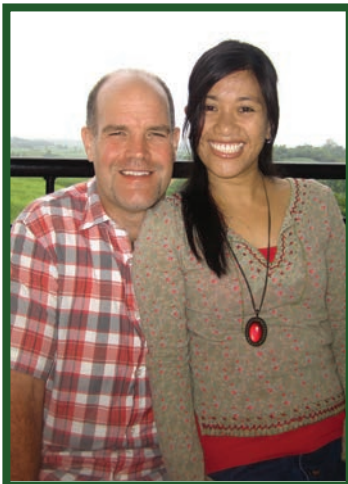


"Always keep busy working for the Lord... everything you do for Him is worthwhile" - II Corinthians 15:18



BUSY IN THE BUKID

The past month has been a non stop blur of activity here in the mountain (*Bukid*). Work on the new church building is about half way done. The posts and beams for the main sanctuary are complete. The guys are now working on a storage room and bathrooms. The rumor is we will have TWO bathrooms for the first time - one for the guys and one for the ladies - but I have a hunch that is a misunderstanding. There will be two bathrooms - but both will be for the ladies - rather than wait in line the guys will just go out into the sugar cane fields! We also had over 300 sticks of bamboo delivered last week! The plan is to next week start the grass and bamboo roof. Pastor Bembem has also been working hard on the Bamboo classrooms for the kids. We hope to be in the new facility sometime in September.

For about four years now we have been broadcasting on a low powered FM radio station in Himamaylan. 24 hours a day 7 days a week (*minus the occasional brownout*) the Word of God and worship music are piped into homes all over the city. Now we are planning to add a repeater in the high mountain community of Cunalom where Pastor Amado is beginning a new church plant. There is no electricity there so the repeater will run off of solar power. We are running tests on the system now and hope to have it in place sometime in the next few weeks.

We operate the radio under the incorporation 'Philippine Network of Gospel Broadcasters' with a provisional license from the city. We recently contacted our new congressman to begin the process of getting national approval for setting up stations all over the Philippines. Our prayer is to be able to duplicate the work we have done here in other rural communities!

Along with heavy rains (*we can have over 14" fall in a single day*) July also brings the start to the new school year. We were invited again to teach 'Values Education' in the local public high school. Four times a week we go in and teach through the Gospel of John as part of the required curriculum for the High School students. It is a unbelievable opportunity to teach these young students about the hope of Jesus Christ!

We have been working for over a year now coordinating with David C. Cook publishers to translate the Story of Jesus (*a sixteen page tract taken from the Action Bible*) into Ilonggo. I am excited to say the translation work is complete and we hope to have 25,000 copies printed off in the next month or so. We will use the tracts for evangelism in the public schools all over the Island. We will be partnering with other churches to prayerfully reach thousands of kids with the Good News of Jesus Christ!

PRAYER REQUESTS...

- Bible Studies taught by men from the church
- Raising up pastors - transitioning the church
- High school students / Youth group
- The people in the Bukid - to be open to Jesus!
- The construction of the new church
- Story of Jesus outreach - 25,000 copies!
- The radio - Franchise / new repeater
- Our marriage - grow closer to Jesus / each other
- Flexibility and humility - be full of Jesus!





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