



Philippines-Palawan Mission Project Update



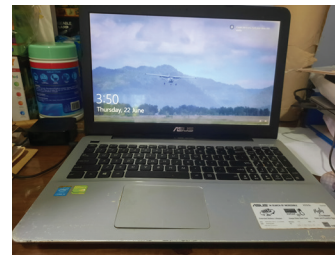
N81708 EXPEDITION FLIGHT

by Jed Bryan Nantes

Sunrise time on the 19th of April 2023, we embarked on a journey to the northern islands of Palawan to promote the humanitarian flights offered by AWA-Philippines. We first flew to Cuyo Island to meet with government and healthcare officials, and it was a mission accomplished. After the mission, we went island hopping with Dr. Cynie's friends, enjoyed fresh coconuts, and walked by the white sand beach while beholding the beautiful sunset painting the sky with red and gold tones. We spent the night on the beautiful island of Cuyo and proceeded to Busuanga island the following day. We did not fly to the nearby island of Agutaya because the government and healthcare officials were not there then.

Still, we flew over one of the Philippines' most expensive luxury island resorts, Amanpulo, located on Pamalican Island. According to Preview PH Magazine, it costs a price range of PHP 70,874 to PHP 419,787 per night. Now that's a lot of money for a one-night stay! Although I cannot afford that, I am grateful for the opportunity to gaze upon it from a bird's-eye view and feel blessed. We enjoyed the experience in Cuyo Island without spending much money from our own pockets, and friends and sponsors well-provided everything.

The next island stop was Busuanga, known for its tourist destination, Coron. Check it out online if you want to know



FOREVER?

by Christine Cayetano

why it's one of the tourists' favorites. You might want to spend your vacation there, and possibly would like to visit the base of AWA-Philippines and maybe be impressed by Divine intervention and would be called to serve, regardless of how short or how long, as long as it is in the interest of God and for the welfare of humanity. Our mission in Busuanga was a success as well. We were able to promote AWA-Philippines to the government and healthcare officials. After the mission, we had our delightful lunch and a short meeting with the team about the next steps. Christine's friend, who resides in Busuanga, encouraged us to stay for a night, but she was hesitant to stay; being concerned with her stuff in Puerto, I initiated a show of hands to vote for or against the proposal of staying. The majority won, preferring to stay, so we went island hopping and snorkeling in the afternoon. Thanks to Pastor Jef and Christine's friend, everything was well provided, from transportation, food, and accommodation.

The following day, we proceeded to Culion Island, known as Leprosy Island. This island was a quarantine for the lepers in the past. Imagine this Biblically-mentioned disease affecting Filipinos. Although rarely in the present time, there are still some in other remote areas of Palawan, but the locals said there are no active lepers on the island anymore. Our mission here was more on coordinating with friends and for them to relay to their neighbors and connections. Dr. Cynie could promote at the hospital but not with government officials because it was a holiday.

It was time to return home, and we flew to Puerto Princesa to drop off Dr. Cynie and Christine. Jason and I flew back to the AWA-Philippines base. So far, we have visited three islands to promote AWA-Philippines. It was a success, the weather was great, and we enjoyed our side trips.

Please Pray and Support by any means to expand to other areas we might be a blessing to and a courier of the good news to those who don't know.

God bless you!

The Philippines-Palawan Mission Team

Nothing lasts forever! Things last for a time, relationships, if not broken, last until there's life. And so, it is with most of what is around us. Plants wither with time and animals grow old and die. Food should be consumed for a certain period and then it goes bad. There's always an expiration even with our very own life. That's just the reality of this sinful world we live in.

New gadgets are considered the "latest" for a period and then it goes obsolete in 6 months to a year with new emerging technology. One important gadget that I use for work is my office laptop computer. I've been using it for 8 years and through the passing of time, battery life has shortened. It's fine for as long as I'm able to use it for my work requirements. Lately, I started noticing that the surface does not look well anymore. It doesn't fold flat and the reason is that the battery has started to bulge. I'm afraid that it may explode or something and it contains precious files and documents in my accounting and secretarial work.

Before it finally crashes and I lose all my very important files, I need to replace it. And so, in faith, I scouted for a new laptop to purchase, which is suited for my financial work to transfer my documents before disaster strikes. I have purchased a new one that costs \$800. Since I still don't have funds for it, I purchased it on credit which needs to be paid in the next 3 weeks when it becomes due. I'm soliciting funds to cover the cost. If any donor would like to sponsor, it would be very much appreciated. Thank you in advance and God bless!

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