



Philippines-Palawan Mission Project Update



PHILIPPINES PATHFINDER EVANGELISM CAMPOUT

The Philippines Project was honored to host a campout for the local Pathfinders in Puerto Princessa from July 8 to 13.

Below is the testimony from each Filipino staff member (AWA staff members Mark, Krian, Betchi, and Bill):

Mark - AWA aviation mechanic

Seeing the young people enjoying the many activities during the week-long camping here at the Adventist World Aviation Philippines fills my heart with delight. Even though electronic improvements make our lives easier and provide more modern entertainment, the young people of Area 1 Palawan spent their time praying, working, and playing with other youngsters from various districts and churches. A lack of water supply may have contributed significantly to the troubles of the camping. Still, God responded with rain for the campers to enjoy and a salute to our brethren and the Municipal Government of Aborlan; the campers were provided with water to use. It is also a blessing for Adventist World Aviation Philippines to be able to host the baptism

of those 15 lovely souls who have accepted Christ as their personal Savior. The long days spent preparing the area for the youth to enjoy and grow closer to God were rewarding.

Krian - AWA aviation mechanic

Being part of the host is a privilege of my life in AWA camporee ministry, and being a host is a blessing to my job skills through God. Aside from that, we prepared a lot of time and days for this event, how to cut grasses for their comfortable campsite. We prepared some water for the needs and wants of every church we serve and support.

We are glad that the place they chose for the camping is where the youth can enhance their relationship with God.

We enjoyed every moment that they stayed here in our place.

Betchie and Bill - AWA land and property management

As one of the hosts at the Pathfinder camp, I will remember this once-in-a-lifetime experience as an unforgettable



memory. Much cleanup and ground preparation was done, and obstacles were set up to make it a fun time. We ensured that the property facilities were clean and in good use and that sufficient water was available for the stay.

Although we struggle with water because the campers are unable to supply it, we survive with the help of the Lord and help from the Bureau of Fire staff. After their activities throughout the day, campers needed to wash in preparation for nightly worship; since we all struggled for water then, all the campers happily waited for the Bureau of Fire water supply to spray water on them. “It looks like a water party every day.”

Some youth also experienced different kinds of fun activities. They and their fellow churchmates said they enjoyed the Rescue Olympic activity. Each group was rated based on teamwork, mobilization skills, and preparation for carrying victims to safety. Bill and I had a lot of fun at the event. However, I don’t often attend, especially at night, because of my pregnancy. I am thrilled that my husband is

always there to listen and observe the camping event.

After the event, we spent a whole week cleaning the camping area and property because there was still a lot of clutter and wood used where the tents were set up. Once the area was cleaned, we returned to the daily life of looking after the property and homes. We set out to look after the tractor maintenance, changing the oil and greasing the grasscutters to prepare for grass cutting on the runway, preparing it again for medical flights.

Mattie Stepanek said, “Unity is strength when there is teamwork and collaboration; beautiful things can be achieved.”

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