

# COFFEEBREAK WITH THE CLUTTONS

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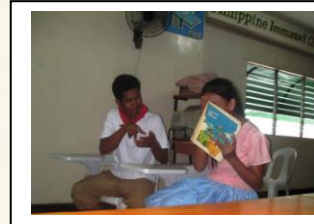
## ANSWERED PRAYER FROM OUR LAST LETTER

Our permanent "retirement" visas were approved and Doug was able to go to Manila to get them. We were able to purchase a 2003 Honda City and Doug was able to get his driver's license in 2 days. All of our boxes arrived intact including the last 4 with the used computers. The computers are presently at the college but are waiting for a "secured" room to be built to keep them in. Doug, Kim and Elisa went to Samar to visit the deaf church and dorm but Neville ('our boss') was sick and unable to go. A few weeks later Neville had a heart attack while in Norway. He also has blood clots on his lung so is presently on sick leave. However, one of the key deaf leaders in Africa died suddenly last week so Neville was hoping to go there for the funeral. Please pray for David Bulime's family during their time of loss.

### Seminar for the Deaf & Cultural Talent Show



### Doug was Guest Speaker "Choir" Competition



### Drama and Dance (with or without music)

## CLUTTONS' TRIPS TO VISIT THE OTHER 7 PICD DEAF CHURCHES



"Bago" (means New) has about 17 deaf members and is led by a graduate pastor and his student intern. They have a two-point charge. The nearby town has about 5-7 deaf adults with no sign language abilities. How can they understand God's word and know His love?



The pastor of the "Himamaylan" Church is also the Spec Ed Teacher (1 teacher for K-Gr 6). We were able to see his classroom, meet the school principal and the Dept of Social Work...so many needs and so few resources (qualified teachers, wages, & school supplies).



"Silay" & "Victorias" ...another two-point charge (both groups in picture). Doug was invited to be the guest speaker at the Victorias' second anniversary. It happened to be the same day as Val's birthday ... they signed happy bday to her... with hugs and filipino treats.



"San Carlos" was a 2.5 hr drive from Bacolod. The drive is a beautiful one through the mtns. A female grad is currently teaching Sunday school to the deaf and then a hearing woman interprets at a Baptist church. The goal is to have a deaf pastor with an indigenous church.



"Sipalay" was our last church to visit. The pastor is the Special Ed teacher & the school allows the church to meet in their classroom. The # of deaf students in school fluctuates greatly... so many parents don't realize that 'protecting' their deaf kids at home is a form of neglect.

# VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND INCOME-GENERATING PROJECTS

Doug has started vocational training with the 17 current Bible College students; these classes are held in the same rented room as the church uses on Sundays. At the end of the course (Nov) each student will submit an individual or group 'project proposal' – what they want to do to have an income for themselves and hopefully to help their families.

Many are from poor families and have never been encouraged or enabled to 'dream' about their futures as opposed to just living day-to-day. It is exciting to see them seeking God's guidance in deciding what their 'projects' should be. Once these projects are approved by the team, a loan will be granted to start the project. These loans will be repaid and then given to other deaf who have completed the same training – a revolving fund that Doug will manage.



Sample project: making and selling shell earrings



Possible land use: pigs, chickens, goats, cows, rice, corn, mango, papaya, coconut, sugar cane, cassava

Kim & Albert Mercado

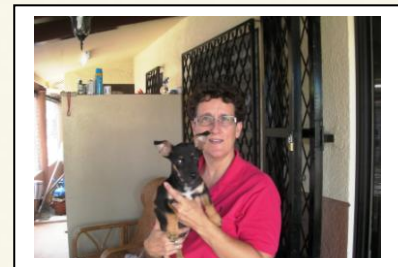


Another idea that our team is considering is to buy land for a farm: pigs, chickens, fruit & vegetables. This would be managed by the deaf and employ deaf workers. DMI has agreed to raise funds for these

livelihood and income-generating projects. **World Mission to the Deaf (WMD)** has also approved a separate project fund for us to raise money from Canada for these initiatives. Anyone who wants to make a one-time donation to either project can send a **cheque to the address below**, indicating the **"Philippine Livelihood Income Generating" (PLIG) project**. May God guide you as you consider these opportunities to help the deaf here in the Philippines!

ON THE HOME FRONT:

Val and Patches are doing great!



Thanks again for your prayers!  
Doug & Val

Each vocational class has a verse for the day. **1 Thess. 4:11-12** is one of them:

“Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.”



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