

Prayer Concerns

Please pray for:

- Home schooling of our children.
- New believers being disciplined.
- Outreach Bible Studies in Sto. Domingo.
- Our friends who need to trust in Christ or obey Him in baptism.
- More support for training and spiritual growth seminars.
- Central Luzon Church Planter Training - April 4-8.
- BMAP National Youth Camp - April 4-8.
- Bicol Youth Camp - April 19-22.
- VBS - April 25-29

Getting Ready for Furlough? - by Wade Allen

As I sit and ponder where to begin, I am ever aware of the clock sitting on my desk telling me I only have a few hours before I leave for Church Planter Training in Manila. Early tomorrow morning we will drive 12 hours to take part in the Central Luzon Church Planter Training.

The Manila metropolitan area is home to more than 20 million people, and is expected to grow to more than 25 million in the next ten years. We currently have only one established

church in this thriving metropolis... but God is at work in Central Missionary Baptist Church! Under the leadership of Pastor Othelo Caceres, this church is reaching out into many parts of Metro Manila with outreach Bible study centers. It is our prayer to establish these mission points into self-supporting, self-governing, self-reproducing churches. Please join us in this prayer!

This is only one of the areas that we have been privileged to work with in our first term here in the Philippines. As I evaluate our progress, I feel as if I can see both sides of the

(Continued on page 2)



Living in Legazpi - by Joanna Allen

Caleb's 4th Birthday was March 2nd. We took a family day and went to lunch together at Small Talk Café, which was Caleb's choice. After lunch we went to the zoo and then spent a few hours at the beach, flying our kite and looking for crabs. The weather was perfect which made for a wonderful day!

We ended our AWANA year on Sunday, March 6th with regular club followed by an Awards Ceremony. The clubbers received several awards including new Bibles for everyone. Also, we had two clubbers who completed

their entire handbook and one who was awarded for perfect attendance for the year.

We've had a busy month of homeschooling in March and gotten a lot accomplished. However, I was reminded the other day how much we have still to learn when Caleb informed us during dinner that he had 23 fingers and toes!

We had an extra special blessing of having our first Baby Dedication service on March 13th for Kirby Duran. We also had the privilege that day of having Kirby's grandparents attend the service.

Caleb had the experience this month of his first visit to the dentist! He got a good report for his check-up and asked the next day if he could go back again!



We had a wonderful Easter Sunday. After spending several months studying

the Gospel of John during our Bible study time, we watched the movie on Easter Sunday. It was exciting to see the things we have been studying come to "life" in everyone's eyes as we watched.

We started a new format of Sunday School this month. We divided the children up into three groups, according to age. Rucel is teaching the younger group, Eric and Ellen are working with the middle group and Nueca and I are working with the older ones. The kids really seem to be enjoying the new format and we have seen new visitors each week!

PO Box 249
Legazpi City, Albay 4500
Republic of the Philippines
Phone: 63-52-481-3216
Cell: 63-919-553-0743
E-mail: wade@filipinomissions.org

Our Vision

In seeking God's direction, we believe that He has given us a vision to . . .

- Plant churches among un-reached peoples of the Philippines.
- Equip those churches to plant new churches.
- Encourage them to work together to reach out with the gospel beyond their national boundaries.
- Network together with other BMA fields in Asia to carry the gospel throughout Southeast Asia and the South Pacific..

To receive this newsletter monthly
by email, contact us online:

www.filipinomissions.org

Getting Ready for Furlough (Cont'd from p. 1)

coin at the same time. On one side, I see the success stories of people coming to know Christ and obeying Him in their lives—either as a direct result of our ministry here in Legazpi, or as a result of our training in other areas of the country. But on the other side of the coin, I see how much there is still to do! I see thousands of people everyday who still do not know the “mystery” that is the good news of Jesus Christ.

As we evaluate our progress and estimate our future, there is one thing that I know more certainly today than I have ever known before—“without me [Jesus said] ye can do nothing.” (John 15:5)



We are very excited about the opportunity to go back to the US to see many of you and spend time renewing old friendships and making new ones. We plan to begin our six month furlough in September of this year. We have already begun scheduling appointments and look forward to meeting with you

and your church family.

You may be wondering why I am even mentioning our furlough now since it is still many months away. We really need your prayers as we are preparing for our furlough! Preparing to leave your home for a six month period is a daunting task, to say the least. But preparing to leave a fledgling congregation for six months is in many ways even more frightening.

At this time, we have a faithful core group who is willing to serve as God leads. I thank God for these people! We also have several who have trusted in Christ and are beginning to grow in Him. I thank God for preserving the fruit of their salvation! I ask you now to pray for our church planting ministry for the next few months leading up to our furlough. Please pray that God will establish His church in this place!

“Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, but now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith: to God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever.” (Romans 16:25-27)