

NOVEMBER 2012

"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good..." - I Thessalonians 5:18

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY / THANKSGIVING...



It is hard to believe but it has been four years since we held our first Sunday service up in the Bukid on November 9th, 2008. Reflecting back on the past four years, there have been many challenges, some surprising rewards, and as always lots of unexpected turns as we continue to reach out and love and teach the people in the Bukid (*mountain*).

To celebrate we got together as a church and

held our annual Church Anniversary / Thanksgiving potluck. We kind of knew it might be a busy Sunday so we spent the whole day Saturday putting in new bamboo benches and extra seats in preparation. The next morning was packed - we had well over 200 people attend for the celebration. Even with all the extra seats it was standing room only!

We opened up with worship and then for the 2nd year we had a baby dedication. It is tradition here to have a feast when you dedicate your children. The problem is that most people do not have the resources for a feast - so they hesitate to dedicate their kids. The potluck provides a great opportunity for the families.





We were able to dedicate thirteen kids to the Lord - **I Samuel 1:27-28** - "I asked the LORD to give me this child, and he has given me my request. I am giving him to the LORD, and he will belong to the LORD his whole life."

After the service we passed around the microphone and everyone had a chance to say what they were thankful to God for. We finished with an old fashioned potluck! Someone was kind enough to bring cup cakes - which although quite tasty - turned out to be even more fun when smeared all over other people's faces. The great icing war of 2012 ensued! So the day ended on a sweet note - and with sticky hands and full bellies everyone had reason to give thanks.

STORY OF JESUS..

We mentioned several months ago that we had contacted David C. Cook publishers about getting a hold of the 'Story of Jesus'. It is a 16 page full color booklet taken from the 'Action Bible' that lays out the Gospel message in a comic book format for kids. Our plan was to see about translating the 'SOJ' into Illongo (*the local dialect here in Himamaylan*) and handing the booklets out in the public schools. We were a bit taken back when the publisher told us that their minimum printing run was 25,000. We were thinking perhaps 500 to 1000. Printing that many copies seemed like an impossibility for our little church - but we just prayed and waited to see what the Lord would do. It turns out God wanted to do far more than we EVER imagined. We got word about a week ago the project is a go - and we are going to be able to hand out the Gospel message to every student in every elementary and high school in ALL of Himamaylan! We are both excited and a little bit nervous. Please be praying for Pastor Bem as he translates and coordinates this incredible opportunity to share Jesus!



PRAYER REQUESTS...

- The Bible Studies - for the Word to change lives
- The Story of Jesus outreach into the schools
- Raising up pastors - looking forward to transitioning 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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