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SABADO FAMILY NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST 2008

DOORKNOCKING ACTIVITIES

I had the privilege, together with Gift Apolinaria, a student of Leyte Christian College (LCC), to join the two days (Saturday & Sunday) of the six-day door knocking campaign held in the town of Baybay last July 5-10. We could not join the whole duration of the campaign because of our Bible class in Tacloban. This big joint door knocking campaign was participated by 30 U.S. brethren (mostly young people) from Sugar Grove Church of Christ in Houston, Texas, 6 Bible College students from Cebu, and two from LCC. This joint Filipino-American activity has been coordinated by Richard Emperado, a Filipino missionary, for three years now. Door knocking from house to house was done during daytime and an evangelistic seminar was held at night with Ken Wilkey. The doorknocking went very successful as well as the seminar that drew a big crowd on the first night. Baybay, which is a three-hour drive from Tacloban, is a very promising town in terms of the people's receptivity to the gospel. Recent church planting and door knocking activities held in this area have resulted in the establishment of a small congregation that meets in a church building of their own.



The first attempt of the LCC preaching school to engage in evangelism as part of their training program was undertaken last July 12 in Cangumbang, Palo, Leyte. This doorknocking was joined not only by the students and faculty of the school but also by several young people of the Tacloban church. Palo is a neighboring town of Tacloban and comprises a very huge population of Leyte Island. The doorknocking was made at the request of visitors Jerry and Ida Cob who are attending church in Jacksonville, Florida. Ida is a native of Palo and most of her relatives reside in that area. My wife and I had the opportunity to have bible study with her 75-year old



mother. The Cob couple was so happy to have worshipped with the Tacloban church. Few years ago they were in Tacloban a couple of times and were not able to find the church. With about 25 of us knocking on every house and encouraging people to have home Bible study, mission was accomplished with 35 homes knocked and about 20 found interested. Follow-up is being made every Saturday in Palo. The LCC students are committed to go back to the village of Cangumbang with their teachers to conduct bible studies to those positive contacts. Hopefully, few months from now there will be a new Church of Christ in Palo.

LCC & PRESCHOOL UPDATES



they understand what they learn in the classroom. So far, the result was very satisfactory and the teachers were very glad that most of their pupils are doing well in the class. After the 3-day exam, the Preschool conducted a one-day feeding program in connection with the Nutrition Month celebration for July. Nutrition Month is implemented by the government so all schools within the country participate in this once-a-year occasion. The feeding service was not only for the kids enrolled in the school but also for the under nourished children in the community. Other activities included games, a devotional and a short program wherein the children presented a musical number related to nutrition. It was such an exhausting week for everybody but the smile on each face speaks of what's in their hearts – they were happy, content and were enjoying the fellowship.

The Preschool department has conducted its first periodical test to all nursery and kindergarten pupils. This one-on-one oral and written exam was carried out for three consecutive days last July 28-30. The aim of the test is to examine the development of the child's aptitude and learning skills and to make sure that



When we came to our country two months ago, we did not only transition to a reverse sleeping habit but to a different atmosphere as well. In the US, we have enjoyed all the comforts of home. Here in our country, most people are not only exposed to warm weather but also to the direct heat of the sun. Only few have private cars. Most public utility vehicles are not air-conditioned. Those who can't afford to pay the fare would just walk. Some establishments have poor air conditioning. The daily weather condition tends to be hot in the morning and gradual rain follows in the afternoon. We have encountered a lot of sick people, people having flu due to bad weather conditions. In fact, three LCC students were inflicted by a minor case of

boils. Then another student who was experiencing a severe cough took medication but ended up in the hospital due to overdose. He was so eager to get back to his normal health right away so that it would not interfere with his study. The doctor advised him to take longer rest and rehabilitation. The faculty was faced with no other option but to send him home. He was doing very well in his class but we did not want to put his health at risk. We knew that we are doing the best for him. Even our 2-year-old daughter Margarette was not spared from being sick for a couple of days. Cough and cold was very common with the nursery kids at the Small Beginnings Preschool. Sometimes illness is just a way of Satan's trick to lead us astray from God. We should always keep in mind that God is in the midst of trials and temptations.

It has been over a month since Leyte Christian College began its operation. The work that is undertaken by every one who is part in running the school has been quite challenging yet rewarding in its own way. As one of the faculty members, I am encouraged and delighted to see our students improving in their performances in all their classes. Although at the beginning they were struggling to do their home-works. They did not go through this kind of training before coming to LCC and they thought it is so easy to be the Bible students. Now they realize that becoming a gospel preacher is more challenging than they ever thought. In such a short time interacting with the students, whether in class or doorknocking/church related activities, I noticed that all their heart's desire is to share Jesus to people. And their tremendous interest to learn the Word of God brings great joy to our hearts.

Since Johnny is not here yet to teach and to help manage the school, the faculty would usually leave matters or decision-making in my hands. I know that by doing this alone, I will not be very effective. Two heads are better than one. Johnny's move to the Philippines has been delayed due to the medical condition of his wife, Robin. Through constant prayers, Robin is now doing well. Please, include the Eastep family in your prayers as they plan to move to the Philippines very soon.

Please continue to pray for our country, its leadership and the uprising of the Muslim rebels in the southern part of the Philippines. Our country is in a difficult situation right now. Despite what is happening, we still have hope that we will all be just fine because we know that God is watching over us.

We thank you for your continued prayers and financial support for our work in Project Philippines. Thank you so much to all our supporters who have become part of this rewarding mission that the Lord has given to all of us to accomplish.

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