

# ISLAND OUTREACH MINISTRIES

BOHOL - PHILIPPINES

NEWS & PRAYER

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*Dear Friends,*

*Wow! Another two months has passed by since the last newsletter and I will be heading home(?) to Australia again in just two weeks time (August 19). It's hard to believe I've been here now for 15 straight months. God's grace is truly sufficient! I have been upheld by your faithful prayers, blessed by your thoughtful emails, and sustained by your loving support. The past two months have seen changes in the IOM leadership and a new structure, attitude, and direction take shape.*

### Some Highlights:



This is church picnic - Jaguliao style. Yes, a picnic of rice, squid, and shells - and a baptism as well - among the mangroves with Ptr Romeo and his members. But no wheelbarrow races.

During this month Ptr Joe conducted another baptism of believers from his little outreach in the mountains as well.



### A special wedding

Jolito, from Alumar Island, enrolled in our CLT course eager to be trained for ministry in his church. I then found out he felt too ashamed to take responsibility because he and his wife had never been formally married. This is common among island people because the procedure they must go through to be legally married is costly and seems too complicated for them. So Cara helped them acquire all the documents and we arranged for Ptr Franklin to officiate and had the ceremony at admin together with the island pastors & workers and their 5 year old daughter. What a touching moment when the "bride", who we baptized in a muddy fishpond just a few weeks before, burst into tears at the pronouncement.



### **Church Strengthening**



In July the IOM Ministry Team conducted its first monthly Church Strengthening Seminar weekend. Above, Ptr Romeo exhorts the believers of Bilangbilangan Island to strengthen their faith.



The opportunity is taken to minister to the children. Here Grace conducts a Good News Club while the adults attend the seminars.

### **Nutrition Month**



Preschool ministry began again in June. July is the month for emphasis on nutrition in all Filipino schools. In Bilangbilangan, Ptr Sam conducts a special Nutrition Day with a cooking competition, special presentations and performances, speeches by the local politicians and health workers, and the preaching of God's Word. All the parents are involved and many from the island community look on and listen.



### **PRAYER POINTS:**

- CLT/BTCP Training
- IOM Ministry Team
- Church Strengthening Seminars - Calituban, August 23-24
- SEC Registration
- ESEC: Sagassa & Nocnocan Primary Schools, August 14 & 21
- Getafe Circuit Y'th F'ship - Aug 16
- Land & building for Ptr. Sam's pre-school at Bilangbilangan
- Outreach to Caubian & Bantigue
- Banacon Church ceiling
- Jagoliao generator
- Milona & Malona's board exams.
- Galilee sea wall & property
- Cara's health during pregnancy

I will be in Australia until February, 2009. My mother is scheduled for hip replacement surgery in November. Please pray for her. I hope to visit as many of you as possible during my stay. God bless.

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