



Paul & Debbie Howells - Philippines

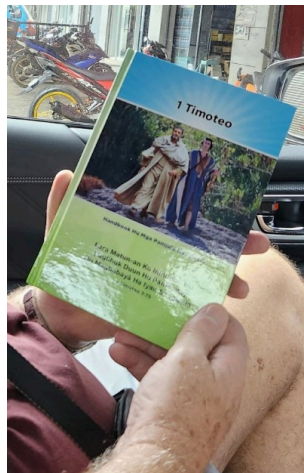
Our Dear Co-Workers in Jesus,

What an incredibly amazing Savior we have. He came and paid the ultimate price so we could be saved. Each of us at times feels weak and insufficient but the good news is that God says that "His strength is made perfect in weakness." That is the VERY good news!!!! Even when we fail and mess up - He makes all things beautiful.

God flips everything upside down, when we are first we are last, when we are poor we are rich and when we are weak we are strong. He takes the foolish things of this world to confound the wise.

Today I can say that I feel like - "My Cup is Running Over". Things are going full steam ahead and I can't get enough. Lord I want more!! — I want You to be glorified more and more in what You are doing here in these mountains that are experiencing Your blessing.

We have been home here in the Philippines for 6 weeks now and things are happening too quickly for us to fathom - here is a list of the highlights.



#### **Commentaries**

Our teaching commentary on 1 Timothy is now complete. The printer made up the initial copy and we checked it in the car and then gave him the go ahead to print another 80 copies. We are tremendously pleased with it. This book is in the Talaandig language and next month we will give them the same material but in the Cebuano language and have another 80 copies printed.

This material is also up on the web for the Talaandig and Cebuano people to use - video format, study guides, powerpoints, teaching aids etc. They use this material a lot as a study tool to help them prepare their sermons as there is not many materials available over here for them to use.

We will continue on with our Revelation commentary now but it will take us a while :- ) God will help us to get it done.



#### **Higaonon New Testament**

As you know we were able to complete and publish the Talaandig New Testament in about 2020, in the middle of covid. God in His grace has now allowed us to also finish the Higaonon New Testament. At least it will be completed this week.

Debbie is the mover and shaker in our family for translation so here she is doing the final check, reading through it with C'Jun and Aysa.



### **Lapoc Meeting House #2**

We asked the Lord for a building so we could have conferences simultaneously in 2 different languages - same location just a different building. Well the building will get a roof before the end of the month. It will seat close to 400 people. Our current church building seats over 1,000. So we will have big conferences - a Mens' conference, a Ladies' conferences and a Youth conference each year.

1,000's will attend and be blessed.



### **Lantud - 3 School Rooms**

In the midst of the above we have been constructing 3 school rooms in the village of Lantud. Within a month they should be totally completed. Grade 7,8 and 9 will be established in these rooms. The population of the kids is a mixture - Higaonon, Cebuano and Muslim. Some of the kids are being taught Arabic so they can read the Koran. The Department of Education is wanting us to teach about Jesus to all of the kids in this school. We have a VERY good reputation with the government and they love us teaching the Word in their schools - and there are no restrictions. All up we teach somewhere in the vicinity of 10,000 kids each week. The Lantud school will be added to the teaching schedule of our scripture teachers who are mainly women. We have about 100 women teaching God's Word each week. These days they even teach the women prisoners in the City Jail. Doesn't God's Word say He came to set the prisoner free?



### **Limonsodan Church Building**

We have been having a pretty BIG harvest in the Lantud/Limonsodan area. Many have come to the Lord. We have a meeting house in Lantud and are currently building this one in Limonsodan. It should be finished in March.

### **Icing On the Cake**

Deb and I (and Ducky) went the opening of a brand new church in Tingalan - I preached at this opening and there are about 50 believers in that village now who will meet in this building.

On Feb 28 we will also go and open a new church building in Sinakabog.

There are a few other church buildings currently under construction but this letter is getting long.

So you can probably see now why I am pretty pumped today and feeling like my cup is running over and oil is dripping down my beard (even though I don't have one). Our God is so Good and so Powerful and so Faithful.

Oh, something else to add — all of these building projects are fully funded. God paid the tab through the faithful giving of His children towards the work here. To Him be the glory!!

We send each of you our love. We are in Lapoc and it starting to cool down for the night here. Tomorrow morning we will see that His mercies are new once again.

Love, Paul and Debbie