



Ford Forum

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Serving through Central Missionary Clearinghouse

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Mission Statement

*To minister to, to evangelize and to disciple the poor, orphaned and disabled;
and to equip churches and individuals in the Philippines and USA to do likewise.*

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Well Project

Num 20:11 And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts.

The well is now completed and God provided an abundant flow of clean water by allowing us to find an artesian well. The water pressure is so great that the water shoots 9 feet above the ground! We capped it off and it provides water to the church and village people without the need for a pump or water tower.

[See "Video" at the end of this prayer letter]



The area made so the ladies in the village can come and wash clothes.



A sign posted at the well to promote conversation about Jesus with those who come to the well.

It is John 7: 38.

Disability Ministry

Dick was able to accomplish some goals regarding disability ministry in the Philippines while on this trip. He spent time in meetings with Pastor Rio working on the floor plan for a group home for disabled children. Time was spent in meetings with both the Philippine Department of Education and the Department of Social Welfare and Development. This was for the purpose of determining the various regulations they would have regarding starting a home for disabled children. Along with the Filipino staff he traveled around the island looking for disabled children to determine their needs and to help minister to their families. Time was spent in Manila purchasing and shipping wheelchairs to Naujan for some of these children.

Judy and I have discussed the findings of the

meetings and the visits to the disabled families and feel we should move forward with the work starting as a Respite Home for disabled children. Since the families want to care for their children, this would provide rest for the parents and provide greater opportunity to minister to the entire family of the disabled child. It is also a more sustainable project. It may work out that the most effective help and evangelistic outreach would be to continue disability ministry as we are.

[See "Video" at the end of this prayer letter]



Jamie a child with Cerebral Palsy who spends her life on the floor from lack of a wheelchair.



Paul, another Cerebral Palsy victim in a walker made from bamboo.

Church Planting

The pastors and members of the SBCC churches continue to work to spread the gospel. Our meeting with the Dept. of Ed. included finalizing the schedule for allowing the pastors to teach in the local schools one hour a week. This is a great opportunity and is similar to the Release Time program in Pennsylvania.

The work has expanded to San Jose on the other side of the island as well as another village near Naujan. Some of this is in the form of home Bible studies at this time. The pastors are more able to do this work because of your support and they are very grateful. (See "Video" at the end of this prayer letter.)

The ministry is also reaching a tribe of Mangyans that has come down from the mountains and is dispersed around Naujan. The chief of the tribe has accepted Christ and is helping provide opportunity to present the Gospel to other Mangyans. (See "Video" at the end of this prayer letter)

The pastors still want more training to better equip them to work with the people. They have asked for some teaching in Biblical Counseling. Since Judy is board certified in Biblical Counseling she helped Dick in determining what would meet the Filipino pastors needs. In February Dick is taking Pastor Ed Hlad of Jacobstown Baptist Church to Naujan. Pastor Hlad will be doing a seminar for the pastors on this topic.



Mangyan Chief listening to a sermon.



Mangyan children.



An older Mangyan who would not come out of his hut.

Prayer Requests

- *That God give us wisdom as we direct and work through all of these aspects of the ministry.
- *Safe travel around the Philippines for Dick during a busy schedule this fall and winter.
- *A productive time for Pastor Hlad as he ministers to his Filipino brothers this February.
- *For the children pictured and many more who live in difficult and uncomfortable situations.
- *God's provision of funds for the wheelchairs and the development of a respite home for disabled children.

Praise

- * For being able to minister to the Mangyans.
- *For funds provided thus far for wheelchairs.
- *Dick experienced effective treatment of cancer and quick recovery!

[The pastors and members of the churches on Mindoro held an all night prayer chain starting when Dick's surgery began. Is it any surprise that the doctor later said. "The surgery went surprisingly well." Thanks for your prayers as well!]

Video

Video related to the articles in this prayer letter can be seen by going to www.godtube.com/fordmissions

There you can click on "Water for Naujan", "Disabled Children in the Philippines", "Grateful Pastors" and "A Mangyan Tribe"

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Please use this gift for the ministry of Dick and
Judy Ford as indicated below.

Check one:

- Church Planting / National Pastor
Development and Support
- Tribal outreach.
- Disability Ministry. (This includes
evangelistic outreach and providing
wheelchairs and meeting
other human needs for the disabled.
The development of facilities and
schooling for the disabled.)
- As needed.

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