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"Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all..." - I Timothy 4:12

4TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY...

Time certainly does fly - it seems like just yesterday I saw the most beautiful woman in the world walking down the aisle towards me, but a few weeks back we celebrated our 4th year wedding anniversary on September 22nd. It has been an absolutely amazing 4 years! Looking back we cannot figure out how we ever made it through a day without each other. The Lord has truly blessed us with a wonderful marriage!



We spent a couple of days in Bacolod to celebrate and came home to a surprise. A bunch of the youth and kids from the church were hiding upstairs. When we walked in the front door they began to sing the song I wrote for Jen when I proposed to her. As we walked up a candle lit stairwell there they all were at the top - each holding a card wishing us a happy anniversary. It was a great end to a great anniversary!



HARD TO SAY GOODBYE...

We were blessed to have Ernie and Sadie Stock come over last winter to spend a few months with us ministering to the youth in the church. They loved it so much they came back in July intending to spend a whole year here, but God had different plans. They found out a week after arriving that Sadie was pregnant with their first baby. After several months of a difficult pregnancy it was recommended to them by their doctor they return to the States for medical care (*both Sadie and the baby are doing just fine*).

We were not about to let them leave without a proper send off - so we had a party at the house the Friday before they left. About 150 kids / youth / and adults showed up to give their fair wells. We had a regular Filipino feast prepared for them - sweet spaghetti, valenciana - sticky

rice and shrimp, ten pounds of rice, chicken stew, and lechon - which is a whole spit roasted pig (*if you are Filipino your mouth is watering just reading this*). Before dinner we had everyone sign a poster voting for either a boy or girl baby! Then after a filling dinner Ernie and Sadie said their emotional good-byes to everyone. We gathered around them and sang one of our favorite worship songs - 'Tatay Abraham' (*Father Abraham*). We are sure going to miss those two around here!



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THE YOUTH MINISTRY...

It was a HUGE blessing to have Ernie and Sadie here - the Lord really began to stir the hearts of the youth up in the mountain. They began a Friday night Bible Study for the youth that the youth really enjoyed! There was many a Friday night where 40 to 50 of the youth would walk several miles to come and attend. Ernie and Sadie also taught a Sunday morning youth study for the youth,, along with teaching twice a week at the local high school. Our prayer now is that the work the Lord began will continue even though they had to return back to the States.

We were blessed to have a young man named Jojo begin to help out full time around the church about a month ago. Ernie was able to work with Jojo and help prepare him to cover much of the youth ministry. Jojo lead the Sunday morning youth service and Friday night Bible Study (*with over 50 kids coming out*) this past week. He was a bit nervous - but he did a really great job! In fact many of the youth have really stepped up to help. They clean the church, teach the Sunday school classes, serve on the worship team, cook for the people. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they are in so many ways the next generation God is raising up to be a light here in Himamaylan!

PRAYER REQUESTS...

- The Bible Studies - for the Word to change lives
- Raising up pastors - beginning to transition the church
- Bible Studies taught by men in the church
- The people in the Bukid (*mountain*) - to be open to Jesus!
- Strength for those families who are standing up for Jesus!
- The radio - direction with the 'franchise' - and the NTC
- Our marriage - grow closer to Jesus and to each other
- Flexibility and humility - we would be full of Jesus!



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