



Mindanao Moments

Real Hope & Transformation in Christ

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“The history of missions is a history of prayer. Everything vital to the success of the world’s evangelization hinges on prayer.” - John R. Mott

Missions in the Marketplace

The Apostles understood clearly the importance of the marketplace (agora) as a center for touching people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is in the marketplace where the masses gather, exchange ideas and do their business. And it’s through commerce that ideas are carried from city to city, into villages and provinces, and from country to country.

A movement has begun that again recognizes the importance of impacting the marketplace with the transforming message of Jesus Christ. This movement is called **Business as Mission**. It’s a movement that recognizes the importance of Christian businessmen within communities and their potential to be “salt and light” in the place where the Lord has placed them. It is a movement that enables business people to understand their role as believers and to live out the Christian life in such a way that God is honored in how their businesses are operated. These “God honoring businesses create jobs, families rise above poverty, people are drawn to Jesus, evils like human trafficking are combated, local churches are strengthened and the very fabric of a community is changed.” It is a movement where business men and woman who follow Jesus are mobilized to use their professional expertise and leadership to help create businesses, mentor others, and teach Christian business people how to apply Biblical principles to the way they live and work.

In March were blessed to have two Christian business professionals, **Dr. Kent Wilson** and **Mr. John West**, who spent two weeks here to facilitate strategic planning for Hope Mountain, board training and management principles. They also came to minister to the larger Christian community of Davao City in conducting seminars and mentoring. Both of these men came with impeccable credentials. Dr. Wilson served as the managing director of NAVPRESS for 22 years and now works as a business consultant. Mr. West served for 14 years in upper management of a Fortune 100 company and has provided consultation services to large corporations throughout the world. But **their greatest credentials rest in the fact that they are servants of Christ**. Through their expertise, they helped Hope Mountain move forward significantly in it’s ministry as a center for transformation, and they touched the lives of many people within the business community in Davao, laying the groundwork for future ministry in the marketplace of this strategic city in Asia.

For more information about Business as Mission and opportunities to serve, go to www.transformationalventures.com and <http://dpaglobaldesign.com>



Dr. Kent Wilson, John West, Pastor Danilo & Bing Santander, and Ghed & Mike Miguel (Left to Right) at a tribal church located about 45 minutes south of Davao City.

Mike & Ghed Miguel

Mike & Ghed are **WorldVenture missionary appointees** who have been **called to Mindanao to provide the leadership for Hope Mountain and coordinate Business as Mission ministries**. They were asked to come to Davao City while Kent and John were here to help Hope Mountain develop its strategic planning and work through the many details of management. They also participated in the annual Hope Mountain Mindanao, Inc. board meeting, getting to know the Hope Mountain board members and staff, and developing networks with Christian businessmen and ministry leaders.

Mike and Ghed are Filipino-Americans. Mike is a CPA and also a pastor and church planter. Ghed is a registered nurse. Currently they are planting a church in Kuaii, Hawaii and working on developing their prayer and support team so they can move to Mindanao to begin another opportunity to serve the Lord. **The Miguels have set a target date of December 2011 to be on the mission field.**

Please keep these two precious servants of Christ in your prayers. Pray that the Lord will raise up a solid prayer and financial support team, and that the Lord will greatly use these gifted and qualified servants for His glory. **Pray how you may be involved in the Miguels ministry.** You may contact them through email at miguelfam5@aol.com or contact WorldVenture (www.worldventure.com); tel: 800-487-4224.

The Priority of Prayer

More and more we realize the importance of prayer. E.M. Bounds said, “**Prayer** is of transcendent importance. **Prayer** is the mightiest agent to advance God's work. Praying hearts and hands only can do God's work. **Prayer** succeeds when all else fails.”

We praise the Lord for a multitude of answers to prayer, and we praise the Lord for those of you who have faithfully prayed for us, our WorldVenture team here in Mindanao, Hope Mountain and ministry teams the Lord has brought to us. We have shared many prayer requests over the months and years, and we can often sense when we are being prayed for. There are many times when we come to those places where everything looks impossible and we're overwhelmed by the task before us. But when we lay the situations before the Lord, the burdens are lifted and somehow He makes a way—often in ways that we would never expect. We praise the Lord for His gracious and continuous answers to prayer.

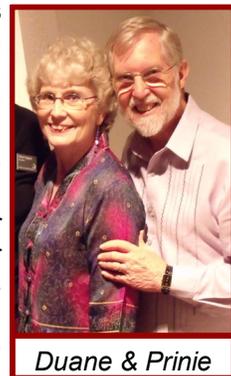
Prayer involves both praise and petition, so again we share them with you as partners in ministry.

PRAISE

- In our last newsletter we shared that we had 16 Nubian goats. **Now we have 26!** Ten new babies were born in March. It hard to comprehend, but the Lord is certainly making our goats productive!
- Praise the Lord for Dr. Kent Wilson & John West who generously shared their time and expertise with us at Hope Mountain and with Christian business professionals in Davao City.
- Praise the Lord that Mike & Ghed Miguel were able to be with us to do strategic planning for the future of Hope Mountain as a center for transformation. Their input was extremely beneficial!
- Praise the Lord for giving us health, strength and protection during an extremely busy time in our lives.
- Praise the Lord that we discovered brake problems with our vehicle before going into the mountains for ministry to tribal pastor/farmers. If we hadn't known about the problem before going to the mountains later this week, we could have been in great danger! Praise the Lord for His grace and mercy!
- Praise the Lord for an excellent and productive annual Hope Mountain Mindanao, Inc. board meeting, and for the excellent Filipino leaders God has provided in overseeing this strategic ministry. This is a huge answer to our prayers!
- Praise the Lord that we had the opportunity to celebrate our **8th wedding anniversary** on March 15! We are so thankful that the Lord has given us the privilege of being partners in life and ministry. **The Lord is good!**

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for **Mike & Ghed Miguel**. Continue to pray that they will develop a strong prayer and support base, and they will be able to be in Mindanao by December of this year. We desperately need their help.
- Pray for **Brian & Patty Shiel** as they continue to make plans to come to serve in Mindanao. They have been appointed a mid-term missionaries with WorldVenture. They also need a strong prayer and support base.
- Pray for **Duane & Prinie Stark**. They are now officially missionaries with WorldVenture, serving as “**Finishers**.” They arrived in Davao on April 5th and will be here for 6 months. They are doing Bible and theological education in local churches and Duane is using his computer expertise helping pastors and churches. Duane & Prinie are members of Ponderosa Baptist Church in Payson, AZ. Pray that the Lord will richly bless their work here.
- Pray that work will be able to continue on our public restroom facility at Hope Mountain. The enclosure walls were completed in March, but we still need funds to finish the project.
- We will be taking six tribal pastor/farmers to Bukidnon for a five-day horse care training seminar sponsored by Tribal Horse Evangelism (April 10-15). Pray that our travel will be safe and that our tribal pastor/farmers will be greatly blessed. Tribal Horse Evangelism will be providing 5 more horses for our pastors. We praise the Lord for this wonderful ministry!
- Pray for the Hope Mountain board and management as they work through the many details concerning the organizational structure, strategic planning, staff development, etc., etc. etc. It's a monumental task.
- Pray for Hope Mountain staff. It's summer in the Philippines (April-May) and Hope Mountain is fully booked with many ministry groups using the facilities.
- Pray that ministry support will increase. We're currently under supported by about \$200 per month and our ministry account is low.
- Pray for Sandy Eckelberry and Dess Ventura. They both carry heavy ministry responsibilities. Sandy is involved in missions mobilization and is the short-term mission coordinator. Dess works as her part-time assistant and is also the part-time assistant manager of Hope Mountain.
- Pray for continued wisdom, safety and health, and that God will be glorified greatly and His kingdom will be expanded.



Duane & Prinie

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Thank you for being partners with us!

Love in Christ, Timothy & Gloria