On Jan 29th we had the first official meeting of the Board of Trustees (after 7 yrs). The deaf leaders who came had never experienced this type of thing, so it was all new ... learning how to make nominations and then voting as well as making goals for 2011. Doug helped to guide the meeting having had lots of experience on the Board of Morningstar Christian Fellowship (our home church). Val took the minutes so that the English would be understood when submitted to the government.

So far we have received about $2000 towards the projects. We used some $$ to build & paint the computer lab and buy an air conditioner and 2 new computers. Glendale has been chosen to develop this into an internet café. Allan’s project was to be a backyard piggery but his house is not zoned for this so he has decided to try “buy & sell veggies” instead. If you feel God leading you to be involved in this, please send your cheque to WMD designated “Phil Livelihood Income Generating” (PLIG) project and they will forward it to us to put in the Philippine Immanuel Churches of the Deaf (PICD)'s bank/project account. Our personal support is OK again for which we praise God!

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WHAT’S BEEN HAPPENING...SINCE OUR OCT. UPDATE?

OCT  Sportsfest - Doug was the guest speaker for a joint church event (~80) with a service in the morning and sports in the afternoon. During the last week we hosted a retired pastor from Australia who came to teach & encourage our deaf pastors and Christian leaders. Doug and Eliza were the interpreters for the week. Pastor Barry hopes to return in May for another week.

NOV  While Doug was in Manila for PICD, he was able to go to Baliuag, where we lived 1st term with the Villanuevas, for the visitation when Raquel’s mom died. Doug was one of the guest preachers at Maranatha Baptist’s 3-day missions conf. He spoke on “Church Planting amongst the Deaf” because this church currently interprets their Sun. services for ~25 deaf people.

DEC  The week after the missions conf Doug spent 4 days in hospital with dengue fever and amoeba. After another 2 weeks of rest he was back to normal. His classes were cancelled (his students are in the pic above). Andy & Shannon were here from Dec 17-31 & Tim from Dec. 29 to Jan 17th. Pics of their visit & our 25th anniversary are on Val’s Facebook.

JAN  Doug & Albert attended a seminar held by S.L.Fdn, one of our supporting groups. They now have a strict database & new forms that we must use in order to get funds. An Australian team (3 deaf & 1 hearing) spent 4 days here, helping to repaint the church, college, dorm & newly built computer lab. Kim’s nephew, Eric (13 yrs) moved in with us for 2 mths. to study Eng.

FEB  Doug was invited to use his audiology skills to train 5 people from IDEA, a wonderful foundation on the Island of Bohol that is meeting the educational, medical, vocational and spiritual needs of the deaf who live there. Check out: http://www.idealdeaof.org Val decided to tag along; they had fun on a River Cruise & got to see the famous Choc Hills.