



# Mindanao Moments

Real Hope & Transformation in Christ

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*"It is just as proper, maybe even more so, to say Christ's global cause has a Church as to say Christ's Church has a global cause." — David Bryant*

## **MIKE & GHED MIGUEL HAVE ARRIVED! PRAISE THE LORD!!**



The long awaited arrival of Mike & Ghed to the field is now a reality after much prayer and many months of preparation. Now begins the process of passing the baton of leadership to Mike as the new manager of Hope Mountain, and to Ghed as she partners with Mike and ministers through her special gifts. **Both Mike and Ghed come with impeccable credentials.** Mike is a CPA with many years of experience in both the Philippines and the United States. He is not only a great administrator; he is also an ordained pastor with a deep passion for the lost. Ghed is a registered nurse whose desire is to bring God's healing touch to people with few resources and little understanding of basic hygiene and health care. While both working full-time in the U.S. Mike and Ghed planted three churches together.

**Please pray for Mike & Ghed.** Although they are Filipinos, they have lived in the U.S. for over 20 years. They grew up in Luzon, which has a different culture than what they will experience here in Mindanao. They will have to learn a new language, Cebuano. Mike and Ghed not only have to adapt to a new culture, they have to set up a new home here, and they will be taking over the challenges of moving Hope Mountain forward in its development as a center for transformation. Mike will also be laying the ground work to establish Davao City as an **"Epicenter" for Business as Mission.** Business as Mission has the potential to greatly impact this culture with the Good News of Jesus Christ and His transforming grace and power. Take a look at the Transformational Ventures website ([www.transformationalventures.com](http://www.transformationalventures.com)) and you'll get a good idea of what Business as Mission is all about and its potential around the world.

### **PRIORITY PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE MIGUELS:**

- Their support level is very low and they really need additional churches and individuals to partner with them in ministry. Mike & Ghed are worthy and qualified servants. If you or your church would like to be part of their ministry team, you may contact them at [miguelfam5@aol.com](mailto:miguelfam5@aol.com) or look them up at [www.WorldVenture.com](http://www.WorldVenture.com). Without an adequate support base, the Miguels will not be able to minister effectively here in the Philippines.
- Pray that we will be able to help them quickly find a house or apartment here and that they will be able to settle into life in Mindanao.
- Pray for a smooth transition of leadership at Hope Mountain, as the Miguels will soon begin assuming responsibilities for overseeing Hope Mountain.
- Pray that God will give Mike great wisdom as he begins developing the Business as Mission Epicenter in Davao City.
- Pray that the Lord will abundantly bless this precious couple as they faithfully serve in a desperately needy part of the world, and that the Lord will be glorified through all they do.





Everyone goes through transitions in life, and ***we're now in a big transition as we prepare for a new chapter in our lives.***

Gloria has now served as a missionary in the Philippines for 23 years and Timothy for 8 years. This summer we will be returning to the States for **our final home assignment**, during which we will visit our supporting churches and individuals to share and to celebrate what God has done through our partnership together in the Philippines. Our home assignment will conclude at the end of February 2013,

at which time we will retire from full-time missionary service with WorldVenture and **transition into part-time service in the U.S. with WorldVenture's North Central Regional Team.**

As U.S. staff on special assignment we will assist with recruitment efforts as mission coaches to potential candidates, serve in the area of member care by helping missionary appointees prepare for living overseas, and foster church connections by doing mission training in local churches. The finer details of our role and our ongoing ministry support needs are still being worked out, but we're excited about the possibilities. We're also looking forward to being active in a local church and continuing to disciple the men and women the Lord puts in our lives. As a Vietnam veteran, Timothy has a strong desire to minister to those who have special needs as a result of their military experiences. He also hopes to do some pulpit supply.



While the future and the opportunities for continued ministry are exciting, we remain grounded in the present and **we are committed to finishing this season well.** Right now we are as busy or busier than we've ever been and the challenges are great. But it is so exciting to see how God is working, and we sense that these final months on the field will be more productive than any other time in our lives. We want to thank you for your partnership over the years, and ask that you continue in partnership with us as we prepare to pass the baton here in Mindanao. Our deepest desire is that when we step aboard that plane in Manila on July 2nd, we will leave behind fruit that will remain—fruit that will multiply and produce **a great harvest.** Above all, we pray that the lives we've had the opportunity to touch will grow deep in their faith and will impact the world around them with the hope and the transforming grace and power of the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **PRIORITY PRAYER REQUESTS FOR TIMOTHY & GLORIA**

- **This is a challenging and demanding time as we pass the baton of leadership.** Pray that we will have wisdom, strength, and health and that this transition will go smoothly as we transfer ministry responsibilities.
- Pray that we will communicate the mission, vision, and core values of Hope Mountain clearly and effectively to those taking over leadership to carry this ministry forward. **Hope Mountain has tremendous potential to greatly impact Mindanao with the Good News of Jesus Christ and His transforming power.**
- **Pray that our financial support base will remain constant until we retire.** Our retirement is not effective until March 1, 2013, so we have a year of service yet ahead of us. Therefore, we will need resources to live and to minister effectively for the next year. We will also have the many expenses associated with moving back to the United States. Already some of our support has been dropped or reduced because of our approaching retirement. **After March 1, 2013, we will still require some support to fund our ongoing part-time ministry with WorldVenture.**
- **Pray for our Hope Mountain staff and board during this time of transition.** Pray especially for Mike Miguel as he takes over as Manager after the Annual Corporate Board Meeting March 24.

**We want to express our sincere appreciation for each of you as members of our ministry team. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support for many years. Partnering with us has resulted in many transformed lives!**  
**Love in Christ, *Timothy & Gloria***

