



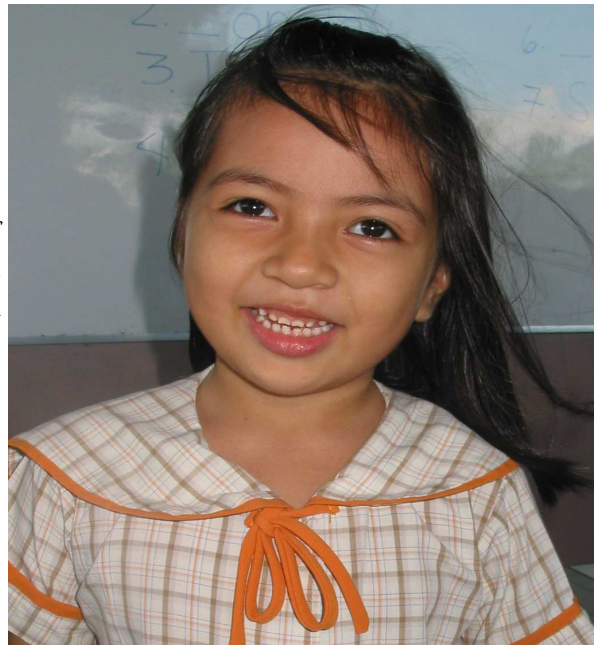
# Deaf Ministries Update

Bringing the Gospel to the Deaf

September 2006

**D**ear Friends and Supporters,  
I am writing from the bachelor pad here in Beaconsfield. Lill left on the 18th for Norway to be with her mum for her 91st birthday on the 19th. It is just Ian and myself at home for the time being until I head out in early October for meetings in Norway and the UK. Rod Chapman from Melbourne will also join us for part of the time and will share in a DMI rally in Fredrikstad and also at a deaf weekend conference in the Southern part of the country. Your prayers, of course, are coveted for that time in Europe as they are for all of DMI's ministries.

of money that we operate on. For all intents and purposes we should cut back - not add - but God seems to be opening more doors and somehow He will supply what is needed.



## Prayer Points

- Give thanks for the new opportunities in Bicol
- Pray for new leaders in the church in the Philippines
- Pray for the new work in the Sudan, Congo & Colombia
- Pray for a new army of new sponsors
- Pray for Neville & Lill's deputation meetings in Norway & the UK and their safe return to Australia in November

## God's Faithfulness

I know that we have no money, I know that we are stretched to the limit, I know that everyone tells me to slow down but, what can one do? Things just happen! In the past few months DMI has been joined by a group in South Africa who now regard themselves as DMI. Our Ugandan team has started a new work in the Congo and the Sudan and Dewayne is in Colombia, South America initiating a new work there as I write. Our poor international treasurer, Peter Pfeil, is being driven to an early grave because, from a business point of view, all of this cannot happen with the small amount

## Child Sponsorship

If you want to share in the ministry, if you are not already doing so, one way is through the sponsorship of a child or a school. We have kids needing sponsors in the Philippines, Thailand, Myanmar, Kenya and Uganda. These children and young adults range from kindergarten to College age. I have just returned from the Philippines where so many new ones need sponsors. We have loads of kids in College and High School, as well as younger ones. Would you or any of your friends, youth group or Bible Study group be interested in sponsorship? Let us know.



*Mayon - view from DMI school farm, 12km away*



*Arnel, Antoinette & two of their three children*



*Bicol executive*

Many have asked me about the recent eruption of Mayon Volcano. When I was there things were very quiet and no damage was done to the school and none of our people were effected. She was still blowing a lot of smoke however which, in the setting sun, was really fantastic. Sorry this newsletter is not in colour.

### **Ligao Church**

After a few stormy months things have quietened down and a new leader was elected unanimously for our deaf churches in the Bicol area.

Arnel pastors the Ligao church and will also restart the Daraga church. His wife, Antoinette, works as a teacher at our school and will soon also be responsible for the dorm. Both of them are deaf and can be seen in the photo with two of their three children. The other churches are lead by Jose, Venjo, Estilito and Willy; all of whom are deaf.

### **Financial Management**

Since taking over all the management of our funds here in Australia we have gone really high tech. We now sport an EFTPOS machine right here in our office. We shopped around and got a good deal with only a 1.5% charge for credit card transactions. Some of us thought for a fleeting moment that it would be an easy way for us to get some cash out, until we realized there was no cash here anyway to get out! If you would like to contribute to DMI using your credit card, let us know and Brenda will be only too willing to get your card details.

### **Membership Registration**

Remember last year we asked people if they would like to become members of DMI? A year has passed already and it is time to renew your membership. For any others who would like to become

members, now is the time to do so - \$10 a year is the membership fee. Membership is actually a government requirement, so the Membership monies collected, formed the basis of our investment fund. Over 220 people became members last year and one couple actually paid up their membership for 10 years!

A copy of the AGM, Board Reports and 2005 Financial Statements will be posted to existing Members shortly.

**Tax Deductible Projects**

Listed on the back page, are the DMI projects which have DGR recognition, as agreed by the Churches Of Christ Overseas Aid Fund. The DGR status of each project is reviewed 6-monthly by the COCOA Fund and we will keep you advised of any changes through the Newsletter. Donations to evangelists, general funds and churches do not attract tax deductibility, but we sincerely trust that you will still contribute to these under-resourced areas.

Thank you again for your continued support and prayers.

God Bless,  
Neville & Lill



*Would you like to sponsor this Filipino teenager?*

*Ligao church members*



### Tax Deductible Projects

Child Sponsorship continues to be tax deductible, together with the following:

#### Kenya

- Kenya Christian School for the Deaf
- Sewing workshop

#### Uganda

- Wakiso Secondary School

#### Tanzania

- Sewing workshop
- Bakery

#### Myanmar

- Kalay School, Yangon

#### Thailand

- My Sign Nursery School

#### China

- Sweet Tooth bakery

#### Philippines

- College
- Deaf schools in Ligao
- Agricultural projects (orchard, rice farming, etc.)
- Pig farming



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