



The Espinosa Family



We have waited SO many years for a plane, and we just took one giant step to being closer to that being a reality!

A team of aircraft mechanics and pilots came from the States to assemble the plane that has waited so patiently in the container after being shipped over the ocean to our island.

The mechanics gathered each day to work on the plane, reassembling it piece-by-piece with much patience. Meanwhile those who weren't working on the plane also went to work, but in the village. They started by opening several balikbayan boxes that had been sent from loving donors. It's always exciting to see what is sent from the US and Canada. The workers sorted out the clothes by sizes, and made piles of shoes, books, school bags and school supplies.

Then they packed the items into a suitcase and bags and started walking down the dusty road toward the village. They went home to home, passing out much-needed items and praying with the people at each stop. The people receiving the gifts were SO happy for the blessing. Every day the mission workers walked the dusty road to the village with things to share. One day, they needed to go farther out to another village and so they asked Von, my son, to drive them in the tricycle. When they arrived, all the children dashed away from them and hid! Usually, the children eagerly wave and are excited by foreigners arriving with gifts. Raylene, my wife, asked the parents why the children were running and hiding and they explained that a health worker had just come and gave the children vaccine shots. They were afraid that they were there to give them all a 2nd round of immunizations!

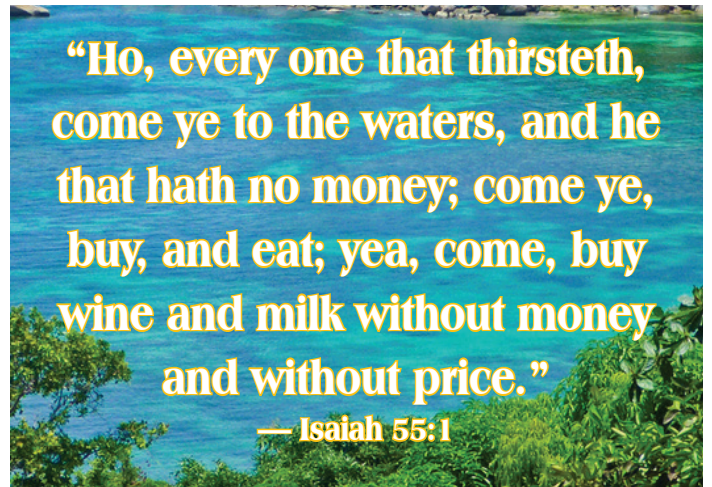


Some of the parents were also shy to approach them, because they thought they were selling the items and they knew they could never afford such nice things. The items sent from overseas are good quality and much appreciated. They were overjoyed to find that all items were free gifts! And to think that the King of the Universe also offers something much more valuable for free....Grace. Sadly many are too afraid to approach Him, even when He calls them to come.

We are very thankful to all those who have given so generously by sending boxes. It's little things like this that add up for the kingdom. We have waited long for that kingdom, but we are a team, everyone at AWA working together with those of you who donate, and we who are here working directly with the people. Please continue to pray and support the work here in the Philippines. Thank you!

God bless you!

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