



Who Am I?

Many people do not know who they are or why they exist. They often try all sorts of philosophies, treatments, religions and drugs or stimulants to find themselves or to answer the question of who they are and the purpose of their lives.

In Psalms 8:4 King David asked the question, “*What is man, that thou art mindful of him?*” When he considered the magnitude of God and the incredible wonder of His creation, the king of Israel could not fathom the answer to:

*Who am I, that the Lord of all the earth
Would care to know my name,
Would care to feel my hurt?*

Throughout the ages people have asked the same question of “Who am I?”

A small group of Sagpangan youth often visit us on Sunday afternoons for casual conversation after their Bible study with Brother Edgar and Sister Raylene. Sometimes, the conversation is light-hearted and other times it is deep and probing. One Sunday in August, eight Tagbanwa youth approached Monique after Bible study and asked if she could teach them an English song. You see, in school, children are taught English,

however, they do not get much opportunity to exercise their conversational English skills. Monique selected the hit piece from Casting Crowns, “*Who Am I*” since it answers the question most prevalent in their young minds

Monique asked them to memorize their parts and rehearse at home. As a result, their younger siblings have learned the song as well! They practiced diligently for three weeks for a special Sabbath service where they could share their praises to God in voice and song. God is good all the time and all the time God is good. Their performance was powerful and impacted the congregation in a mighty way. There were several watery eyes that Sabbath morning from singers and audience alike as the Holy Spirit penetrated hearts and minds as the words were sung:

*Not because of who I am
But because of what You’ve done
Not because of what I’ve done
But because of who You are*

The following Sunday, all of them stated that they would very much like to sing more songs in church in the future. Please pray for our youth that the songs they sing, and the Bible studies will lead them each to make a decision for Christ and prayerfully, in God’s time, the rest of their families also. To God be the Glory!




The Gift of Chickens

Our time in Palawan has afforded us the opportunity to raise chickens. We’ve learned that raising chickens take a lot of time, energy and care which our busy lives cannot currently afford.

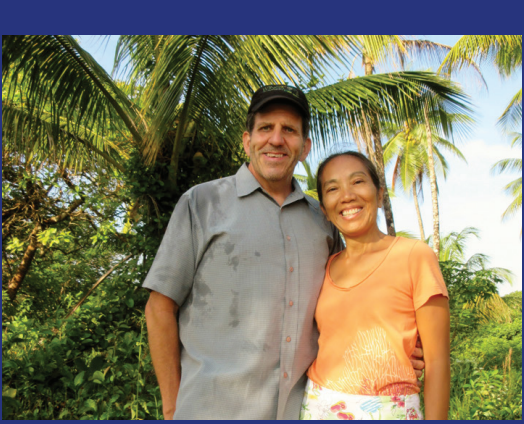
Thus, Monique and I decided to gift all ten of our remaining free-range chickens. Monique asked two adult local men who struggled to catch the alpha rooster and one of the hens so we could give them away to a young girl in Mangingisda. Due to the lockdown occurring in the city of Puerto, her parents decided to move out of the city into the baranggay to allow the children more freedom to play outdoors. GL, the eldest is smart and witty and I was very impressed with her. So, Monique and I decided to challenge her with the minding of a rooster and a hen. The whole family was grateful for the blessing and opportunity to start a chicken farm. Prayerfully, this would be a wonderful experience for GL.

After the youth’s performance of “Who Am I” we asked them if they would like to raise a chicken they can claim as their own. Some of the youths’ families have chickens but none can claim one as their very own. They eagerly said yes, and they came by that same night to catch them. We cautioned them that the chickens are wild, being free range of a large acreage and thus catching them would be a difficult feat. The youth seemed confident and came back three hours later when the chickens were tucked safely in their coop for the night. The youngest and smallest youth, Justin walked into the hen house while the others lined up behind the door ensuring it was shut. Justin proceeded to reach up and pluck each chicken and the remaining rooster from their perch and hand the bird out the door to a waiting youth. In literally less than 5 minutes all 5 young chickens, a hen and a rooster were safely tucked in the arms of a youth! Amazing how God can work mighty things through our youth. The youth were happy with their new pets and eagerly sang and talked, each with a chicken in their possession as they walked into the black of night.

“What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?”
— Psalms 8:4

 **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- God will lead in all facets of the AWA land acquisition and transfer process as the evil one steps up his attacks when we make progress. Help us to heed His small still voice as He leads us in the right decisions.
- Individual or family being led to serve in Palawan. Conversational Tagalog or willing to acquire conversational Tagalog abilities is a requirement.



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