

Philippines 2009 – Ministry Update #2

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6/27/09

We're all healthy and doing well. God is blessing and the fruit is dropping into our hands. We arose early to take the Pansajero (the CCTC ministry van) to San Carlos for the next few days of ministry. WE arrived safely but a bit sore after a long and bumpy ride (they were working on the highway and it was extra bumpy and dusty).



Our first ministry stop was at the local hospital to pray for and with patients and families. We witnessed God's grace and mercy as Dyana, Malia and Janet got to share with about 8 people at one time and they all prayed to receive Christ! Dave, Jenn, Sarah and I all prayed with people to receive Christ, and Sarah was asked to pray for a gal who heard us praying for others. There were 4 people who asked us for Bibles, which we didn't have with us yet.



Then we went to a small squatter's village called San Jose where we did a children's ministry for about 80 kids. We did songs, shared the wordless book and blessed the kids with gospel bears and bracelets, snacks, balloons and rubber balls. Our friend from Manila Cynthia shared the gospel in Tagalog, which the kids all understood. What a joy to bring joy to these poor kids and see them so excited about Jesus!

6/28/09



Today we went to church at San Carlos at the new nipa hut church building they are in the process of constructing. The team brought with us an overhead projector and lamps for the church and we were able to set them up with projected worship lyrics for the first time.



Bruce, Sarah and Cynthia lead the worship, then the ladies took the kids off to Sunday School while Joe (friend from Manila) shared his testimony and both Dave and Bruce shared from the Word.



Jenn, Janet, Dyana, Malia and Gloria did a great teaching for the kids with crafts and snacks and taught them all a song to share with the adults at the end of the service. After church we stayed for the church potluck (the chicken and rice reminded us all of home).

Later in the afternoon the guys went to deliver the 4 Bibles at the hospital and again got to pray for and minister to the patients. Then they went witnessing at the park while the ladies put on a women's seminar at the church on how to have a quiet time using the 959 model, and then how to develop a Moms in Touch prayer ministry.



It was a blessing to see that everyone on the team shared key roles in ministering to the CC San Carlos fellowship. We ended the day evangelizing a squatter's neighborhood near the church. Again, a few kids and adults prayed to receive Christ, and Pastor JunJun was there to make a follow up connection! We celebrated by eating at a nice Italian restaurant just a few houses down from the church.



6/29/09

We left early this morning for Saging, praying it hadn't rained too much the

night before to make the journey up the river and mountain paths. God had answered and we were able to take the Pansajero all the way up the river to Kabugan, a trading village at the merging of two rivers. That made the



hike a lot shorter and we arrived at the church in Saging at about 8:30am.



After a rest we divided into teams to maximize out effectiveness. Bruce and Dave stayed at the church and began helping Pastor JunJun and a few other local men remove a fence, dig a footing and begin mixing and pouring concrete for the footing of a new retaining wall.



Joe, Cynthia and Sarah went with Pastor Uli to do a Bible study at a home further up the hill, and the rest spread out sharing with families and ladies doing laundry at the nearby water supply.

After a lunch break, a group went with Pastor Uli and an older man to an area far up in the hills that the church in Saging is reaching out to. The team saw 4 men give their lives to Christ and agree to attend a weekly Bible study. Even



though the hike was grueling going up, the team said it seemed unusually shirt coming back to Saging. Perhaps the blessings carried them a bit! We made it down the hill and back to Kabugan and gave out balloons and tracts before heading back for dinner.



We will sleep in satisfaction tonight! Keep Pastor JunJun, Novie and their daughter Shemiah in your prayers!



Some of the local Saging church family



Our balloon and tract ministry at Kabugan!