

DEAF INDUSTRIES UPDATE



DMI



Sheil graduating from high school

Dear one and all,

It is graduation time here in the Philippines once again. With graduation also comes the Baccalaureate services, parties, board meetings and camps and that is just what we are finishing up with now. I am writing this in the Philippines but will be well and truly gone from here by the time that you receive this letter. We have been so fortunate this time to have Jeff Weston from the OMB in Adelaide travelling with me and speaking at our churches, graduations and camps here this time. The OMB has been a great help to DMI over the years so it was a real joy to be able to show Jeff some of the fruits of their giving and for him to meet some of our staff and of course our deaf kids and adults in both Bicol and Mindanao.

This year funds have been a bit tight so our camps were rather squashed in an effort to cut down expenses. Numbers on the other hand were up so we ended up with 60 in the first camp and 90 in the second. Travelling back and forth in overcrowded jeeps that would have had us all arrested in Australia was just one of the "experiences" of life here in the Philippines. After being stopped by the police and the kids sitting on the roof of the jeep all told to get inside we continued on our way only to have everyone climb back on the roof again as soon as the cops were out of sight.

Both our camps in Bicol and Mindanao concluded with a baptismal service. Nineteen were baptised at the first camp and fourteen at the second. It was a special joy to baptise seven from our new work in Surigao in northern Mindanao. Antonio is one of our graduates from Mindanao who has been working there for the past couple of years.

The next months will see me on the road again... how strange! No sooner do I get back to Australia than I turn around and head to China for a few weeks. It is then on to Japan to perform a wedding and meet with our Japan committee then over to Korea for a couple of weeks. All of it is exciting but I am looking forward especially to get back to Korea as we will be sharing in the opening of our Kangwha church's building. Kangwha is a church lead by Lee Doo Hyong and his Japanese wife Kumiko and this little group has been able to buy their

PRAYER POINTS

- *Praise God for the baptism of many at the camps in the Philippines*
- *Muir family and Lill's mum*
- *Gloria's continued recovery*



Baptism of deaf kids in Davao

own land and build their own building. You might remember that they were kicked out of the church they were using facilities of and had to meet in a plastic covered vegetable growing hot house for some time. God turned what we thought was a disaster into a blessing and I am thrilled to be asked to be a part of it.

Marian and Nana Dumitra are getting ready to leave Austria for the Philippines at the end of May. Marian is Romanian but was wanting to get Austrian citizenship before departing for the Philippines. To do so would simplify matters considerably. Word has come that his application was successful so we are all grateful for this. Please pray for them as they prepare for this move to our school in Ligao.

Joachim and Addy Braun from Munich in Germany are also planning on coming to the Philippines to spend some time helping in the work here in Davao in Mindanao. They are a deaf couple and are hoping to spend 6 months in the work here. Marian and Nana are hearing although Marian comes from a deaf family. They are coming on a long term basis.



Jeff Weston speaking at the graduation in Ligao

Gloria Catolico who has been working in Kenya is currently in the Philippines for health reasons. Thank you to those who have given to help with her return ticket and for praying. She is doing much better and hopes to return to Kenya by the end of May.

Your prayers for the Muirs would also be appreciated. Having half the family in Australia and half in Norway doesn't make things easy. Lill's mum is in a lot of pain and needs a hip replacement but is on a long waiting list. We are also praying for wisdom knowing what to do for her as far as future housing is concerned. Do hold us up in prayer.

God bless,

Neville, Lill and family.



Climbing on a jeep before the cops came



Summer camp in Davao

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