

Island Outreach Ministries

Bohol – Philippines

News & Prayer – January 2011

Dear Friends

We trust you have all had a safe and happy Christmas/New Year's time. November and December here are full of Thanksgiving & Anniversary services with many speaking engagements and plenty of spit roasted pig.



Sandingan Church Building Dedication



With Romeo at Jagulio's 18th Anniversary

Just a couple of highlights for me have been the visit of Earle & Sandy McKay & daughter Melissa for Maranatha Christian School's 20th Anniversary; the IOM Christmas Fellowship attended by over 150 family members of staff, island pastors and church leaders; and speaking to hundreds of island believers at a 2 day combined churches event at Nasingin Is. I've been very encouraged, as I've travelled the islands during this period, by the genuine growth, stability, and enthusiasm I have observed among the churches.



Christmas Fun & Fellowship at Admin

Our campsite facilities at Galilee continue to improve and grow thanks to the efforts of Glen Lukey. Our main meeting area is almost complete and we are about to begin work on a second accommodation cottage. You're very welcome to come and lend a hand if you can.



"The Gazebo at Galilee"

It has been a very wet season here, but no disasters as yet, like I've been reading about in Australia. Travelling has been challenging at times though, and we've experienced a few wet n wild rides on bike and boat. We like to sing this song,

***"When the oceans rise and thunders roar,
I will soar with You above the storm.
Father You are King over the flood;
I will be still know You are God."***

Thanks to all who have been praying for Cara. She is doing better and was even able to attend a CEF Conference this week in Mindanao – praise the Lord.



Pray for Cara

Thanks so much to those who sent Christmas & New Year's greetings and gave special gifts. Your love & care, and thoughts & prayers for us here are very, very greatly appreciated.

May God bless you richly throughout 2011.

"Be patient ... stand firm ... the Lord's coming is near." (James 5:8)

Steve & the IOM Family



Baptism at Caubian Island



Games on the Beach at Caubian Island



Heading Home

"... look up ...lift up your heads ... for your redemption draws near." (Luke 21:28)