

Island Outreach Ministries

Bohol – Philippines

News & Prayer – December 2010

Dear Friends & Family

We have just completed a busy but most enjoyable and encouraging time of entertaining visitors from afar, attending special anniversaries and thanksgiving services, and organizing our IOM Family Christmas Fellowship.

I'm enjoying a little lull in Christmas activities right now which provides this opportunity to compose my Christmas greetings and best wishes to you all.

It was wonderful to have Earle, Sandy, and Melissa McKay with us for almost 3 weeks. They came to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Christian school they helped establish during their 2 year missionary service in Talibon 20 years ago.

It was also a joy to meet a Christian brother, Omy Clemente, who came down from Manila to share a burden he and other Filipino friends have for ministry in Bohol.

Our IOM Christmas Fellowship (Dec 7-8) was a great time of celebration and fellowship attended by over 150 family members of staff, island pastors, and church leaders. We rejoiced together and gave thanks for the privilege God has given us to be co-laborers together with Him in this field.

We were saddened, however, to hear of the death of Glen Lukey's mother. Glen had to leave Joyce and Leelin and fly to Brisbane to be with family and attend the funeral.



Christmas at Admin

Glen has been doing a great job building the facilities for our camp site at Galilee. We finished the water tank and recent heavy rains have been providing a much needed water supply. Glen is now building a new meeting place. There's still plenty of work to be done if anyone's interested in helping.



"The Gazebo"

As Christmas approaches I face some busy periods. I'll be doing a fair bit of travelling by bike and by boat. During December 18-20 I'll be visiting 4 different islands for special services. It's a wet season so the weather can be very variable.

Please pray for strength and courage throughout the Christmas period. I thank God for the many dear friends He has given me here. But it's always a challenge being so far from family, and especially at this time of the year.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support throughout 2010. God bless and keep you all this Christmas Season and into the coming New Year.

Steve and all the IOM Family



With Romeo at Jagulio's 18th Anniversary



With Perez at Pitogo's 13th Anniversary



Speaking with Jun2 @ Christmas Fellowship