

# REMOTE ISLAND MINISTRIES— *Philippines*

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"Ready to drill!" In this photo, manning our new water well drilling rig during the annual ABA meeting in Dallas are our long time friend, Larry Fincher at the motor and Chris Davis, mission committee member of our sending church, standing at the rig. I had to watch these boys the whole week...they wanted to drill a hole through the floor!

## Sailing Ship Construction: 18 Months On

Glen Knight

I look forward to the day when we no longer report to you of construction progress on RIM Nativa II but rather, tell of how she is serving to reach the thousands who await her arrival on distant shores! But alas, we're not there yet and what I have to report is, once again, of our progress on two aspects of the work: first, the actual work that has been done and second, the financing of the project.

You will read of progress and see the work on the inside pages of this newsletter so I hope you'll give attention to that. Presently, with the monsoon bearing down upon us, day-to-day work will depend largely upon the rainfall. It's good that most of the work has moved inside with carpentry having begun in the deck-houses. But since the vessel is afloat, the sea condition will bear upon our progress as well so we pray for mostly calm conditions at our anchorage over the next three months. Despite the necessity of having to make monthly payments to the shipyard in accordance with our agreement, we have been able to carry on a reasonable work schedule with extra funds on hand. Thanks to so many of you who have given sacrificially to this project we have seen our balance reduced from \$77,000.00 in April to \$33,000.00 at this



writing. I pray for and believe that we will be able to pay off that balance completely by the end of September. That will leave us in a really good position to commit all our funding to the finishing of the vessel. I have put the masts and standing rigging work on hold until my return the first week of September. Once there, my task will be to tackle that project. In the meantime, work above deck in the bridge and galley areas will continue. My objective is to complete this work including the deck and hull painting by the end of October and during the months of November through January to focus on the accommodation holds below decks. For those of you who wonder, we still have Nativa I and are using her in ministry. Thank you so much for your help and prayers...God bless!

## You can find us on [facebook](#) Glen Knight

### In Dallas...

Paula, Juli and I thank each of you who prayed for us during the national messenger assembly of the American Baptist Association in Dallas this past June. We enjoyed attending the meeting so very much and the privilege of preaching during the missions night was such a special honor. Many thanks also go to the several hundreds of people who visited the Remote Island Ministries exhibit of Victory Baptist Church as well as to our Pastor, Robert Harris and his wife Sherri and many from our sending church who helped to man the exhibit. Thanks to the delegation from our sending church and to my extended family for coming!





It was our family's joy to introduce our lovely Filipino daughter, Juliana to the messenger assembly. Juli is wearing her native costume.



Preaching the Word of God to the messengers during the missions night...thank you, brethren for the honor of serving the meeting in this manner.



Pastor Robert Harris of our sending church offered the hand of appreciation following the message.

## PMBS-AIT begins another year...

Glen Knight

The object of their attention beats me...maybe it's another bat. They roost sometimes inside our chapel...the bats do, not the boys! Some of the male students of PMBS-AIT strike a funny pose in the sanctuary of the church during the early days of our first semester of the 2013-14 school year. This month of August begins our second full month of the semester and with fifty-one students, the year is looking really good!



The ladies in this photograph are more concerned about looking civil and seem uninterested in whatever caught the men's attention! New uniforms have been issued the four in the photo (and the men above) who had none at the time of this picture-taking. All PMBS-AIT students look nice in their typical black and white school attire. Please pray with us throughout this school year that we can do our very best in teaching these young men and women.



In the classroom, the first-year students under the instruction of our newest faculty member, Pastor Jonathan Dela Cerna, (standing at the back) take time out for a photograph. We're thankful for this good first-year class of students who have come to us from many places around the Philippines. Most of them are fresh from high school and average 17 to 18 years of age. They will do a lot of hard work through the four years most will spend with us!



These upper-classmen, shown here in the PMBS-AIT library are accustomed to the demands of seminary life. We have grown to love these guys and are pleased to see them continuing their schooling while also working among Davao area churches. Soon they will complete their seminary days and set off in many directions to minister the Gospel of Christ. These men need your prayers. If your church is searching for a missionary to support, please contact me at PMBS-AIT through my email address: [glenandpaula@hotmail.com](mailto:glenandpaula@hotmail.com)

*"The work is hard in the least and downright impossible in the extreme. Many have said one would have to be a fool to carry on under such conditions and to envision spending a lifetime at it, well, not many people would entertain such a thought. No, not many would undergo the rigor without giving up in utter dismay and not many would go on year after year even sacrificing health, not to mention fortune which could have been had had there been any sense of what the world calls, 'normalcy.'" But then again, not many have such a focus for life that sees beyond what is immediate—that sees, indeed, the broad horizon of eternity beyond.*" —G. Knight

## MSV/RIM Nativa II...progress!



With the deck superstructure finished as it is, the work continues now as you may observe in the pictures to the right and below, framing the ceiling with hardwood joists. The electrical conduit will be installed and insulation laid in the void between the upper sundeck and the interior ceiling. Once this is complete within days of this writing, the marine plywood sheeting for the interior will be fitted and finished, making a nice, easy to maintain ceiling overhead. This same profile will be followed throughout the vessel, above and below decks. Those large windows you see in the photos will be enclosed with heavy safety glass.

Work on the missionary sailing ship RIM Nativa II has been somewhat slow during the summer for a variety of reasons, largely because I have not been there. Our men have carried on with the project as funds have been available and as time has permitted. Vacation Bible schools, various meetings and youth camps have kept our managers busy who would otherwise have been on hand to supervise the construction, therefore some of the work has been delayed until this month of August. The photographs here show the work that has begun again, focusing mainly on the interior carpentry at the bridge and galley levels.



The photo to the left shows the wheel house console. Once work overhead is complete, the shipwrights will begin work on the tops and cabinets beneath the console. All this will be built of molave, a very good hardwood for shipbuilding. The center of this console is the control central of the ship. Look closely and you will see the ship's wheel in front of that plastic chair. Navigation and communication instruments, as well as engine gauges and light switches are to be set in the console. The aft mast which rises from the keel beneath can be seen behind the chair. There will be a helm table and chart table built beside the mast.



This month of August brings us to the time of our agreement to pay off SAFI Shipyard the amount owed when we left the yard with RIM Nativa II. In April that amounted to more than \$77,000.00. **I am humbled and thankful to report that what is owed at present is only \$33,000.00!** Brethren, please pray with us and continue helping this work that that amount can be paid off by the end of September. As you can see, work has continued, albeit, slowly. All bills are paid to date. We hope to finish by the end of this year, but that depends upon paying off the shipyard over the next two months.



The bridge level at the portside door and window, shows the ceiling framework almost complete. Lights will be installed along the eave of the deckhouse to illuminate the stair onto the bridge level. Sliding windows will be set in the large opening for ventilation through the bridge.

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People from the glass company are seen here making final measurements for the glass installation in the engine room skylight. The first quotation for the glass is too high so we will delay this part of the work until the cost can be negotiated to a lower amount either with this company or another.

*"Did you ever hear of The Law of Sensitive Dependence Upon Initial Conditions—otherwise known as 'The Butterfly Effect.'? Perhaps you have heard of it or have not but its principle is one that is most common. It's a lot like the cause and effect relationship of most everything but when brought to light in terms of individual life and questions which you and I so often have regarding personal significance, we must know that what we do does matter—it does make a difference either for good or bad. Our movements through this world and decisions we make along the way, as small as they may seem, in time produce a profound effect upon others, our environment, our culture, our societies, our eternity." -gk*

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“Mangrove at Sunset”—  
photo shot at Cape San Au-  
gustin, southern Philippines.  
The mangrove is a protected  
specie of hardwood that  
grows along coastal shore-  
lines in the tropics.

*...Reaching people on the edge!*



The Remote Island Ministries exhibit during our 2013 National Messenger Assembly of the American Baptist Association in Dallas, TX is pictured here. Chris Davis of Victory Baptist Church, Sherwood, AR is shown to the left. I am so thankful for the men and women of our sending church who helped in the exhibit during the three-day meeting!

**A Final word...**

Glen Knight

I pray often for young men and women to step forward in obedience to the Lord’s command of world-wide missionary work. Seeing the need from a unique vantage point, I realize perhaps more than most, the nature of the work and its challenges—the probable deprivation and danger but also the tremendous reward of serving with courage and faithfulness that people far and wide may hear of Jesus Christ. It occurred to me recently while making a RIM presentation to a VBS group that our grandson Nathan Clements could well be an answer to prayer as the little guy took over, not only my hat but also my part in presenting the work and caught the kid’s attention in ways that I could not have. Wow, missionaries come in all sizes and ages...PTL!



“Having been long in our Bible studies ashore, and with an approaching storm from the north, we made quickly for the boat in hopes of boarding and battenning down before the squall hit. At 9:45 PM under ink-black skies the first group of our workers pushed off the rocky beach in the skiff toward Nativa, laying at anchor about one-hundred meters out. A second and third trip would be necessary to gather all personnel onboard as the boat’s search light beamed our direction illuminating a path over the mounting surf. Brilliant flashes of lightning cracked the darkness overhead making a show that was a sight to be seen! Suddenly a vertical bolt struck the water with simultaneous deafening report, indicative of its nearness, making the water sizzle and glow for seconds in its aftermath. With all hands safely aboard and the vessel secured, as the rain fell in sheets, driven on the wind and the lightning now down range of Nativa, we offered prayers of thanksgiving that God had once again been gracious.” —G. Knight