

“ But as it is written: "To whom He was not announced, they shall see; And those who have not heard shall understand." - **Romans 15:21**

ROMANS 15:20-21

We were talking to one of the pastors here in Himamaylan last week and found out there are over 30 protestant churches in the city and its surrounding communities... But none in the communities where we are. We are the first church here. I am always amazed at how the Lord directs. When we first started praying about where to church plant the verse the Lord gave was **Romans 15:20-21** - go where there was no church. We knew there were no churches in our Bukid (*mountain*) we just did not know it was the only place where there were no churches here. Jesus brought us where they had not heard - so that they would understand His Word!



CALVARY CHAPEL BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

In January we had a team come from Calvary Chapel Bible Fellowship. They spent a day with us to do some outreaches in the Bukid. They shared at all three of our local schools. At the High school Pastor Charlie and Gail taught on purity (*it is not*



uncommon for kids to drop out of school here because of pregnancy - some get 'married' - move in with each other - as young as 14). Then at the two elementary school the team performed skits and taught on the love and forgiveness of Jesus!



Several of the team from CCBF stayed around for a few more days and helped us build a new children's ministry building. They turned a barren hillside to a classroom in just one day! You have to love bamboo! It did take a couple more days to finish the nipa (*grass*) roof - but we were able to hold Sunday school in the building the day after the team started building it!



After church that Sunday all the teenage girls stayed around for a purity retreat. Gail took the afternoon to encourage them to wait for the Lord to bring them a godly husband - in His timing. They were all given purity rings as a reminder to them not to settle for what the world has to offer... instead to wait for what the Lord will provide!





RADIO UPDATE....

We mentioned in December we were granted temporary rights from the city mayor to broadcast while we went through the licensing process with the NTC (*National Telecommunications Commission*). The next step was to get a 'radio franchise'. This was the great unknown of the whole process - no one could tell us exactly what a franchise was or how to get one. The one thing we were told is that it was granted by an act of congress - which sounded very intimidating. All we wanted to do was put up a small 20 watt transmitter in a remote part of the

Philippines. It seemed impossible we would ever get a bill passed in the congress signed by the president... but we serve the God who loves to do the impossible! We received a letter a few weeks back from our local congressman stating he would be willing to sponsor a bill in congress to help us acquire a radio franchise. The amazing thing is if we are granted a franchise - it is for the whole of the Philippines. It means we could apply for licenses to broadcast in cities all over the country!

VALENTINES DINNER

We refuse to believe that our church is a poultry - especially around Valentines day! Ignore the chickens and the goats - forgive the dirt floor - welcome to the 'café de la Bukid'! We had tons of fun again this year decking up our 'chicken coup' to look as much like a 4 star restaurant as we could. The curtains from our house blocked out the view of the chickens, we then made our own tables (*amazing what you can do with plywood and a couple sticks*), a friend of Jen's provided all the table settings, add in some flowers and candles and you have the making for a romantic evening for the couples in the church!

We opened up the evening with the wedding of one of the younger couples in the church, as well as the renewal of vows

for one of the older couples who never had a church wedding. We taught on the purpose of marriage: Friendship (**Genesis 2:18**), Godly children (**Malachi 2:15**), and to understand God's love for us (**Ephesians 5:32** - *God calls us His children and His bride*). Our desire was to encourage and build up the marriages of the couples in the church. After the teaching we closed up the night with a wonderful 'plated' dinner (*the singles from the church served*), and bundle of fun games!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- The Bible Studies (*9 of them*) - for the Word to change lives
- The radio station - favor with the "franchise" and the NTC
- The upcoming outreaches over the next few months (*VBS / Camp*)
- Our marriage - constantly grow closer to Jesus & each other
- We would really like a Baby Hinchey... maybe even 2.. or more
- Flexibility and humility - we would both be full of Jesus!



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