



Our Dear Co-workers in Christ,

We send each of you our love today and have lots of exciting news to share. It is going to be quite a long update so I hope you can read through it and jot down points so you can pray with us.

Debbie just returned from a 5 day trip to the Philippines where she attended the annual Women's Conference in Lapoc along with my sister Liz. Debbie was one of the six speakers (all women from our own churches). They had an absolutely wonderful time and God was greatly glorified as these six shared the Word, focusing on the topic of "Growing In LOVE".

It was the first time we trialed our new church building that God has provided for the Talaandig, Higaonon and Cebuano churches. Each of the six speakers gave their message from the Word in two different languages as we have churches who speak only Bisayà or only Talaandig. Hence the 2 church buildings at Lapoc are both needed in order to accomodate this. Praise and worship and breaking bread takes place in our larger building that seats 1,000 or so, and then the group divides into each language group. One group studies the Word in our first building which has been there for about 22 years, and the second group studies the Word in the new building that has just been opened. The new building is amazing and the division of the group into two for the Bible teaching worked really really well - Thank You Lord.

There were a couple of glitches discovered during the conference which we still need to work out. We need to purchase a larger generator that we can use during the frequent blackouts that we experience in Lapoc. Our old water tank needs to be replaced and different conflicts with sound systems in the 2 different buildings need a bit more work. But overall we are so pleased and so thankful to the Lord for these facilities. I will put a couple of pictures below.



God's Tremendous Provision - A new building that seats 400+ people. State of the art and beautiful. To Him be the glory! There are covered walkways between the buildings and lots of light.



Debbie sharing from God's powerful Word. She delighted in sharing truths about God's amazing love from 1 John 4:7-21 and spoke for over an hour in both sessions, using Talaandig in one session and Bisaya in the second session.



All up there were about 600 women and for 3 days, they praised and fellowshiped and drank in the Word and encouraged one another and shared wonderful meals. One of Debbie's favourite mornings was the 6 am worship for one hour here in this wide stretch of green outside the church, listening to 600 voices raised together in songs of praise and worship to our God!

Health Checks and our Mums and Jubab

As we mentioned in our last update we came here to Perth in late July. Our ministries have continued pretty much as normal because our main task is producing commentaries on the NT books + we have extensive contact almost every day with the many teams that are laboring in all of the different regions where we are ministering. So a lot of our work now is done from one of our offices. We have 3 different offices we can work from - Lapoc, Cagayan and Perth.

While home we have spent a lot of beautiful times with our Mums and we have also been able to see Jubab fairly regularly.

We have spent some time getting a few health concerns looked into. Debbie's blood pressure suddenly got high about two months or so ago, and she has been experiencing some chest pain for a

few months. She has had an ECG and some blood work done and all the tests have come back clear so far. She sees a Cardiologist on Sept. 11 and he will no doubt order more tests to rule out anything sinister. So far the doctors we have seen feel that her condition has been caused by elevated stress. She has not been too concerned about it but is getting it checked anyway. Please pray with us about this and pray that Lord willing, we can head back to the Philippines towards the end of this month (September).

I (Paul) have had a lot of Chiropractor visits and my lower back is doing much better now. For the past year or so I have had quite severe pain in my lower back, especially in the few hours after I get out of bed. So now basically no pain. I have also had Cortisone shots in both of my shoulders and that has gotten rid of pain in those joints.

We thank the Lord for the medical help we have gotten and we are excited to get back to the Philippines. It may be mid-next year before we make another trip back here to Perth, but the Lord will direct our steps. Anyway, we work just as well from Perth as what we do from the Philippines.

Spread of the Gospel and Church Planting.

Our track record at the moment is that we are planting 2-3 churches a year. This progress gives Deb and I great joy and also hugely encourages all of our men and women in ministry. One of our major pushes is training new workers. Most of our good Bible teachers have quite a few trainees each.

Limunsudan and Lantud have been a major area that we have labored in over the past several years. At one stage we had 49 separate home churches in these areas but now we are gathering most of these groups to meet in our Lantud and Limunsudan Church buildings.

We have a missionary family currently in Training - C'Jun and Mara Daguig. Probably at the end of this year will send them to live and work in Limunsudan where they will continue to lead the church in evangelism and more importantly train more workers in that area.

Migpait - in this village we have a very small church and most people live along the top of a ridge and going down from this ridge is a steep incline on either side, so there is not much land available to build on. But last June we were able to purchase an old dilapidated house and our plans are to demolish this house so we can use the land and to build a new church building there. The Lapoc and Dulangan region elders have met and we are going to assign quite a few Bible teachers to this area (maybe 6-8) and our strategy will be to teach people in their homes and then gather them into the central church building as they become believers. This is the same model that we used in Lantud and Limunsudan. So please pray for us as we put a huge amount of man power into this area. Maybe it is better called "God power" but through His children/servants.

Gilang-gilang - This is an area that has been reached by the Man-ai evangelists, and there are quite a few of them. Anyway we have built a small building in Gilang-gilang for the fledgling church there.



Construction

It never ends. We would never have believed it when we came to the field back in 1987 that we would construct so many buildings - churches, houses for missionaries, schools etc. etc. I am just so thankful for my Filipino co-workers in all this construction. In particular Ronie who has labored side by side with me since 1999.

Much Love in our Lord Jesus,
Paul and Deb

Prayer Points:

-For our return Lord willing to the Philippines the end of this month and for goodbyes which never get easy.

-For Deb on Sept 11th as she sees a Cardiologist.

-Pray for Jubab - that God will strive with him and have a win in his mind. That he might know Christ and the greatness of His power and compassion.

-Pray for the building project coming up in Migpait and for open hearts in this community as we begin a HUGE outreach effort here this month.

-Pray for the printing of the Higaonon New Testament, currently still being type-set at the Philippine Bible Society in Manila.