon. Please keep praying for us!*

## One step closer to completion...

Glen Knight

(From my Facebook posting on March 28, 2013)

“The full, bright moon rose over the mountains of south eastern Mindanao on March 27th as we prepared to cast off the lines that held the vessel which had been made for the freedom of the sea and for use as a gospel ministry service boat. We could hardly imagine that such a thing had actually happened and yet it had and the desires of our hearts had truly been given by the Lord of heaven. That was seven years ago and that boat was RIM Nativa. Last night it occurred to me that exactly seven years to the day...March 27th, 2013 and under a full, bright moon, another vessel tugged at her dock lines, veering her prow away from the hulk to which she had been unceremoniously tied in what seemed to me to be an expression of readiness to set sail away...far away from the place of her fourteen-month existence and to new horizons of hope. As if most of you who read this didn't know it already, our God is a great and all-wise, all powerful God who does all things well, on time—every time...for He set the date that exactly coincided with that former date of launching to mark the next step forward in the work of Remote Island Ministries and the sailing ship Nativa II. I am not one to believe



in coincidences and neither do I necessarily seek signs for confirmation of God's leadership, but I can tell you for sure, sometimes He blows me away with His absolutely profound ways of saying, ‘Hey...come with me.’”

We are now one step closer to completion of the MSV/RIM Nativa II and with that, discovering what lies on our horizon as maritime missionaries to Pacific Asia. God, Who has done great things, shall do even greater as we remain obedient to His calling.

At this writing, we are praying for an additional \$68,000 to make our final payments to the shipyard over the next four months. Please pray with us in this and thank you for any contribution that you can make. Painting and rigging the vessel are underway now.

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## Special times for an MK...

*It's difficult to imagine that our baby girl, Juli is now a teenager! We celebrated her 13th birthday on March 1, 2013 together with so many of our friends in the Philippines. Ours was a special joy in having two of our grandchildren who were born in Davao, Keilah and Keziah to spend two weeks in February with us while their dad helped in the Bible conference. Paula, Juli and I enjoyed them coming home for a brief visit. They now live in Hughes Springs, TX with their dad and mom.*



### PMBS-AIT 27th Annual Commencement...

We celebrated the Commencement night at PMBS-AIT on March 22nd with the students in the photo to the right receiving their diplomas indicating Bachelor of Theology, Associate in Christian Music and Associate in Bible Teaching. We're very thankful for these who have finished their courses but will miss them when the classes resume in June. The theme for the evening was, "To the Regions Beyond" which carries through the subject of our recently completed Bible Conference.



Pictured here are Sophia and Sydney together with Juli. They are our pastor's children who came along with their dad and mom for the Bible conference. We all had a great time!



The underclassmen of PMBS-AIT dressed in their formal choir attire are pictured here listening to the graduates' presentation of special music. The choir also sang songs from the year's musical presentation. These are students who will return to class in June as the new semester begins. Already we're looking for a large incoming freshman class and pray for the funding necessary to do our best job during the 2013-14 school term. Many thanks go to all who have helped us!



VBS kids are the same everywhere, like these who are having a really good time at Faith Baptist Church, Davao City.

### Vacation Bible School season in Davao...

The 2013 Vacation Bible School season is at full tilt now with the first of several schools being conducted at Faith Baptist Church of Davao City. The photos shown here are from the second day of the school with more than 250 kids present. Our VBS staff here at Faith always does a tremendous job of hosting the VBS, teaching the children good Bible lessons and entertaining them in a way that honors the Lord! There will be three other VBS locations in the weeks to come as the school is taken to Bandera Mission on



Having an opportunity to learn about the Lord in the VBS setting is seriously something to grin about!



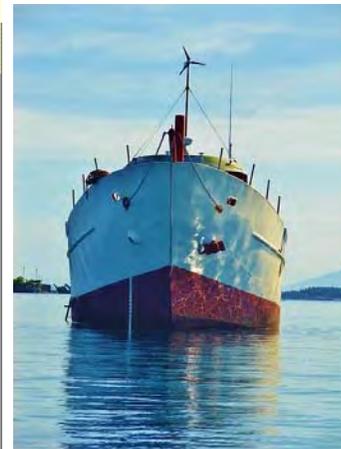
Samal Island, Linosutan Mission on Talikud Island and Bethany Mission at Cape San Augustin. Many of you will notice the VBS theme for this year is the "Soul Survivor" series of the Bogard Press from 2011. We are so grateful to have this literature donated by the Bogard Press and sent to us through the World-wide Literature and Missionary Supply ministry of Calvary Baptist Church, Hamburg, Arkansas, Joel Meredith and all who work with him and donate funds to this ministry. Thank you!

*"It is the desire to know what lies beyond the next curve or over the next hill or beyond the distant horizon that keeps most of us moving ahead. The enthusiasm for life is a thing immeasurably valuable for without it we succumb to stillness—to a worthless kind of negative thinking that is a brother to death." —G. Knight*

## MSV/RIM Nativa II comes home to Davao!



On March 1, 2013, the day we had hoped to commission RIM Nativa II, most of our American guests from the Bible Conference and two of our Filipino pastors drove to the shipyard in General Santos City to see the vessel. With the ship in the background on the opposite quay, the group posed for a photograph. Pictured left to right are Jun Abay of Bacolod City, Mike Maxwell, Acworth, GA, Faye Hubbard, Sherwood, AR, Nelmar Sumatra, Davao City, Matt Knight, Hughes Springs, TX, Wayne Stringer, New Boston, TX, Bryan Sellers, Texarkana, AR, Jim Crain, Minden, LA and Larry Clements, Texarkana, AR. This was the last of our yard photos.



The bow section of the sailing ship is strong and beautiful as can be seen here. One of the anchors is down with the other in its chocks. Soon the safety lines will be attached to the stanchions and the upper part of the foremast will be set on its lower section, rising a total of 80' above the deck.

Few things compare to the feeling of sailing across the open ocean, but I know one—when you sail for the first time on a new ship just putting to sea! The photo to the right shows Nativa II's forward deck from the bridge looking due south toward the Equator en route to Port Davao from the shipyard. The voyage took us seventeen hours, half the time we had expected because we made good speed at an average of 7.5 knots. With a full compliment of diesel fuel, thanks to so many of you who responded to the appeal, we stretched her legs without fear of running out of petrol! She made steady without a whimper under 2/3 throttle for the full time.



*“God blessed our maiden voyage with great weather and a variety of sea conditions for observation of the sea-worthiness of our vessel.”*



Arriving off Samal Island, Port of Davao, RIM Nativa II came home for the first time! The picture at the left shows us within one mile of our anchorage, glad to be home and even more glad to have our missionary ship in clean and friendly waters and in our own hands for the TLC that she needs now. In the photo you can see the vintage USN anchor windlass ready to be put to use for the first time since its resurrection. God blessed our maiden voyage with great weather and a variety of sea conditions for observation of the sea-worthiness of our vessel. She passed the test with AA+ ratings! Now the time has come to begin finishing the ship.



The stern of RIM Nativa II is seen in the photo here, complete with the ship's company laundry! Once the aft mast is set on its step, the radar and VHF antennas as well as the wind turbine generator will be placed high above the mast spreaders.

Resting at her anchorage, the new missionary ship will now undergo complete finishing with painting, rigging and interior carpentry. Over the next six months we will be able to complete her fitting out and begin sail training in October. Her overall length is 119' with a 96' waterline. Her colors will be a white hull with blue boot top striping, light gray decks and interior bulwarks, white deck superstructure with RIM logos painted, buckwheat color masts and booms and white sails. All interior carpentry will be of Philippine molave hardwood, finished with satin varnish. She will accommodate up to 44 persons in ample living quarters and large cargo capacity.



*“When you are told, ‘It cannot be,’ what is your reaction? And you surely do react. For too many, the reaction is a calm resignation to what is perceived to be true. But to a precious few it is the polar opposite. There is the challenge to prove whether it can or cannot be and the effort spent in the proof, more often than not, reveals the fallacy of such negative thinking.”*

—Glen Knight *Memoirs of a Missionary*

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Jan Van Doorn sets the brake of our trusty navy anchor windlass after the anchor is dropped in our new home port. PTL!

*...Reaching people on the edge!*



We're still blessed by the effects of our Annual Strength for the Laborers Conference back in February. The comments from within the Philippines and from abroad are encouraging. Pictured above is the opening night of the meeting with host pastor Manny Quiazon at the microphone. Look carefully and you may recognize others you know in the crowd!

**A Final word...**

Glen Knight

Perhaps to you the photo to the right is rather non-descript but to me, it denotes very much. The frame is shot across the bow pulpit of RIM Nativa I, looking out at RIM Nativa II lying at anchor with the Port of Davao City in the background. I am settling in now with the reality of a new stage of development for Remote Island Ministries. For the present we have decided to keep the smaller boat, Nativa I. She is still of great value to the work close to Port while the new ship is capable of unlimited range. During the



coming months we will need your continued prayer and financial support in moving the work forward. Only God knows the full extent of this ministry's potential. We know its purpose and therefore gladly embrace its challenge. We trust the Lord to supply the needs and provide opportunity for you to engage with us in its undertaking. Where we sail, you sail also even though many of you may never set foot on one of the ships. Some of you may, however and soon we will welcome you aboard!

*"Our problem is not that we have no aim in ministry. We have aim. But we fear missing the mark if we aim too high so we aim low and never know what could have been. Dare. Take a risk. Fearlessly aim as high as you can imagine for the cause of Christ for it is far better to aim high and miss it than to aim too low and hit it."* —from something I read a long time ago that had an impact.