

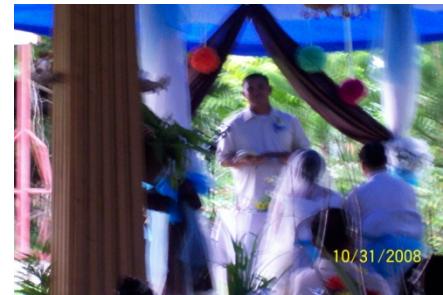
## The Project Philippines October - November Newsletter

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### LCC SEMESTRAL BREAK

My family and I are so glad to be back from our trip to Mindanao to visit my father and younger siblings. They were so happy to see our little girls although they were having difficulty in communicating with them as Alet and Margaret are still adjusting to our native language. It was our first time as a family to visit my hometown since we came home from the US. Alet was still an infant when we left our country and it was their first time to see Margaret who was born in the US. We were able to visit some relatives and I was sad to see my aunt lying sick in bed. I used to stay with them during my elementary and high school years. She is a member of the church and was instrumental in my conversion to Christ. Everything went well with our trip except that at some point we were afraid to be stranded in the ferry terminal because of the bad weather we have been experiencing since mid October. The rainy season has started and several typhoons have come and go since we arrived. Part of our trip to Mindanao was the wedding of my long-time preacher friend Jonahdee de la Cruz who used to work with the Tacloban church. He is a very



Jonahdee's wedding in Butuan City



Wedding at Mahalit

hardworking fellow and it was a great joy for me to give an encouraging message from the scriptures on his wedding day. I was supposed to be one of the officiating ministers on his wedding but having been out of the country for almost three years, I was not able to renew my license to solemnize marriages. Just a couple of months ago, I was also requested to officiate a wedding in the small town of Mahalit. I did the ceremony and message and another preacher signed the marriage contract.

The LCC right now is on its semestral break for two weeks. The students got the chance to go home and see their respective families. The Leyte Christian College ends its first semester following final exams last Oct. 24. Out of 17 students who enrolled, only 12 have survived to finish the semester. These guys were so happy to receive their report cards with grades. One student failed but only two of the classes and he will have to retake them. Three students topped the class with Renelee Gozon (95%) being the highest ranking student followed by Richard Sajonia (93%) and Rey Espaniola (91%). We expect them all to be back next semester. The second semester starts in November 10. But as early as September, we were already

receiving plenty of text messages from the brotherhood that there are many young brethren who are interested to be trained at LCC.

About the property, we hope to buy it within this year. We are still begging to the owner not to give it to others and to hold it for us for few months. We do appreciate so much the certain individuals and church who donated big amount of money for this property. Thank you so much to Norman & Libby Lowell, one unanimous generous couple, George & Cris Grounds, and the Southwest Church of Christ in Amarillo, TX. Thank God for your big help. We are very near to the maximum amount we need to be able to buy the 4.5 hectares (about 12 acres) property for the Leyte Christian College.

### **PRESCHOOL ACTIVITIES**



Math & Science Fair

Parents and children got the opportunity to showcase their creative talents during the Math & Science Fair celebration for the month of September. With the help and assistance from their parents, the pupils were asked to submit a project from indigenous and recycled materials. The teachers were so amazed at how such art project turn out a success. Parents and their children came up with beautiful creations from almost everything we could ever think of such as wall and hanging decorations, flower vase, handbags, etc. The teachers incorporated a quiz bee for the children during the program and our teammate Johnny Eastep was the guest speaker for the event.

In connection with the Children's Congress celebration for the month of October, the preschool department of LCC conducted a one-day field trip to the domestic airport of Tacloban City and to San Juanico Bridge which connects the islands of Leyte and Samar. Parents and teachers agreed that for a change, the activity be held outside the school premises. The children were so fascinated to see the real huge plane and to cross the longest bridge in Asia. The activity was culminated by a potluck lunch and a short program.



Educational Tour

### **LOCAL CHURCH UPDATES**

Several classes in our Sunday Bible classes are studying Christian Stewardship with the use of an old textbook written by Paul Tucker. We are happy to see Richel Ridaza, mother of a pupil at the preschool dept. of LCC, on Sunday mornings worshipping with us. She has been attending bible classes on Sundays for more than a couple of months now. Please include her in your prayers as she seems to show interest in studying the Bible. Also include in your prayers newly baptized Lourdes Puyat and Gina Puyat, a product of the church outreach in Tunga led by our teammate Reuel Belo. We praise the Lord for Aldous Andrade, an architectural student, who decided to be baptized after finishing half of 30-lesson Bible correspondence course.

Everybody is so excited for the two mothers in the church who are expecting a baby in December. Unfortunately, one of them has given birth prematurely. The baby boy was born to Maida de Jesus three months ahead of schedule. One week after birth when everybody thought all was fine, the baby died. The church led two nights of vigil to comfort Maida and her husband Tom. We continue to uplift them in prayers in our prayer meeting on Tuesday nights.

Lord willing, by the beginning of 2009, we will be appointing new elder and deacons. Under serious considerations by the local church is Jun Nacario for eldership and Reuel Belo and Jun Macale for deacons. We ask for your prayers for this significant matter that would benefit the church.