

PROJECT PHILIPPINES

Sabado Family Newsletter for September

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The container-van we have been waiting from the United States has finally arrived last August 28. Together with teammate Bobby Maur, I departed for Cebu to arrange the papers for the release of the container-van from the Philippine customs. Taking the container out of the Philippine customs wasn't fun. Notwithstanding the financial expenses, it took a lot of prayers and hard work to get the job done. We are so blessed to have Bobby Maur in our team; he did much effort to do all the paper works that the Philippine customs required us to do. This container was full of books, second hand computers, used clothings, teaching aids, school-related materials and personal things of the Eastep and Sabado Family. Thank you so much to all the individuals and

congregations who donated this entire stuff for the school. We also appreciate the effort of Johnny Eastep in sending the container van to the Philippines. The LCC students on the other hand have contributed much of their physical strength in unloading those heavy boxes of books from the container van and they have been a tremendous blessing to the school.

A week after we pulled out the container van from the port area, Johnny arrived in the Philippines. We all feel like the team is complete now. Some times it is difficult to communicate with other teammates through email and phone in regard to our Project. For the weeks that followed, Johnny had been busy



sorting out things in their new home to make it ready for his family. Two weeks after Johnny came, his wife Robin and son Nathan arrived safely in Cebu. It was such a happy reunion for the Eastep family. We thank the Lord for bringing them safe to the Philippine islands and making them wonderful instruments in the Lord's kingdom.

We are almost coming to the end of the first semester and the students are just so excited for this semester to be over. We can tell that these guys are tired already and need a break. The third week of August, which was intended for their research week, became a break week for them as most of them were able to go home to their respective families. Right after they came back, they had their first mid-term exam.



When we were still in the US, I told some of you that we already have a property. It was the time that Johnny was visiting the Philippines to get the place ready for our project. But few weeks later it was sold right away to other people. No wonder, it was a very cheap property. And we are sad about it. Well, Recently, Johnny and I scouted for a property for Project Philippines and we found the best one which is really suitable for the project. This property, which is 4.5 hectares, is

located between the towns of Palo and Santa Fe. It will cost 35,000 dollars to buy this property and the school got more than half of this amount. In behalf of Project Philippines, we are asking once again the generous hearts of all our supporters (congregations and individuals) if we could raise half of this amount through your special Sunday contribution.

A one day door knocking activity was conducted last Aug. 23 in the proper town of Tunga, Leyte by the Tacloban church and LCC students & faculty. A church was established in that area just recently. The church which has now about 30 members, meets every Sunday in the house of one of the brethren. A month after, that is on Sept. 27, a follow-up door knocking was done by the same group. This time the number of interested persons who wants to learn the word of God has increased and we praised God for that despite some car trouble that we



face along the way. It has happened several times that the vehicle we are using for door knocking and church activities would have a flat tire in the middle of the road.



The Philippines, as an archipelago of 7,107 islands, continues to fascinate people around the world with its 86 dialects (languages) nationwide. Our national language, which is called “Tagalog”, is very rich historically. The month of August is dedicated toward the importance of our common language. Thus, all schools nationwide conducted a culmination program for this event. The Small

Beginnings Christian Nursery & Preschool participated in this cause by conducting a very entertaining program where pupils were able to showcase the national symbols of the Philippines. The teachers and parents also presented songs of patriotism. We support this kind of program by the government since nowadays most of our young students either have less regard for our national flag or they take for granted what our national heroes have died for our country.



While the Eastep family is starting to get used to the hot weather in the Philippines, we are enjoying the comforts of our new home. We have recently moved to an apartment in a very convenient location. The house we rented for three months has a history of being ransacked by burglars as told by neighbors. In fact, the house has undergone several repairs due to house burglary which is very prevalent in that neighborhood. We have a lot of books and stuffs for the school that are temporarily stored in the spare room of our apartment. We thanked God that we found one which is not only secure from theft or burglary but also closer to the Small Beginnings Preschool where our daughter Alet is attending. Nowadays it is difficult to find a place to reside in our country. We are just so thankful for the LCC students who have helped us with our move. They have been useful in their own special way.

To all our supporters, God has used you in a magnificent and unique way so that through your partnership with us, we can work together for the glory of God. Thank you very much for your continued support and prayers for the work entrusted to us by the Lord.