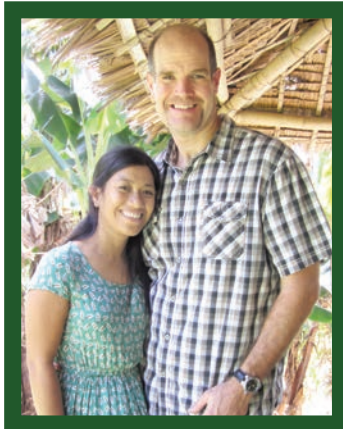


## FEBRUARY 2013

*"They appointed pastors in every church... and commended them to the Lord" - Acts 14:23*



### PASTOR BEMBEM & PASTOR AMADO...

Sunday morning worship had just ended - but unlike most Sundays there were no announcements - this was a special morning. I shared from **1 Corinthians 1:26-28**. 'So often we get the idea that in order for someone to be used by God they need to have a four year Bible college degree. This is especially true here in the Philippines! Yet when you open your Bible you never read about Bible Colleges or seminaries, instead you read about sinners chosen by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Because God chooses the foolish things of this world to confound the wise!'

A pastor is not someone with a piece of paper on the wall. A pastor is someone who is called by God to love and feed His people. From the beginning the vision for the church has been to raise up local pastors. With great joy we were able to lay hands on two of the men in the church on Sunday February 17th ordaining them for the work of the ministry!

Pastor Bembem has been faithfully loving and teaching the kids in the church for well over four years now. In fact we have all been calling him pastor for quite some time. Pastor Amado has been teaching a home Bible study for over a year and has been praying about going up to the high mountain to begin a new church plant.

Jen and I will be in Israel for the next two weeks for CCBF missions conference. The two new pastors will be put right to work covering the Bible studies and loving the saints for us while we are gone!



## THE OLD SHOE DANCE...

For the last four years we held a couples Valentines dinner to celebrate Valentines day. Each time the youth were the ones who volunteered to help and serve at the event. This year we thought it would be nice to do something special for them. We came up with the idea of the 'Old Shoe Dance'. As many of the youth do not have the money to be able to get fancy clothes - we decided to instead have fun with it. We had awards for the 'oldest pair of shoes' / 'tallest hairdo' / and 'biggest earrings'. Everyone had a great time as we learned how to do the 'electric slide' and 'chicken dance'! The highlight of the night was a teaching on how - and when - to have a relationship God's way!

## CHILDREN'S OUTREACH...

Asian Youth Children's Ministry (AYCM) is a local non-denominational group that puts on camps for children here on the Island



of Negros. We have had a great relationship with them for years - attending and helping to teach their summer youth camps every year. Part of their vision is to also reach out to the children in poorer remote communities in the mountains. They put on a one day camp to reach out to the kids with the message of the Love of Jesus. We were blessed to have them come and put on one of their camps here at the church. We had about 150 kids show up for a day filled with games / food / and most importantly Jesus! They concluded the day by asking the children to receive Jesus as their personal saviour. Over 100 of the kids said YES! *"Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God."* - **Mark 10:14**. What a blessing to see these little ones choosing to give their lives to Jesus!



## PRAYER REQUESTS...

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