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New Headings for Nativa II

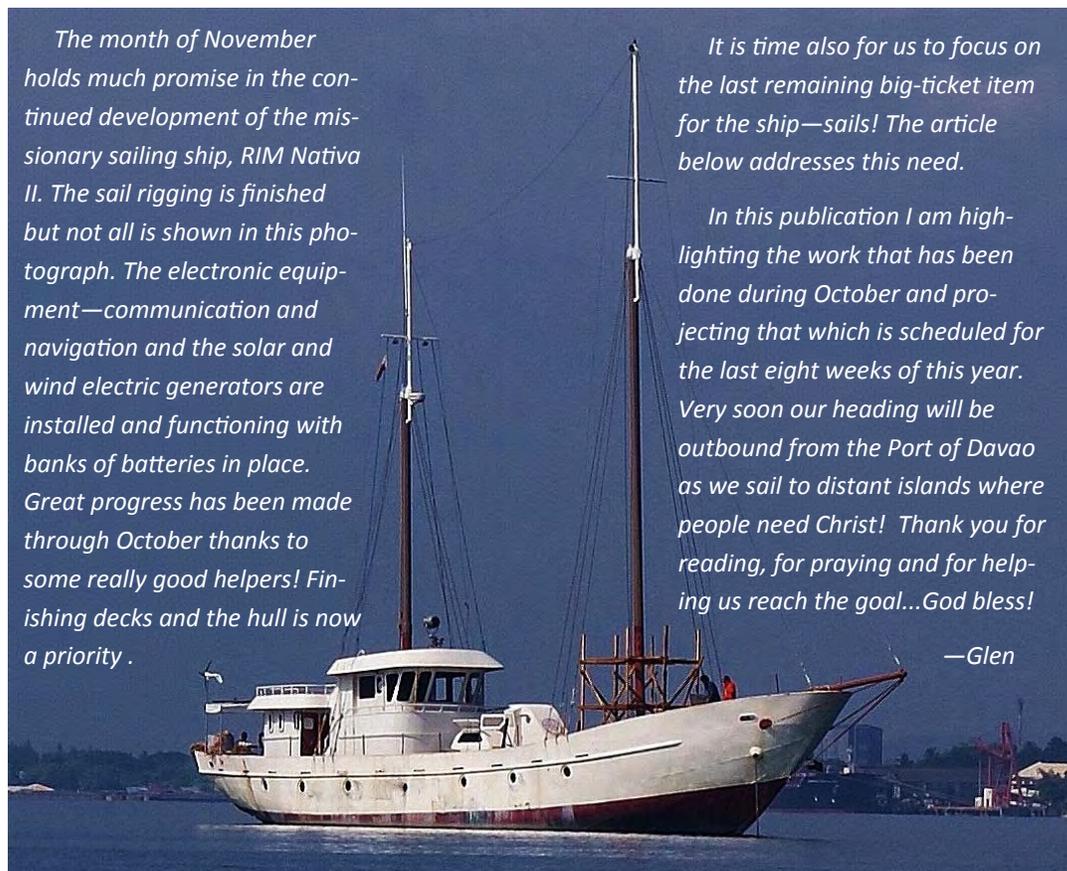
Glen Knight

The month of November holds much promise in the continued development of the missionary sailing ship, RIM Nativa II. The sail rigging is finished but not all is shown in this photograph. The electronic equipment—communication and navigation and the solar and wind electric generators are installed and functioning with banks of batteries in place. Great progress has been made through October thanks to some really good helpers! Finishing decks and the hull is now a priority.

It is time also for us to focus on the last remaining big-ticket item for the ship—sails! The article below addresses this need.

In this publication I am highlighting the work that has been done during October and projecting that which is scheduled for the last eight weeks of this year. Very soon our heading will be outbound from the Port of Davao as we sail to distant islands where people need Christ! Thank you for reading, for praying and for helping us reach the goal...God bless!

—Glen



Sails for the sailing ship: An Urgent Request

Most of you are aware that initially we had planned to build our own sails of local materials found in the Philippines. While this idea is not a bad one, neither is it really a good one as it turns out. The fact is that we cannot get an offshore certification from the Maritime Industry Authority of the Philippines without professionally-made sails. Long story short: We will purchase our suit of sails from **Fareast Sails, LTD** of Hong Kong, (www.fareastsails.com) who is offering sails made of top-quality Challenge Sail Cloth, made in USA. With funds on hand from earlier donations, we can purchase the sails for an additional amount of just under \$18,000.00 total, which also includes shipping to Port Davao via FEDEX from Hong Kong. (The full retail price is twice that amount!) These sails will be made of Dacron, will be computer-designed and lofted to professional standard. We simply cannot do better by price or construction than to have them made by this industry-leading company. Performance and dependability are two of the investments we will be making with these sails. **We need your help buying the sails. I must order them by December 1st as the prices increase by mid-December.** Also, a period from 4-5 weeks will be required for construction and delivery to Davao by mid-January. Please help!

Along mountain pathways...

Along any mountain pathway among the remote islands of Pacific Asia children like the one to the right will be spotted—shy and retreating quickly from camera view. They are typically curious of anyone who passes their huts especially of people who've come from places far away from their small worlds. These are children of families in need—often nearly naked, malnourished and diseased but most sadly, without a knowledge of the God who loves them. They live in places distant and difficult to reach, where time spent getting there is measured in days rather than hours...where when once there, traversing jungle pathways requires athletic endurance and cost is determined more by sweat than dollars. It is the task of Remote Island Ministries to reach them despite the distance or the difficulty and for every one who is reached with love and compassion, there remain a thousand yet to find. Truly the task is endless. Your help now and in the future will make the difference with these children so very far away. Thank you!



N2—More than a vehicle...

A total ministry platform is what we are building with RIM Nativa II. Her ability to sail the open seas to search out people desperate and longing for help and to do so with cargo, equipment and personnel well suited to the needs of those encountered, make this vessel so much more than just a vehicle. Add to this that she is a hands-on missionary training facility and you have in this ship something

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very unique and perhaps unprecedented. We are soon to finish her construction and deploy on mission to Oceanic Asia. Who among you will help us?

Under control...

Those who will serve at this wheel are to be skilled mariners. but the ship they steer will be under the control of the Master and Commander of the Seas—the Lord Jesus Christ! This photo shows work that has been completed on the bridge of RIM Nativa II during the month of October. The console wiring is finished. More switches will be added.



The power sources are three-fold using both the wind and the sun as primary sources, charging large banks of batteries. The 25KVA generator also serves us to produce the heavy 220V load for the anchor windlass and searchlight. But our real power source is the Lord. It is He Who gives power unlimited and never diminishing, the best part of which is that it's without cost! The contract is His Word and the switch is our faith in His promises. The photo shows the solar panels and the wind turbine generator, all functioning now!



October helpers from abroad...

We welcomed the assistance once again of Engineer Jan Van Doorn of the Netherlands who has been such a faithful friend for so many years and who, when needed to design the sail plan for RIM Nativa II was available and ready, producing the plan in short order. He will continue working with us as we order our sails and then rig them on the ship in January 2014.

Joining the work in mid-October was Navigation/Communication Specialist, Engineer Brad Bonnette of Houston, Texas. Brad is a member of Heritage Baptist Church, Missouri City, TX and came on behalf of the church to set up our electrical and electronics circuits and to help sort out and arrange the DC to AC conversions. He hopes to return to the ship later to sail with us!



“God knows what is needed before we do and who He will lead to accomplish the work before we send out the cry for help. In every place and at all times, it is the Lord Who is in control, moving His work forward at His perfect will and in His time. We are but tools in the hands of the Crafter of time and eternity.”

—G. Knight



Returning in mid-October after a short absence at the end of September was David Sparks of Longview Missionary Baptist Church, Longview, Texas. David came to help with the installation of the glass in the bridge, doghouse and galley. In the photo he is holding one of the 8mm pieces of clear acrylic to be set in one of the bridge windows. This work is finished now.

November's work moves ahead...

The picture to the right shows the lower boom reaching from the main mast to the front of the bridge. All three lower booms and the two gaff booms are finished and in place, ready for the sails. The standing rigging is complete and the running rigging is ready to be installed with the sails in January. Our crew of RIM Nativa II will continue with the primer painting of the decks and bulwarks and RIM Staff members Pastor Nelmar Sumatra and Pastor James Cuizon will continue with additional welding below decks through November. I hope during December to hire the painter to return and complete the deck and hull preparation and painting. Thanks for your help and prayer!



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The missionary sailing ship, RIM Nativa II lies at anchor, silhouetted against an October sunset over the island of Mindanao. The image shows her bows pointed due south toward the Equator. Soon she will sail to that latitude with the gospel of Jesus Christ and her holds filled with cargo for impoverished souls. The vision of Remote Island Ministries is quickly becoming reality!

A FINAL WORD...

Reflections over the past month amaze me in all that God has done among us. To have worked from day to day and to have shared that work with so many men from here in the Philippines and abroad, mere words cannot adequately express what I feel. I am grateful toward all who have labored and those of you who have prayed and given so generously that this work could carry on. We are nearing completion of the ship at this point and although there is much to be accomplished well into next year, I believe that with the addition of sails by January, we will be able to begin training onboard while voyaging within the near areas of the Gulf of Davao during the first quarter of 2014. Once again as stated, we pray to be able to purchase our sails by the first week of December. This is vital to keeping us on course for the new year. Please help us if you can. God bless you all!

Glen Knight



"The sun set warm and glowing over the island casting extended reflections along the still waters of the bay. The moments passed silently—so silently in fact that one could imagine hearing the sizzle of heat on the surface of the sea with the last dying breath of wind. And suddenly, it was dark...that deep kind of darkness that contrasts itself against light while the eyes adjust to new perception. Nighttime comes suddenly as does the daytime at these latitudes and on this ocean and with their comings and goings I am reminded of how quickly time passes. With every sunset we hope for a sunrise and with every sunrise we embrace new opportunities to work, to serve—to love the day and the time God has given us to share Him with those we meet in the journey. I will remember this day—so similar to most others and yet, unique to itself for what God has done."

—Memoirs of a Missionary, Glen Knight