

Pastor Dan's



Communique

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Special Edition from the Philippines:

I have to have a sermon ready in 30 minutes, and be showered and dressed, plus another sermon for tonight, so bear with me if this is very short! But I want to let you know how things are going in a brief way. There should be a short 4-minute clip at Church tomorrow that two young videographers put together quickly and we put up on YouTube for each of the churches we are based from!

We have 102 here, and 1 more, our singer, Sharon, is coming in this morning. One more has had trouble with his immigration and still has not been able to come. We are at 15 sites, but two of those are local, so we are really holding meetings at 13. Most of the sites are full, but are largely full with children and young people! We had 150 kids last night--they come for VBS, and then stay for the main meeting. And so I had to preach last night with 150 kids sitting between me and the first row of adults way to the back! Not easy! You are going through a translator, so if you preach even a 22-minute sermon, the total is 45 or 50 minutes. Then the screen went black halfway through, with all our young people crawling around trying to find where the disconnection was! Every night it has been something! Pastor Garrett is at a university town, and has many young adults coming. Cambria also preached one of the nights!

But overall it has gone very well. We are remodeling about 8 churches and schools--painting and mixing cement. We have added some significant projects since being here. The daily rain has been a challenge, but the last two days we have been able to paint. Today we are baptizing between 70-80 at a prison, so that should be a great experience for all of us. Others have been doing medical clinics, and 20 did hospital visitation yesterday. We are trying to collect enough money to get some motorcycles for the pastors and lay persons doing all the visitation, about \$1000 per Honda motorcycle, and to get the churches we are working at up to a higher level so that when we bring them our new members they will want to stay, so pray for that as well.

I will leave the rest for the report tomorrow at church. We thank everybody who contributed to the young people who are with us. They are all working hard, and everybody has been a good sport about whatever wasn't working perfectly. Food has been good--the hotel allowed our whole team of cooks to come in and feed us, so it couldn't be easier. Transportation has worked, and nobody has been seriously sick or had to stay in bed much.

Pray for us as we go into the more challenging messages. Most of us are preaching the Sabbath tonight. The speakers are sitting together around a table sharing illustrations and pictures and working most of the day getting messages ready. God bless, we'll see you when we get back on the 17th!

I think the main announcements for home are: All SS's as usual, Pastor Duff will be back and teach my class in the morning, and Pastor Gerald, who was also with us last year, will preach another sermon about the ministry they have in reaching out to Muslims in the Middle East. Next week will be Elder Gerald Penick, our Conference president.

Mabuhay! God bless--
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