

# NEWSLETTER PHILIPPINES

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## Looking Southward From a Long Anchorage

by Glen Knight

*I can hardly relate to you the emotions that run through my heart and mind as we have moved beyond the work of completing construction into the long awaited full deployment of the sailing ship, RIM Nativa. This has been anticipated over three years time. Just now I am seated at my desk in our quarters aboard the ship. We're underway, tracing our route down the middle of the Gulf of Davao. The night is dark and calm. The sea is gently rolling and the ship's company has settled in for the overnight passage to Balut Island. The crew has divided up the watch and all seems to be well. I can't help but recall earlier days making this crossing and some of the people who have crewed with us. Even some of you who read this now have been a part of our teams in years passed. You aren't forgotten and we know you pray for us as we venture onward. The work we will do is as that which has been done and at the very heart of it is our desire to reach people of all sorts with the love of God. It isn't easy and it's not always comfortable. The way is often dangerous and difficult, making the heartiest soul sea sick and sometimes, the bravest soul tremble. But for every smile we see when once people turn their hearts to the Lord, all the difficulty seems as no difficulty at all. And we are humbled to be called to this great mission aboard this worthy vessel!*



The missionary sailing ship RIM Nativa faces southwest at her anchorage in late February, ready to sail away to islands far and wide.

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The wide western Pacific Ocean as seen from the eastern coastline of Mindanao.

## Stanley's Mission Adventures

Glen & Summer Knight

*"Haloo julle!" So begins each of Stanley's Mission Adventures on his very own site which you can find under the domain name, "Stanley's Mission Adventures" or you can find the link on my Face Book page. We've begun writing children's stories accordingly and already over 800 people are following! Stanley asks questions like, "Why are some kids sick?" and "Why are many children poor?" and "What can I do to make a real friend?" Kids of all ages are responding positively to our little monkey's adventures! We're finding this a completely new avenue of teaching about missionary work and hope you will have a look and perhaps, begin to use Stanley's wit and wisdom to communicate missions to your kids! Stanley will even teach your kiddos some of his Afrikaans language! Perhaps one of these days, Stanley's Mission Adventures will even be converted into printed form in a book.*



## Mission: Bethany at Cape San Augustin



A tiny child at Bethany holds vitamins given by our ministry team, thanks to the work of Cross Bearing Medical Ministries, Forrest Grove Baptist Church, Taylor, Arkansas, USA.

No matter the number of times we return to this village the welcome is always warm and exciting! The church we planted at Bethany remains strong and growing under the leadership of Pastor Charles Tablo. We're thankful for all he and the congregation are doing to build up the Kingdom in this tiny outpost at the jumping off spot of south-east Philippines. The photo shows some of the young people and adults during our visit.



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Pastor Charles Tablo is seen in the photo to the left wearing the blue and white shirt. The two buckets the men are holding up are a finished water filter, ready for use. These are some of the buckets donated for disaster relief and the ceramic water filters are among those given by the Baptist Men of Texas also for disaster relief. We find them beneficial in everyday settings as here in Bethany where people need better water. The well we drilled a few years ago still provides a plentiful source of water however it is a bit hard due to iron content. When filtered through this simple system, the water tastes like good mineral water and the iron taste is completely removed! Water is the source of life as we know and it gives us great joy to know we can provide wells and filters to so many! Thanks to donations of money and well casing, we have sufficient materials on hand at present to drill six water wells in the months to come. Such a work gives us tremendous opportunity to preach of the Water of Life!



One of the men in the village of Impog, smiles shyly at me as we speak to him and others of God's saving grace. He's a pleasant and humble fisherman.

One of the fishermen of Bethany makes good use of his skills with a knife, boring the holes necessary for setting up the water filters. Good cooperation from among the men in the church produced forty-four filter systems in an hour. All were distributed and put immediately into use.

Providing sanitary drinking water is only a part of what Remote Island Ministries is all about. There are so many other things as well, all of which point people to Christ. The effect of long term work and witness among people in these islands is seen in their volunteerism as we carry on among them. I remember a time when we worked alone but after proving our integrity, now they gladly labor along side...and I am grateful.



*“Strong winds from the south blew throughout the night seeming to defy the ship's forward progress toward her destination laying nineteen hours beyond our present location. Having a desire to reach the anchorage fronting the mission outpost in the early morning so as to attend worship on this good Sunday, we pressed onward, but reality trumping desire, we soon came to know that it would not be possible. Hours passed and daybreak sprang upon us as our instruments showed we were still far from the anchorage and He who knows our hearts showed us once again that we can worship Him where we are, for all the earth is a cathedral and all sounds are praise!” —Memoirs of a Missionary, Glen Knight*

## Various Events for January/February



For so many years we have been recipients of container shipments from the United States holding tons of cargo including Bibles and printed Bible study materials for churches here in the Philippines. At last count, we have processed thirty-two of these through the Bureau of Customs in Davao. The photo to the left shows some of our brethren unloading the first of two units for this year, received in mid-February. We're so thankful for everyone who has made donations of materials and supplies and to Calvary Baptist Church, Hamburg, Arkansas USA for their sponsorship of this shipping ministry. Pastor Joel Meredith and all the staff and volunteers in the warehouse are so faithful in their work and we can hardly express our thanks to them! Please continue helping the ministry of Worldwide Literature and Missionary Supply and don't forget to pray for the things that are sent each year and those who put them to good use, blessing the hearts and lives of people in need all over the world!

We were so happy to have received guests from abroad during the first two months of 2015. Pictured to the right aboard our missionary home are Pastor Bill Johnson and his wife Rita who represent International Christian Publishers. With them is Pastor Jerry Bailey of Westwood Baptist Church, Odessa, Texas USA. They spent a night shipboard with us prior to the annual Strength for the Laborers Bible conference at PMBS-AIT in Davao. We send Christian greetings to Pastor Weeks Dubose and the folks at Westwood and thank them for Jerry's presence with us! Please continue praying for the Johnsons and ICP as they work to provide good Bible study materials in various languages of the world, including Tagalog, the national language of the Philippines. This ministry is worthy of your support and remember if you give, you're helping the work of Remote Island Ministries by supporting them as we receive a share of the published materials for distribution!



We welcome a new member to our ministry team, all the way from South Africa! Justin Shaw rides his unicycle in a demonstration among the people of Bethany. It's amazing how interested they immediately became watching this for the very first time! Thanks, Justin!

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The photo at the left shows the approach from the sea at the village of Bethany. This was the very first view of the village I had several years ago when Remote Island Ministries visited. The mangrove trees you see here are among the very few species of trees that grow in salt water in the tropical tidal basins of the world. They provide shelter for many fish and crustaceans as well as for villagers living near the shore. The wood from mangrove trees is very hard and durable as might be expected but cutting them is prohibited due to their endangered status.

*“When does one month end and another begin? I know it seems a silly question to you but for those living in such latitudes as ours, the query is valid for you see, days and nights, weeks and months all quite literally run together so that one actually loses track to a certain extent. I find myself constantly seeking out a calendar to check the day and date. Watching the moon phases seems a more important enterprise as much work is determined on the basis of what can and cannot be done according to tides. This is life on a ship.” —gk, Memoirs*



The photo shows forty-four completed filter sets, ready for distribution in the village and neighboring areas.

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Pastor James Cuison and Matthew Graves work together assembling filters at Bethany, Cape San Augustin.

*...Reaching people on the edge!*



Some of the men in the village of Impog greeted our team with smiles when we came to shore en route to Bethany, a walk of some three kilometers from the anchorage. It's always good to see familiar faces and to once again share the love of God with them!

**Closing thoughts...**

Glen Knight

Admittedly, it's difficult even for me to realize how time has passed since a year ago this very month. What my family and I have personally encountered during the time has served to strengthen our faith and resolve in serving the Lord. And we know nothing but to trust in Him and carry on. The very expression, "carry on" is a nautical one, indicating carrying your sails through tough weather. It's necessary to make adjustments but to strike them altogether will render the vessel uncontrollable and result in disaster. In a similar manner, we have made many adjustments, part of which included learning to live and to move forward with important work. We will always miss Paula and our love for her has not diminished. But we've committed her to the One Who keeps the soul and know that His grace is so complete for us who remain to work in His kingdom. Like a sailing ship coursing its way across the ocean, fully loaded and provisioned, we move onward and upward. God bless!



*"The lights of the city faded slowly from view as an hour passed, then two...and what remained was an orange glow on the northern horizon of a blue-black tropical night and all around the water being stirred by the ship's passing, excited the plankton's greenish glow and left the onlookers mesmerized at such a sight. Soon even the city's color dissipated as the vessel moved farther into the night revealing the stunning sight of a starlit canopy from where the sea ends and the sky begins all around. RIM Nativa had once again weighed her ground tackle and sailed away." —gk*