

DEAF MINISTRIES UPDATE

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Greetings this time from Australia. To economize a little in time and energy the same letter will go to our US, Australia and Japanese mailing lists so if things sound a bit strange please understand. We are in a great period of transition at the moment with our final departure from Japan drawing closer. What with transferring the financial management of our new DMI ministry to Australia, the setting up of a new legal entity in the US, getting Erik settled into a new life in Australia as a University student and sorting and packing stuff in Japan, is it any wonder that I am even more scatterbrained than usual.

We are thankful to WOI, USA for continuing to handle our mailing and receipting of funds until our registration and tax exemption status of Deaf Ministries International is complete, probably before the end of June. US donations until further notice can continue to be sent through WOI. My apologies to our Japanese donors who will be receiving acknowledgment longer than originally planned and also due to the fact that we have no office help at the moment in Kobe. Please bear with us. Pray for Lill too as she copes by herself in Japan with Ian and David and life at the Norwegian School there. Thanks to the OMB in Australia who handle our finances here and to our Australian board who are taking on more and more responsibilities for this ministry.

On the way to Australia with Erik I was able to visit it again in Myanmar and in Thailand too. Thailand is one of the places we are considering relocating to after our year of furlough in Norway and Australia commencing this June. The work in Myanmar or Burma if that means more to you, is most encouraging. Pa Lian is doing a great job of athering the deaf each week to an apartment that we have rented in a suburb of Yangon. We

started just over a year ago and some 30 or so have been gathering regularly for teaching, worship and fellowship. I think that I mentioned that 180 turned up for the Christmas service and since then gatherings have been between 50 to 70 each week. Pa Lian is giving up his job in the deaf school so that he can devote full time to the ministry. Praise God for that.

We also have much to thank the Lord for as an

PRAYER POINTS

Pray for:

- funds for the land purchase and building repairs
- the 60,000 displaced people around Mayon
- the Asuelas as they clean up after the flood
- Pa Lian as he commences full-time with DMI



Food and fellowship after Yangon worship service

anonymous gift of \$15,000 was given here in Australia plus a possible interest free loan of \$30,000 now enabling us to purchase the needed property in Tobaco, Albay, Philippines for the branch school in that town.

Now to the not so good news. Over the past days if you have been watching TV you will have seen in news reports that the Mayon volcano has been acting up again. As spectacular as this is and fun to watch it has caused the evacuation and displacement of 60,000 people in our area, including kids from the school, and a lot of damage and mess



Mt. Mayon's March eruption

done to the property too. The prevailing wind scarr on the school ruining our crops and causing other d life and limb for which we thank the Lord. The clea crop replacement and the like runs about \$10,000. T Melbourne interested in going up in May to help wit so we might be able to get a little work team organ case I'll get word out as soon as possible. In the dear people as they cope with the mess.

Talking about mess! At the other end of the Philipp Asuela family and the 40 kids in the dormitory woke night to find more flowing though our there. Due to constant dry season and it is the authorities decided back of our property even existed, for fear water would collapse. This was done with no warning the night the whole area was flooded including the school for the deaf. The vehicles were submerged pl that we had just sent, not to mention beds, washing the like. When I called the other day every one was stink! Anyway the kids thoroughly enjoyed it all.



If you help with either of these disasters please that your donation is for this purpose.

Do continue to pray for us as we go through this transition period and the adjustment that need to be made after 29 years in

ied the ash and dumped it amage too but none to n up bill, roof repair here are some here in h painting and repairs ized and if that be the meantime do pray for these

ines in Mindanao the up in the middle of the than 4 feet of water church and dormitory heavy rains (this is the not supposed to rain) to open a dyke at the that we didn't know that a wall holding back so in the middle of nearby government us 16 boxes of supplies machines, furniture and complaining of the

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ansition period and the Japan and Korea.



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God bless,

Neville, Lill and family