



“HmMMM...” My brain was hard at work. I had been instructed by my manager, Bruce Wilkerson, Philippines Project Manager, to build a gate for where the hanger will be. Right now, there are a couple of storage containers providing a bit of shelter for the plane, but without a strong gate, the airplane just isn’t safe. It was now time to make it more secure.

Our village seems peaceful and quiet, but there are actually several dangers that could easily cause harm to the plane; malicious people who are not happy that we are here, thieves trying to find items to sell, kids just wanting something to play on and around,

and carabao (water buffalo) that would find it a good scratching post, which could wreck havoc on it within minutes without batting an eye.

Yes, it was time to build a good, strong gate. But how? It needed to be strong, yet lightweight. And, in what shape so that the plane could easily get in and out without getting hit. In the end, we decided to make it an accordion-style gate, with 2 folds on each side. Each side being 12.3 feet long.

The next challenge was WHERE to build and weld it? We don’t have any covered space that is that big, and right now it is the rainy season.



When it rains here, it POURS! Many times, when it rains, the power goes out because a tree limb or something has fallen on a line. Whenever there is lightening, the power company, just down the road, cuts off the power in fear of being struck by lightening. Recently, the power was off for two full days as they repaired broken lines! So, as you can see, we are many, many times without power, and you need power to weld....and a dry place to do it.

God is good and I was finally able to complete the task, but now it needs to be installed. I need some more MIG wire, which is only available in one store on our island, and often they run out. It will be completed with God's help and in the right time and we trust and pray for Him to supply our needs.

Another project that we have been involved in is the church. A couple of years ago, a team from Canada came to start building the church. The progress continues, and it's exciting as it's looking more and more like a house of worship - instead of piles of sand and block. It is a slow progress, as we have to rely heavily on work bees when we are able to come together. Most days there is so much to do that there is little free time. It is looking beautiful and we are excited to have a good place to worship.

Before Sabbath the other week, someone broke into the church and stole 4 bags of cement and a

shovel, and a few other things. We were very sad. We later had a church work bee (*here we call it a bayanihan*) to repair the damage of the thieves and to work on building a bamboo fence.

God has given us the gifts of this church and the plane. It is our duty to keep them safe. Please continue to pray for us. The work is difficult with limited resources, but we are grateful for all those who help. Thank you for blessing us with your prayers and support so that we can continue to do God's work here.

God bless you!

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