

Philippines-Palawan Mission Project Update



Ultimate Goal, by Edgar

"Oh, we are the Pathfinders strong..." As the song filled the church, my heart overflowed with happiness knowing that 20 young people were being invested. I was also proud of my son, Von, who was among those invested as a Master Guide.

One early morning, Von and Earyl geared up for our last training, the 84 kilometers long-distance hike. We hiked uphill, crossing the mountainous terrain, and reached a village on top of the moutnain. Our hike was not without a purpose—it was to reach a church nestled in these mountains that needed help with construction. We hauled sand up from the river and lugged it to the church. We camped in the village and worked to help with the construction. On Sabbath, we crossed the mountains to two other churches to minister. The people were delighted to have us. All went well. We returned home exhausted, but with joy in our hearts.

After a rigid evaluation, 20 of the 25 trainees were invested. My work as Director will be easier now because the 20 newly invested Master Guides will help speed up the training so more young people will be able to serve the Lord. The Bible that says, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." The Pathfinder song ends "A truth that will set us free, King Jesus the Savior's



coming back for you and me." This is our ultimate goal-to share the truth with others. A truth that will set us free. Freedom from hate and anger and jealousies because soon, and VERY soon, King Jesus, our Savior, IS coming back, and we want to share this with the world.

Overcoming Shyness, by Betchie

When I was younger, I was very shy. I was afraid to mingle with others outside my family circle. With the help of my parents and our trust in God, I eventually came out of being shy and learned to socialize. Now that I am older, I notice a lot of young girls and ladies who remind me of myself in my shy years. Since I was once in their shoes. I want to befriend them.

Most obvious to me were the Tagbanua native ladies in their twenties who were not only shy but lacked selfconfidence. My problem was being unable to speak their

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dialect. How would I be able to communicate, coach, and mentor them when I didn't even speak their native tongue? So, I eagerly learned from the best teacher-my father. I began inviting them to various church youth activities—not only as participants, but also as leaders.

The test came during our church's Foundation Day where many visitors from all over Palawan attended our church service. These young ladies tirelessly prepared their parts and led many of the activities. They shone for God! Their experiences in leading out in our small church readied them to discover their strengths and help them to gain confidence. They now feel they have a sense of purpose.

Now, these young ladies are motivated and have set a new goal—a Food Sale which will help poor students obtain much needed school supplies. Please join us in praying that this event, planned by young Tagbanua ladies, will be a success.

Prayer Request and Project Need

Project manager and pilot to join our AWA Philippine team. If you have a calling we have an answer!

God bless you!

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"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.»

- 2 Chronicles 7:14

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