



Mindanao Moments

Real Hope & Transformation in Christ

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“To creatively express ourselves—the person we really are—in the context of God’s worldwide purpose is the most fulfilling experience imaginable. It is the reason we are on earth!”

— George Miley, *Loving the Church...Blessing the Nations*

Bayanihan

The Old Testament book of Nehemiah provides us with a powerful example of God’s people working together. Nehemiah understood the necessity of teamwork. Having a passion to rebuild the wall around Jerusalem which was in shambles, diligently praying and then using his leadership skills, he put together a team of God’s people to accomplish a task that, from a human perspective, was impossible. But in 52 days the wall was rebuilt, even with opposition and many difficulties. One of the most impressive chapters of the book of Nehemiah is chapter 3 which lists the builders of the wall. In this chapter the phrases “next to him,” “next to them,” “after him,” and “after them.” is used 31 times. Each group took responsibility for one part of the wall, and the job was completed in 52 days! **TEAMWORK IN ACTION!**

You may have wondered about the picture in the top left of our recent prayer updates. It’s a group of Filipino people carrying a *bahay*, a Filipino house. This picture reflects a Filipino value called *bayanihan*. *Bayanihan* is a community agreement to work together to accomplish short-term projects. Similar to the Amish barn-raising in North America, Filipino farmers will agree to help each other in the back-breaking job of planting rice fields and other difficult tasks. A challenging task is accomplished quicker and easier when people work shoulder to shoulder with each other. It’s all about **TEAMWORK! TEAMWORK IN ACTION!**



We praise the Lord for the *teamwork* we see among God’s people. We thank each of you who pray and generously give as part of the Mindanao WorldVenture team. And we praise the Lord for the people God brings into our lives, the people we form partnerships with to do what God has called us to do. The Lord gives each of His children unique gifts that contribute to the expansion of His kingdom and bring Him much glory.

Here on the mission field *teamwork is indispensable* and we constantly see *teamwork in action* as we work with other missionaries, mission organizations, and short-term mission teams. Here’s a recent example of *teamwork in action*:

Teamwork in Action

Raymund Geneston is a civil engineer and a committed Christian from Manila. He wanted to be involved in missions but just didn’t know how he, as an engineer, could serve. **Dess Ventura**, his sister-law, who works as the assistant manager of Hope Mountain shared with him the need for someone to oversee the renovation of one of Hope Mountain buildings. Last October he came to Davao City to look over the project, provided design recommendations



The Hope Mountain Renovation Crew

and provided a detailed list of materials and cost estimates for the project. In January he spent two weeks overseeing this needy project. Along with Raymund, **Glenn Biggs**, an Australian missionary with Global Impact who mentors and trains young Filipino men in the building trades, provided his expertise and some skilled workers to assist in the renovation. Some of our Hope Mountain staff also helped and with the great oversight and skill of Raymund and Glenn, **the team accomplished their particular part of the project.** This was **Teamwork in Action!** There’s just a few minor finishing touches that are still in progress, and then the hanging of curtains, etc.



**Hope Mountain Rooms 11 & 12
The Rewards of Teamwork in Action!**

Praise the Lord for all that He did to enable Hope Mountain to be blessed through the provisions and hard work of His people. **The Lord is good!**

Address Change:

Our secure Philippine mailing address has changed.

Here's our new address:

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PRAISE

- **Gloria's father, Bill, has completed the chemotherapy and radiation treatments** for the tumor in his esophagus. He now has to go through about three weeks of healing and then they will do testing to see if the tumor has been destroyed. It's been a long ordeal for Bill, but his attitude has been great and he's trusting the Lord.
- Praise the Lord for His goodness in making it possible for the recent building renovation at Hope Mountain.
- Praise the Lord that **Brian & Patty Shiels** have been appointed as mid-term missionaries with WorldVenture to serve with us at Hope Mountain.
- Praise the Lord that He has continued to bless Hope Mountain. **Hope Mountain is now self-sustaining.** We're able to pay the employees and provide all the benefits required under Philippine law. We have enough to make minor repairs and we recently hired another agricultural worker to give assistance to our over-worked staff.
- Praise the Lord for **Leo Parreno.** Leo is a retired agriculturalist who is a member of our board. He has been taking a lot of responsibility in overseeing some of the Hope Mountain agricultural projects, and has also conducted a number of agricultural training seminars. We praise the Lord for this faithful and talented man.
- Praise the Lord that **work has begun again on our public restroom facility at Hope Mountain.** Progress had slowed because we had run out of funds and there were problems with the company that installed the roof.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Continue to pray for **Gloria's father, Bill.** Pray that the Lord will continue to give him strength and peace, and that the Lord will have His healing hand on him and the tumor will be completely gone.
- Continue to pray for **Mike & Ghed Miguel,** and **Brian & Patty Shiel** as they make plans to serve in Mindanao. Pray that they will develop a strong prayer team, which is essential for effective ministry.
- Pray for **Dr. Kent Wilson** and **John West,** two Christian businessmen from the U.S. They will be with us for two weeks in March to help the Hope Mountain board and staff with strategic planning, management training and the development of operational systems and policies. They will also be involved in working within the local Christian business community through **Business as Missions (BAM)** seminars and interacting with Christian professionals in small groups and speaking engagements. We praise the Lord for these two committed servants of Christ! Pray that the Lord will put together all the details and their time here will have a great impact.
- Pray for **Arise Mindanao.** Arise Mindanao is a movement, centered around planting churches, that is designed to address the deep issues of corruption, violence, economic instability, and community transformation in Mindanao. Pray that the Lord will give the leadership wisdom and that the Lord will do a great work in Mindanao.
- Pray for wisdom, safety and health.
- **Above all, pray that God will be glorified greatly and His kingdom will be expanded in Mindanao and around the world!**

POWERFUL PARTNERSHIPS—TRANSFORMED LIVES!

Thank you for being partners with us!

Love in Christ, *Timothy & Gloria*

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES FOR BUSINESS & ENGINEERING PROFESSIONALS!

Sometimes business professionals ask the question, "**what can I do in the area of ministry and world missions?**" Well, the Lord has given each person skills that He wants us to use! To accomplish the task of proclaiming the Gospel to the ends of the earth will take people with many different skills. It's certainly not limited to preachers, missionaries and teachers! The Lord never designed it that way!

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Transformational Ventures — www.transformationalventures.com
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