



## God Never Fails

Sabbaths at the Saw Mill Church is always eventful. This Sabbath was no exception. After church we drove the Nissan Frontier through a thick forest pathway to reach Anselmo's jungle farm. When we finally reached his place we admired the tranquility and serenity of the area and the beautiful kubo he built for his wife and six children! We shared our sandwiches and they shared their noodles with sardines. We had a wonderful lunch; breaking bread together and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Staying with Anselmo's family was Normalita, his wife Arlita's niece. Normalita is a frail 9-year old who recently underwent gastrointestinal bypass surgery in Manila. Sadly, the family exhausted funds needed to complete the surgery and returned to their province of Palawan. Little Normalita is a regular kid who carries a colostomy bag. We were asked if we could help

with her surgery to give her a somewhat normal childhood. We replied that we would try to garner support for sponsorship of the surgery.

After our pleasant fellowship and with sunset almost upon us, we began to say our goodbyes when Anselmo and Arlita shared with us a large bag of tomatoes, okra and eggplant—the crops that they produce at their farm. We were so touched by their generosity and hospitality from such humble lives. We said our goodbyes and started driving away when about 600 feet later, we heard a POP! We had a serious flat tire... deep in the forest... nearing sunset. Anselmo's family came and prayed with us and then Bruce and Anselmo began the difficult process of changing the tire in the middle of the forest without the proper tools and equipment. Note to self, check equipment before departing on unknown adventures. God never fails though. We were able to improvise a method to jack up the front of the truck and install the spare minutes before sunset.



## A Win-Win Situation

The red tape and work converting the airstrip’s agricultural land to non-agricultural land is a grueling process. Most of the work is conducted in the city of Puerto Princesa, an hour’s drive from our base in Sagpangan. In order to keep the momentum going, when we complete one task we urgently go on to the next. It consumes much time traveling; waiting and more waiting. But our God is so good and knows our every need. He connects His children together and solves varying problems simultaneously.

We met Betchie one Sabbath when we visited the Napsan Church. Foremost, she was very friendly, articulate, helpful and a smart college graduate. One day, while Bruce and I were having lunch, we thought of Betchie as perhaps someone we could mentor to assist with the numerous land transactions since she lives with her sister in the city of Puerto. During the pandemic, her prospective job at a prominent airline is on hold; thus she waits in limbo unemployed. We prayed and decided to explore her interest in service with AWA. The proposition promised to be a win-win for her and AWA. Fast forward - Betchie spent ten days with us in Sagpangan allowing us to learn more about her while assessing her skills and talents. We are happy to announce that Betchie is now a member of our Palawan Project where she serves in an intermittent status; as needed. Monique is currently mentoring Betchie to take on many of the real estate transactions needed to support the government official’s approval of our airbase operations.

“God never fails anyone. It is He who called you to belong to His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”  
— 1 Corinthians 1:9

 **PROJECT NEEDS:**  
Complete a security fence around the aircraft and mission house.

 **PRAYER REQUEST:**  
Pandemic to be solved so AWA foreign missionaries can move forward in their assigned mission fields.

  
**Your AWA Mission Family stationed at the Palawan Mission Project:  
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