

Island Outreach Ministries

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Dear Friends

It seems like a very long time since I have prepared one of these. Six months of that time was spent in Australia. I have been back in the Philippines since February 17. I returned with many used stamps for my friend, Robert Lee.

He writes: “We would like to thank you for bringing such a big contribution of stamps to our ministry. The stamps keep us busy for many weeks. We have to process, sort, and later pack for sale. We do hope that you will continue to save the used stamps for us. Again, thank you very much. God bless, Robert”

These last 2 months have passed quickly. The following are some highlights.

Pastors & Church Leaders’ Training Graduation - March 10, 2009



After more than 2 years of study, 12 of our island workers completed the Basic Training Centre for Pastors Course taught monthly at admin.



Thank God for the provision of this excellent program and a gifted teacher. Pray for the next batch of church leaders who have already begun the course and for Ptr. Max as he teaches.

Island Church Leadership Trainees



March was a hectic month. In a little over one month we clocked up 15 island visits and 8 graduation ceremonies.

Banacon Graduation & Sis Mylen



It was a real joy to attend the first preschool graduation on the tiny island of Butan. Pray for Ptr. Sherwin & Josephine as they labor for the Lord on these small islands.



Bilangbilangan Graduation & Ptr Sam



Butan & Bantigue Islands



Praise God for His wonderful care and protection. Praise Him for the opportunities to share the gospel with school parents and many of the island people.

Another joy was preaching at a baby dedication service at Jaguliao.

Bilangbilangan School Thanksgiving



Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support. We thank God that by His grace the island churches continue. Thank you to those who gave for Sam & Neriah's need. We thank God for the provision of a new computer for the admin office. We thank Him for the continuing development of the Galilee and Admin Centres.

Pray for the children's DVBS outreach during April. Pray especially for Cara and all the volunteers as they minister to thousands of dear children.



Now that my busiest speaking time has passed, I would value your prayers for three special projects I have set myself this year. The first is a new Financial Plan for the management and use of ministry funds. Please pray for wisdom and guidance in this matter. The second is the processing of IOM's registration with the government. This requires a great deal of paper work, patience, and often trial-and-error. It will also be expensive. The third project is the development of the land and facilities at Galilee. Praise God the owners of the adjacent land have agreed to reduce the price so we hope to proceed with the purchase if taxes & attorney's fees do not prohibit. Praise God we had a Christian Teacher's Retreat there last month so more churches are becoming aware of it. Praise God the sea wall is almost complete and the grounds look so much better. Pray for the time, energy, and funds needed to keep the work going there.

Galilee shorefront and Sea wall



Staff Members of Maranatha Christian School Trinidad at Galilee



I really enjoyed my visits with so many of you while I was in Australia. Thank you for your warm fellowship, your generous hospitality, and your encouragement. I truly value your partnership and friendship.

Thank you, on behalf of all the IOM family, for all your support. I look forward to our continued fellowship via email. Please write!

God bless!

Steve, Julie, & everyone at IOM.

"Delight yourself in the Lord..." Psalm 37:4