

THE BUSY SUMMER MONTHS...

The summer months (*April & May*) mean two things here in the Philippines: VERY HOT weather and a VERY busy schedule because the kids are out of school. We kicked off the summer with Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday celebration. For Good Friday we had our annual Seder supper at the church. There was one funny surprise at the conclusion of the presentation. The last step in the Seder is to have the kids look outside to see if Elijah is there - **Malachi 4:5**. When the kids went to 'check' for Elijah, our Children's ministry pastor Bembem came walking in to roaring laughter, because he was all dressed up like Elijah (*he even had Elisha with him*)!

On Sunday morning - very early - we all gathered together where we are building the new house for a Sunrise service. The location is right on the top of a hill with a 270° view. It was absolutely beautiful as we watched the sun rise over the eastern mountains, with the ocean behind us, worshipping Jesus as we remembered the hope of the resurrection!

The week after we drove about 2 hours south to the city of Dumaguete to attend the 2012 Senior pastors conference. It was a very refreshing week being taught from the book of Nehemiah about 'Rebuilding the Foundations'. It also provided the opportunity to learn from some of the other pastors about some of the legalities of being a church here in the Philippines. Including how to ordain local pastors!



SUMMER CAMPS...

Summer in the Philippines also means camps. With the kids off from school it provides the perfect opportunity to encourage the kids and youth with their walk in Jesus. The first to head off to camp was the youth. We have been working with a local ministry called Asian Youth Children Ministry (AYCM) for about 3 years now - and every year we have sent our youth to attend a week long camp with them. This year we had about 14 young adults hop on the local bus and take the hour and half ride up to Coral Beach camp in Bago. When the kids came back a week later - it was hard to believe they were the same kids we had known before. They were EXTREMELY excited about following Jesus! They realized the dangers of following the example of the world - and really wanted to serve God. Many of them got involved and started helping out around the church, and were the ones who taught the children at the kids camp!

For the second year we held the kids camp in Sipalay. About 50 of us hopped in the back of a sugar cane truck (*alone with everything we needed - tents / pots / clothes*) and took the 4 hour ride south for a 4 days kids camp! The site is simple and beautiful - surrounded by cliffs and the azure blue water of the Sulu sea. We set up tents and home-made bamboo tables on the coral white sand beneath green palm trees. The Lord blessed us with beautiful weather - with only a few hours of rain in the afternoons. Several of the ladies from the church came along to help with the cooking - fresh fish from the local market. The youth taught the kids how 'Grace changes everything' using Calvary Curriculum's camp workbook translated into Ilonggo. Then in the evening Bembem would teach the kids in our home made 'tarp sanctuary'. Every afternoon we had loads of games for the kids to play including swimming in the ocean. There was never a dull moment. Every night the kids gathered around the campfire to share memory verses and enjoy some graham crackers and marshmallows ~ smores! The kids (*and adults*) all had a GREAT time hearing God's word and enjoying His creation. We have included pictures at the back for you to enjoy.

We will finish up the summer with a Vacation Bible School outreach this month. Ron and Stephanie Hodson will be coming from CC Dickinson, North Dakota to help out. Please be praying that lots of kids will come and hear about the Love of Jesus!

PRAYER REQUESTS...

- The Bible Studies - for the Word to change lives
- Two new 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!
- Ron and Stephanie Hodson / VBS
- Ernie and Sadie - the will be coming back in June for 1 year
- The radio - direction with the 'franchise' - and the NTC
- The new house in the Bukid - not done yet
- Our marriage - grow closer to Jesus and to each other
- The doctors say we can not have children - the Lord knows
- Flexibility and humility - we would be full of Jesus!



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