



Mission Report

AWA Palawan Mission Project

The Wilkerson Family



Saw Mill Church Visitations

A Tale of Two Churches

Our Philippine Project supports two churches: Sagpangan Church, located in the barangay where we live and Saw Mill Church, located off-the-grid in a remote area about six miles away traveling a hard top, then a dusty, bumpy and make-shift road. As a team, we minister to these two churches. The Espinosas mainly serve the Sagpangan Church and we serve the Saw Mill Church. We switch during the last Sabbath of the month.

Sagpangan is mostly attended by children of 25-50 weekly. Saw Mill is attended by 4-5 families with their extended relatives. When we began leading out in Saw Mill the church



Sagpangan Kids

matriarch told us that we are the answer to her prayers. She said she has prayed that there would be someone to deliver the message every Sabbath.

On Sabbaths we spend the whole day at Saw Mill. We start with Sabbath School, then Worship Service. We have fellowship meal then AYS. Last Sabbath, we visited one of the neighbors after lunch. Amazingly, it was a timely visitation. The lady of

the house was preparing to depart the next day-- a long journey to visit her daughter: one-hour bus ride to Puerto, a 24-hour boat ride to Manila, then an 8-hour bus ride to her hometown in Luzon. She asked for prayer that she and her daughter could have traveling mercies during their trip to the North then back home again in 2 weeks. She was tearfully happy for our visit where we sang songs together, shared the story of the prodigal son and prayed.

A Lesson in Patience

When we arrived, we believed we were at the end stages of the construction of the AWA airstrip and thus would be flying soon. As we peeled back the onion, we discovered more layers of work to be done. There were culverts to install and much more surface preparation than anticipated to include backfilling dirt and grading to ensure the different surface areas are prepared for Civil Aviation Authority inspection. In God's mercy, we are learning one day at a time to have more patience and a richer prayer life. God is indeed good. The Philippine Project is multi-faceted with so many opportunities to serve.



Timber!



Night Time Burning



Pathway for Water to Go



Day Time Burning



Airstrip in Progress

Our Children Thank You!

*Thank you
for the Bubbles!*



Thank you to all of you for your regular support for the AWA Philippines Project. Some have sent balikbayan boxes full of goodies for the children

in our community. Each Sabbath, the children work on arts and crafts and sometimes even have bubbles as prizes for knowing their memory verses. Nearly every Sunday we take a group of children to the beach where they enjoy just being kids. Prior to AWA's interest in mentoring the children, some of them had never seen the beach, much less knowing how to swim - albeit living on an island surrounded by water!



Friendly Neighbors

Animal Corner

Sadly, our Guyanese cat, Scotia, passed away last month. She was attacked by three stray dogs. We are saddened with this loss, but her sweet memory will remain. Here in Sagpangan we have acquired lots of animals; a rooster, two chickens, seven chicks, a cat named King Louie and two dogs, Panda and Sophie. Espinosa's carabao with her baby also come to the "base" to graze. Among all these wonderful creatures, Sophie has proven to be the most loyal for she watches over us every single night.



Mom and Baby Carabao

We have unwelcomed guests as well, such as a family of monitor lizards and more. One morning while walking the airstrip, Panda, Sophie and Edgar's dog MeowZu began circling a tall grassy area and barking crazily. About three feet away was a hissing black cobra, ready to attack. Edgar and Bruce and two others who heard the commotion eventually killed the cobra. What a blessing to have pets who can provide companionship and forewarn of impending danger.

Nathanael, Student Missionary

Praise the Lord for young people who want to experience God in foreign missions. Eighteen-year old Nathanael arrived on January 14 with the ink still wet on his new private pilot license. He arrived in time to join us during our 10-days of Prayer nightly sessions. He is living on his own for the first time, in a kubo and being mentored by the AWA team. Please join us as we pray that Nathanael will follow God's leading throughout his life.



Nathanael Weed-Eating

Scripture for the Month

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full."

— John 10:10

What a wonderful God we serve who wants us to have an abundant life!



10 Days of Prayer



PRAYER REQUEST:

That the Civil Aviation Authority of Philippines will grant our airstrip Permission To Operate



PROJECT NEEDS:

We need project managers, pilots and mechanics to join the AWA Team worldwide.



Your AWA Mission Family
stationed at the
Palawan Mission Project:
Bruce and Monique Wilkerson