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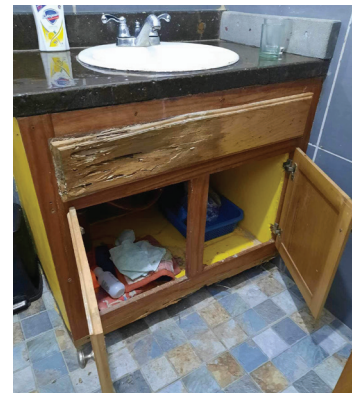
We at AWA welcome Ronie Fiedacan to the team. We first met Sir Ronie on one of our many trips to visit the project. Christine Cayetano, the Philippines Project accountant for over 18 years, recommended he join AWA. Recently, on a business trip in the US, he took the time to travel to the AWA head office to spend a few weeks getting to know more about us.

Sir Ronie is a retired Chaplain and Human Resource Manager from the Palawan Adventist Medical Center in Puerto Princesa, on the island of Palawan. He will be taking on the role of the Project Manager for the Philippines Project. With a small staff, it was easy for Christine Cayetano and Betchie, the Land Management Administrator, to oversee the project. As we have grown this year, it was time to seek out further staff.

In the past few years, staff such as the Stevensons, Steven Leger and the Youngs have visited the project and overseen onsite issues and annuals of the aircraft. However, having someone local to look after the business part of the project is a huge benefit and helps share the workload with Christine and Betchie.

Sir Ronie's duties will include managing the office staff, overseeing expenses for the property, hiring quality security, and ordering any needs for the plane, along with the daily issues that arise on the properties.

Recently, he visited both homes at the base with Christine and Betchie. While there, they took pictures of the deterioration of some of the wood cabinets. Sadly, termites are destroying the wood products in the main home. Shown is a cupboard in one of the bathrooms and a line of termites in the shower stall, coming from the attic.





When the Youngs visited last year, Julie and Pilot Jed’s wife, Sherlyn, hand-painted the cupboards in the kitchen and bedrooms with a product to help slow down the destruction, but it was not sufficient. Even with regular maintenance, the termites don’t seem deterred.

We have had to hire an exterminator to rid the whole house and surrounding areas near the home of the termites.

We have found that bats are an ongoing problem under the eaves and in the windsock. The last time the Youngs visited, they fixed the windsock and thought the bats would finally stay away, but it seems to be a favorite spot to find comfort and safety in!

We are truly blessed with Ronie’s enthusiasm to help with management and promote AWA to the local Adventist churches. He is starting to be invited and is currently booking regular speaking engagements with churches in the area.

Pictured in the main front picture is one of the families, Dr. Ermen Estrobo, an eye doctor who invited him to speak in their church one sabbath.

The cost of running a project is extensive, and as inflation keeps rising, AWA expenses do also. Your continued support for the Philippines Project has been marvelous in the past. Last year, we were blessed to fly over 46 medevac flights, and

we could not have done it without your help. Each year, we step out in faith and continue to help the communities within our flight range, small islands with only a ferry between them and the mainland. When an emergency arises, and we receive the call, we do not hesitate to fly into action to help those in dire need.

As we fly into a new year, we again ask for your support.

Thank you, and God Bless!

*The Philippines-Palawan Mission Team & AWA Head Office Staff*

[Look for more info about Sir Ronie in the upcoming Airways Magazine](#)



**Your AWA Mission Families serving at the AWA Philippines - Palawan Mission Project:**



**Sir Ronie Fiedacan**



**Jed & Sherlyn Nantes**



**Christine Cayetano**



**Betchie Albaracin**