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***“Thank God,
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A pretty little girl with a very big smile, carries water for her family in a remote village. Our ministry will soon focus to a large extent on drilling water wells and supplying water filtration to poor, remote villages within our ministry domain, as we share with them the One who is The Water of Life!

Seeing what needs to be seen...

Glen Knight

Today, as I was digging through some things that were long overdue for cleaning out, I came across the earliest drawing made of our sailing ship, RIM Nativa II. This sketch was only a concept drawing made at the time we began praying for God's guidance in advancement of Remote Island Ministries. You see, so often in order that we might pray intelligently, I make drawings in much the same way that many of you would write down your ideas of one thing or another. While the actual ship has certainly undergone many design changes and even while under construction, great liberty was taken to improve the design, making her longer and more sea-kindly and sail efficient, there are elements of the original that remain. One thing in particular is her purpose: Design and build a ship capable of travel throughout the world, holding tons of cargo, having accommodations for forty-plus people and that can sail on God-given wind power. What we had thought was possible, by the grace of God is quickly becoming reality!

To say the project has had its challenges is an understatement. This work is so much more than our previous work of boat-building but then, the ability of this vessel is so much greater so why should



not the challenge be greater? But to be sure through many years of difficult and often dangerous work we have learned to trust in the Lord and to take everything in the stride that He sets for us.

The photo above shows our new ship on the near side and at a short distance ahead and beyond, the original Nativa. Both vessels still amaze me when I think of how God has blessed His work. To be given such capability, I am sure that what lies on our horizon would in large measure, both fascinate and frighten us if we could see the whole picture. Thank God, He shows us only what needs to be seen for the moment...like that concept drawing over which we prayed and wondered and hoped...and dreamed.

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Your missionary family, 20 years on...

Paula and I began our missionary journey together with our two children, Matthew and Jenny, twenty years ago when in 1993 we gave ourselves to full-time work in the southern Philippines. Many things have come and gone through these years and in the course of time, we began yet another family as our two older children married and moved on. Juliana joined the effort in 2000 and became our third child. Now, twenty years and counting we're still excited in the Lord!



Remote Island Ministries' Vacation Bible School

The 2013 Vacation Bible School season came to its close with the trip to Bethany, Cape San Augustin during the week of June 3rd. The photo at the right shows one of the sessions inside the chapel at Bethany where so very many children and adults assembled for the daily activities. Thanks to Antioch Baptist Church, Antioch, CA, 100 shoe-box gifts were prepared last year to be given to the children here and every child in the church received one...PTL!



Rea Robles and other of our VBS Team Bethany, supervise the distribution of flip-flops to the village families. What a great blessing these simple rubber shoes are to our people!



Yes, here she is—all dressed up and ready to go! "Lola", our 109 year-old sister at Bethany models her new flip-flops and outfit complete with a new hat!



Here are two of our precious children at Bethany with their new dresses, thanks to Lobelville Methodist Ladies, Lobelville, TN.



Through the VBS season this year, Faith Baptist Church of Davao City and Remote Island Ministries have been blessed with average attendance of 765 students and from among these, 135 professions of faith. All our team members are commended for jobs well done in the work! The photo at the right shows another of the age levels doing their book-work at Bethany. These children are learning early about the Lord and the differences made in their lives are profound!



Some of the classes are typically conducted outside in shady areas around the chapel as is the case with this teen-aged class pictured at the left. All our VBS students, including the adults, have opportunity to share in the activities—Bible lessons, gospel songs, Bible games and crafts. And of course, just like in your VBS programs stateside, there are the refreshments! One of the greatest opportunities for short-term mission work can be found in helping a RIM VBS program.



Pastor Nelmar Sumatra is shown in the photo at the left teaching the adult VBS class. The average attendance at Bethany this year was 250 with a high attendance day of 300. We rejoice in the Lord for the good work that was done during the week and thank all the team members as well as those of you who support Remote Island Ministries. A new church in the village of Impog will likely be started very soon. PMBS graduate, Charles Tablo serves the area as pastor.

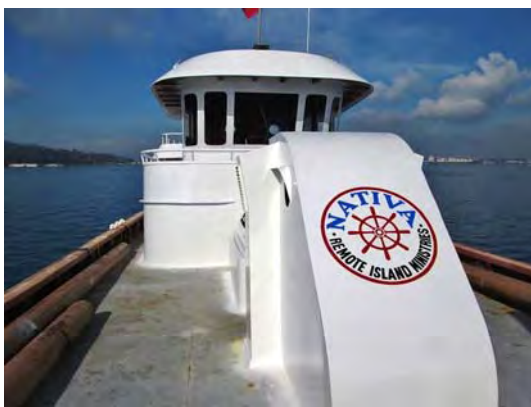
"I have known the power of God to answer prayer for I have seen His hand move—often suddenly and always exactly. There is little left to doubt when day by day, life is lived close to nature—to raw earth elements so often unknown to people secluded in their perception of safety and 'civilization.' But friends, life is often as an angry sea and we...powerless against it. It is then that we may well heed the wisdom of the Psalmist: "By awesome things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation, who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of those who are afar off upon the sea." (Psalms 65:5)" —Glen Knight, Memoirs...

MSV/RIM Nativa II...Progress!

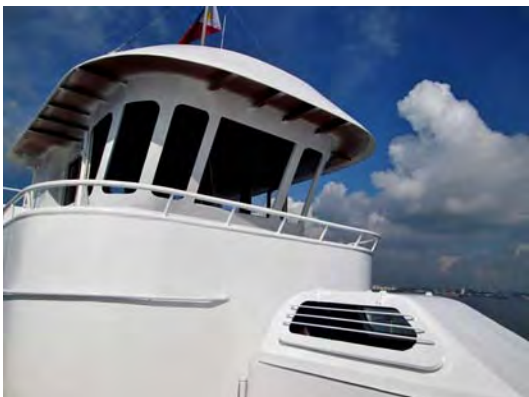


Laying at anchor in the Pakiputan Strait, Port of Davao City, both our vessels are seen in the photo to the left. As finishing the deck super-structure of RIM Nativa II has been completed and the fabrication of the masts is soon to begin, we are able to mark reasonable progress over the last eight weeks. Given good weather through the coming six weeks, the exterior of the ship could well be completed, including its full painting. The onset of the rainy season is typically during the month of July so only time will tell how many good working days remain in the immediate future. Obviously we pray for fair weather conditions!

The beautiful finish that has been carefully applied to the deck structure along with the Remote Island Ministries logo painted on the face of the doghouse, help to make our missionary ship a thing of glory to God! We desire to present our best for His service and when people see this vessel and know of her purpose, they will honor the Lord in her. Once the masts and rigging are in place we will give her the same finish throughout that you see in the photo to the right. Deck surfaces will be painted in light gray color. You can still see the pipes along the bulwarks of the vessel that are the upper portions of the large masts.

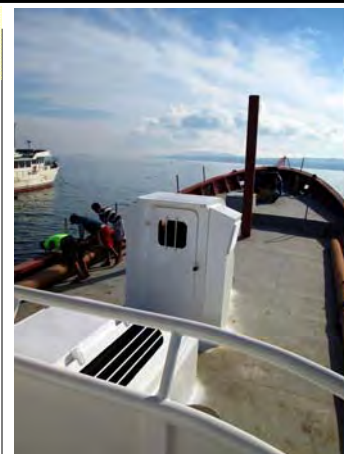


The face of the bridge can be seen in this close-up view to the left. The work of installing the glass will begin soon so that by the time the rainy season comes, we will be able to fully enclose the ship to keep the weather out. The butterfly vent that tops the engine cowling in the lower right-hand corner of the picture will also be set with glass. The two skylights in this cowling can be raised to allow fresh air flow when the engine is in use. That deep, blue sky and huge, billowing clouds are so typical of our Philippine tropical climate. Sailing with the gospel at this latitude will be good at all times of the year!



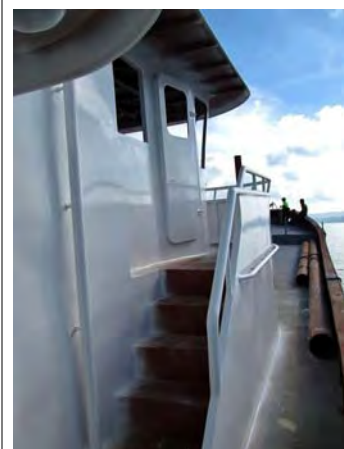
The aft section of the bridge sundeck can be seen here from the deckhouse roof level. These upper deck surfaces will be painted together with the lower decks once the masts are set.

As the work continues through the next two months, we are praying for the remaining balance of \$43,000 needed to pay the shipyard in full. Without the sale of the smaller Nativa, we have continued working to finish the new ship, trusting the Lord for His supply. Thank you for your prayers and your help!



This view from the bridge of RIM Nativa II shows the long forward deck and her bows. The work on our masts, booms and rigging should begin soon, after which the painting will resume. RIM Nativa I is lying to port of the larger vessel as can be seen to the left-hand side of the photo. Photos: Pastor Manny Quiazon

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The starboard stair rising to the bridge deck of the ship can be seen here. Take a close look at the fine finish of the cabin sides. The painters have done a very good job of making our missionary ship really beautiful for the Lord's glory!

“Scanning the shoreline from a mile or so out, we noticed the form of a ship laying athwart the reef and listing heavily to starboard. A closer inspection revealed her identity being a vessel that had left port the night before in heavy weather, despite the Coast Guard advisory. We had heeded the warning, taking the option of departure ten hours later and in calmer seas. Happening upon the stranded ship and seeing no personnel onboard, there was nothing to do but mark its location and log the sighting and stay our course. Why not regard obvious danger and heed repeated and authoritative warnings? It seems to me an appropriate comparison to gospel truth for mankind.” —G. Knight, Memoirs...

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Following a week at sea, RIM Nativa rests at her anchorage in Port Davao. The boat continues to be a tremendous asset to Remote Island Ministries, working throughout the Gulf of Davao. Photo: Manny Quiazon

...Reaching people on the edge!



The Remote Island Ministries VBS Team Bethany is pictured here on the old city Pier at Sta. Ana, Port of Davao City, ready for departure to Cape San Augustin. The team was led by Pastor Nelmar Sumatra, wearing the yellow shirt at the left. Others are: Mark and Rea Robles, Nene and Jon Dela Cerna, Marelou Polison, JJ Sumatra and James Cuison.

A Final word...

Glen Knight

The fisherman's hands—weather-worn, strong and nimble, working quickly to repair the nets so vital to his trade, form a fitting symbol of the Christian's work. Fearless in his commitment to reaching our world for Christ, the gospel servant continually stretches hands forth to mankind, presenting the net of God's grace in hopes of catching souls of humanity lost in sin. At times, when the nets are torn by adversity those same hands mend them patiently, meticulously. And when the nets seem too small, they work feverishly to enlarge them that they may be suited to the catch awaiting the gospel of Christ. To fishermen like those pictured at the right, Jesus said long ago, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:29) And today, He still calls for that same purpose. What is our answer to Him at His calling?



"The barrier reef lay off the island to more than a quarter-mile distance from the village along the shore. The chart indicated its low tidal exposure and a narrow channel of not more than forty-feet width that coursed its way toward the shoreline. Through that—and only that—it was possible to navigate our vessel almost like threading a needle. An approach by early daylight and at full tide with the sun at a low angle would be our best opportunity to make good of our landing. Any delay whatsoever could result in disaster. I am reminded today of the difficulty of gospel ministry. There is often so narrow an opportunity to make good of our work and so many hazards along the way. And once committed, there is little room for reversal."

—Glen Knight, *Memoirs of a Missionary*