



## *The Espinosa Family*



*“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us” (Ephesians 3:20).*

It is SO amazing to see how God works in everyone’s lives. He is not a cookie-cutter God, but works in each of our lives differently, for that specific moment, for a specific reason. Ultimately, that reason is to draw us, and others closer to Him.

AWA owns 28 hectares (69 acres) of land here in the Philippines. Over most of that land, a thick grass grows, that reaches up past your waist. It sends runners out in all directions,



seizing any bare land available to lay roots down and grow more grass. When it is young, the water buffalo sumptuously dine on it, but even they can’t eat it fast enough before it grows too mature to eat.

Here, we call it “Fire Grass”. That is because in the dry season, when we may not see a drop of rain for 4-6 months, the tiniest spark will set it ablaze. This can be VERY dangerous with the usual winds that blow and can quickly burn down



bamboo huts, and trap the water buffalo that are tied down. It would be impossible to clear 69 acres of land by hand, using only machetes and hoes. For years we have prayed for a tractor with a mower that we can clear the land with. It would protect not only AWA's property, but the village that runs up against the property. For years we had no answer to our prayers...

BUT, God is good! With all the fires that we have had nothing was ever seriously damaged, although there were some close calls and very stressful, dangerous moments.

Then, last year, an amazing couple decided they wanted to help us out. They purchased a tractor for the project! It was carefully loaded into the container with the airplane and arrived here safely.

We were also able to get a post-digger, front loader, and lawnmower for the tractor. We have MANY fence posts around the property that

need to be replaced and we are very excited that we now don't have to dig all those holes by hand!

God is good—all the time! While He didn't answer our prayers right away, He protected us from the fires. Then in the perfect time, He gave us what we needed.

You can help with the needs of the Philippines Mission Base also. Your kind prayers and generous donations provide the means for us to continue serving those here in need.

Thank you for being a part of the AWA Philippines project!

*God bless you!*

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