

Island Outreach Ministries

Bohol – Philippines

News & Prayer – September 2010

Dear Friends & Prayer Partners

We praise God for another 2 months of ministry among the island people of Bohol. We are so grateful to God for those He has given to uphold us in prayer and provide for the needs of this ministry. We pray that God will richly bless you for your kindness to us.

First a health up-date: Ptr Max has almost completely recovered from the stroke suffered a few months back. He continues to teach our monthly BTCP (pastors' training) classes. Max & his wife Teresa have been a great blessing to us.

Cara received a thorough heart check-up by a Christian specialist in Tagbilaran and was given the all clear there. She has begun sessions with a Christian acupuncturist. Pray that this might help the numbness in her arms etc. She is afraid of going the surgery route and hoping to avoid or at least delay it as long as possible. Keep praying for her and for wisdom & direction in our decision making. Thanks so much to those who have assisted with her medical expenses.



Pastor Max & BTCP Students

It's been a blessing to see the BTCP class numbers growing. It's very encouraging to see more men eager to grow and take on more

responsibility in the church. We have decided to start a basic Church Leadership Training course for those coming who are not quite ready for BTCP yet.

The Galilee Fellowship Centre facilities continue to grow. We have just finished building a 20,000 liter water tank. We have begun to prepare materials for a new meeting place. Praise God for His provision for this. There's still much work to be done.



Galilee Water Tank



Galilee

We need to replace the roofing on the Admin Building. We are praying that God will use Filipino businessmen here to donate the necessary materials. Pray with us about this.

Another blessing has been the growth in our outreach ministry. Romeo has been faithfully visiting Caubian every Friday and numbers there are growing. We are praying for a fulltime pastor. The church at Calituban has begun an outreach to the nearby island of Bansahan every Sunday afternoon. The church at Alumar has a weekly outreach to neighboring Mahanay. The "Admin Girls" (Cara, Grace, & Juliet) have started a weekly Kid's Club at Suba. We're also supporting children's ministry at Sag Island. It's very encouraging to see the churches taking these initiatives. Pray that these will continue and grow and multiply.



Kid's Club at Suba

It's a blessing to be able to help children from our island churches through school. At present we have 6 high school students boarding with us at Admin. Many families cannot afford to send their kids to High School so this is a valuable ministry to them. They are involved in regular Bible Studies and also in ministry training and help with kid's ministry and our weekly Youth Night.



Jemima, Rosedel, Ilyn, Wencie, Marie, & Jessie



The Lukey Family – Glen, Joyce, & Leelyn

Another blessing has been the Lukey family. Glen has been overseeing the work at Galilee as well as visiting the churches for weekend ministry. Pray for him as he ministers in China over the next few weeks.

On a personal note - Please pray for my daughter, Faith. She broke her arm during a school trip and had to have surgery to insert a pin and plate. Thanks.

God bless you as you continue to serve Him wherever you may be.

Steve & all your friends in Bohol.



Millie Beltran addressing Women's Fellowship

"Thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ, and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of Him."

2 Corinthians 2:14