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Camping Update

This year we're planning five evangelistic or discipleship camps for children-in-crisis with our first being May 26-29 in Marinduque. We budget \$2,600 for each camp which is an increase due to the increased cost of food and transportation and we have enough funds for two camps. We're committed to camping because this ministry is continually used by God as a means to assist people turn from sin to the Savior, develop their walk with Christ, helps churches and ministries work together and adds people to local congregations. Pray for God's blessing on this ministry and His provision.

As an update on the development of the Real, Quezon campsite, it continues slowly but surely as funds are available. We're now planning to put in a shower and lavatory building and a dike for the creek that runs through the site from the top of the surrounding mountain. We're also planting root crops and other vegetation to help prevent soil erosion along with getting ready to harvest our coconuts in August.

The Real Christian Fellowship, which grew out of our relief and development ministry in Real, continues to grow in number and depth under Pastor Benny Roque's leadership. They're planning to have a combined wedding for several couples connected to the church who aren't legally married and July 5 will be the church's first anniversary. One couple has lived together for seven years and has three kids so they want to live right before the Lord, their kids and the church.

Our 2009 Camp Schedule:

- May 26-29 Torrijos
- June 6-12 Honest Hands boot camp 1
- June 16-19 Cagayan De Oro City
- June 22-26 Honest Hands boot camp 2
- July 21-24 Camp Jabez
- August 4-7 Legazpi City
- August 18-21 Camp Jabez
- August, Honest Hands Class 7 starts

The budget for each camp is \$2,600 but we'll reduce it depending on available funds and the schedule is dependent on weather.



Campers eager to learn

Mini Bible school and Alternative Learning System

This is an update from an article in our 2nd quarter '08 "Yes, Lord!" newsletter.

There will be 20 students graduating from our mini-Bible school May 29. They will receive a certificate of completion and two of them have indicated they'd like to study formally in a Bible school.

Our team learned from the Department of Education in April that nine former street kids graduated from high school and five from elementary after passing the Department's Alternative Learning System exams taken last October. This is a huge accomplishment after months of hard work under the tutelage of volunteer church workers. Now the students have an official diploma and can move on in their studies if they so choose.

Update on Amos

Amos is working toward his graduation from Caltech with a PhD. in Computational Chemistry by July so he's now looking for employment. He's interviewed with several companies and for various reasons wasn't hired but has more interviews planned so pray with him as he seeks God's direction. Pray for perseverance and God's will to be clearly revealed to Amos. He's doing well but wants to graduate and move on with his life.

Update of Micah

Micah was with us April 3-18 for her leave from military service and we had a great time together. She was able to relax and we did several enjoyable things like go a Christian camp for a few days with Paul and Pat Ellis and Adam Hussey. Micah visited Faith Academy, her high school, and looked into future ministry opportunities in their athletic department. She also gave her testimony during our monthly team meeting and she clearly gave testimony of God's grace at work in her life and expressed appreciation to the missionaries and staff serving with ACTION. As a result of her time with us she is applying to join ACTION, and Lord willing, plans to return to Manila as a short term missionary. Needless to say we're thrilled.

Trip to Minnesota

Micah's unit will return to Minnesota sometime in late-July so Mary Ann and I are planning a trip there to assist Micah with her demobilization. As you can imagine there's a lot involved in helping soldiers return to civilian life after a year of deployment so she wants us to be there for her and we're glad to do so. I can only be away from Manila for three weeks while Mary Ann will stay a couple weeks longer to help Micah. Pray for God's guidance for this trip and the funds to make it because tickets are very expensive since this is peak travel season. We will be sharing in the 6pm service at First Baptist Church in Anoka, MN on August 2. Lord willing our kids will be able to join us.



Jeff & Mary Ann Anderson, serving in Manila with Action International Ministries

Yes, LORD!

walking in the way of your laws, we wait for You;
Your name and renown are the desire of our hearts.

• Isaiah 26:8 NIV

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New Laborers

Opportunities for ministry through-out the Philippines are plenteous in the areas of evangelism, pastoral-leadership training and development and churches and ministries we partner with regularly are asking for ACTION missionaries. Our Filipino brethren are asking for godly missionaries who will serve with them side-by-side, learn their language, adapt to their culture and learn to love the Philippines and Filipinos with the love of Jesus. This is a tall order to fill and *only* the Head of the church and the Lord of the harvest, Jesus Christ, can raise up, equip and thrust out workers like this.

This year, Lord willing, the Hoopers and Wongs from Canada and the Ortizes, Buchens and Beacks from the United States will join our team. The Hoopers, Buchens and Beacks will work with our Street Impact Team in ministry to children-in-crisis, the Ortizes will help build our Shalom Birthing Clinic and the Wongs will serve at our 2nd Mile discipleship-vocational training site for out-of-school youth. Since learning language and culture are foundational to missionary service the Hoopers and Beacks will study Tagalog full-time in language school as their first ministry assignment while the Wongs, Buchens and Ortizes will brush-up on their Tagalog since one of the spouses is Filipino or they have served in the Philippines previously. This will give each family the time needed to learn and adjust to their new context.

Last October Adam Hussey from the US joined our team for career service after serving with ACTION Uganda for several months. Adam is helping us produce videos of various ministries, and recently graduated from ACTION missionary Paul Ellis' 22 week Life Discipleship class. Adam is also teaching young people in a nearby church the basics of being a follower of Christ. In June he'll start full-time Tagalog study while continuing with his strategic ministry of training young people in their walk with Jesus Christ. Pray for Adam as he loves languages, is a "people person" and really desires to



Celebrating Micah's 25th birthday

Standing: Jeff, Paul Ellis, Barb Burchert, Adam Hussey
Seated: Mary Ann, Erin Johnson, Pat Ellis and Micah Ann

minister in Tagalog.

It's interesting to note that Nathan Hooper, Matt and Becki Beack and Ruth Ortiz are missionary kids and our daughter Micah Ann and Pami Ellis, the daughter of long-time ACTION missionaries Paul and Pat Ellis are in application to join our team and are planning to attend ACTION USA's orientation week in September. We praise God that we're seeing second generation missionaries join the team. As our field's Human Resources Coordinator, Mary Ann is directly involved in working with each family and person in preparing them to join our team and when they are here, she provides orientation and helps them get established.

We realize that each member of the team is a direct answer to the prayers of many for more workers in this land of over 7,100 islands, many languages and cultures which is "white already to harvest" (John 4:35 KJV). As Oswald Chambers states in his classic devotional *My Utmost for His Highest* in the October 16 reading:

"The key to the missionary problem is not the key of common sense, not the medical key, nor the key of civilization or education or even evangelization. The key is prayer."

"Jesus pictures the world as a great spiritual harvest in need of workers to gather it into the fold. He urges the disciples to pray that the Lord of the harvest will send forth the workers to gather it. Kent observes: 'As so often occurs those who prayed were themselves sent.'"
—Liberty Bible Commentary, page 42

How true!

Jesus says in Matthew 9:37-38, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." (KJV)

Dear prayer warriors let's continue to beseech the Lord of the harvest to thrust out His chosen ones to join the ranks of missionaries here in the Philippines and around the world. Pray that those chosen will take courage and joyfully obey His call to the front lines of missions. Pray that those called to stay home as senders will be generous in their financial giving, informed in their praying and provide practical care for their missionaries. Together we are the body of Christ and need to be working in unity under His Lordship toward the fulfillment of the Great Commission until He calls us to Glory or He returns.

You can read more about each of these people by going to www.actionintl.org and click on "Browse by Missionary", then look for their name.

Musical Drama—*Lingap sa Kinabukasan*

On June 5 several churches and ministries regularly participating in our Metro Manila street children ministry network will be conducting a musical drama called *Lingap sa Kinabukasan*, which means "Compassionately and Protectively Caring for the Future" (generations is implied). It's a musical drama depicting what life is like for a child trying to survive on the street who was able to get off the street and into an evangelical center after being ministered to by gospel workers. The drama was written by a participant in our network after interviewing several former street kids now residing in centers which includes special music and dance. 35 former street kids both boys and girls, their counselors, pastors, ACTION missionaries and staff have been practicing since mid-December and are eager to tell this story. Three locally recognized musical artists will also participate so there's lots of energy behind this production.

Our goal is to raise awareness among God's people, government and civic leaders and the general public about the plight and God given potential of the 100,000 street kids of Metro Manila, the 1.5 million of the Philippines, the 160 million worldwide and that each one is loved by Jesus Christ. We are also trusting the Lord for needed funds for the ministries of our network who labor tirelessly among street children for God's glory and their salvation in Jesus Christ. Pray that through this presentation God will be glorified, people give generously and that church, government and civic leaders will step up to their responsibility to "defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed; rescue the weak and needy; and deliver them from the hand of the wicked." (Psalm 82:2-4 NIV)

ACTION Philippines is praying to the Lord of the harvest that He'll send us 20 more missionaries to serve with us in partnership with our networks in Metro Manila, Cagayan de Oro City in Misamis Oriental, Legazpi City in Albay, the town of Torrijos in Marinduque, and Malolos City in Bulacan.

Strategic Planning 3 Update

Last February 3-6, 46 network representatives from Metro Manila, Albay, Misamis Oriental, Marinduque and Bulacan including five trainers and facilitators met to develop two-year regional ministry plans which are moving ahead. Included in these plans are training in working with abused children, paralegal training, camping, feeding programs, education, discipleship training centers and implementing child protection policies.

On April 27-28 ACTION sponsored a training for 45 ministry leaders given by attorneys with International Justice Mission on dealing with human trafficking, child sexual abuse, Philippine laws related to these tragic realities and how we can protect children and our ministries from traffickers and predators. Even though the topics were difficult we had an excellent time in the Word of God, prayer and worship which gave us courage to press on in our Divine assignments.

These two days were followed by a robust day of working out an international quality child protection policy which will assist us in protecting the children under our care as well as our ministries. We're still hammering out the policy and when it's finalized it'll be a mandatory document to be implemented by each participating church and ministry in our networks.

Fish and Bread Supplemental Feeding Ministry Update

We currently have six six-month feeding programs in operation. Three are using prepackaged food we received from Minnesota-based Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) and three are preparing meals with local ingredients. Our ministry partners are often asking when the next shipment of FMSC food



will arrive because we've found it to be very effective in helping malnourished children regain their health. My response is I don't know if we'll receive another shipment because we're dependent on people in Minnesota to prepare the boxes and ship the food to us. Each feeding site is being handled by churches in partnership with local health and community leaders and parents of the participating children so this is a very "grass-roots" approach to church and community development. Each six-month feeding costs \$1,875 so pray for continued funding for this vital ministry because its account is just about empty.

International Council (IC) Meetings Update

Thank you for praying for our IC meetings in Calgary. We made good progress in addressing several long-standing issues due to the rapid growth of ACTION world-wide. ACTION now has over 250 missionaries serving in 25 countries so we needed to adjust several governance related practices and policies to better facilitate missionaries and ministries on the fields as well as help the home offices meet national and international laws in our rapidly changing world.

The final night in Calgary we had a very nice banquet sponsored by ACTION Canada with the theme "Children-in-crisis or Children in Christ." Before the offering I gave a short challenge saying in order for children-in-crisis to become children in Christ God's children must *pray intelligently, give sacrificially, send people* to serve among children who are lost and dying outside of Christ and those *who are called to go must joyfully obey* with courageous faith in the Lord Jesus. There is no other way than *sacrifice and service* for people to be brought safely from the kingdom of darkness and death into God's Kingdom of light and life. We praise the Lord for an offering of over \$10,000 which will be distributed among ACTION's ministries world-wide working with children-in-crisis as we're praying for additional funds and workers.

Mary Ann was a great help to me as the IC sec-

retary and the entire Council because she typed all the minutes and continues to assist Rex Lee Carlaw, the IC chair and ACTION USA director, Nelson Reed ACTION's International Director and me in finalizing the minutes. In our last "Yes, Lord!" newsletter we requested prayer for funds to help with her expenses of \$1,900 for this trip and thus far \$220 have been given so we ask you to continue praying about our need. Even though we've paid for her trip from our travel funds we'd like to replenish them for future ministry trips so please consider before the Lord giving a gift toward her ministry to ACTION world-wide.

Conference for Pastors and Workers in Kalibo, Aklan

Kalibo, the capital city of Aklan province in the Visayas region, was hammered by Typhoon Frank last July causing many deaths and lots of damage. ACTION received a request for relief aid from the city's ministerial fellowship and we responded as quickly as possible by providing over \$10,000 of relief goods. Then in December we provided over \$5,000 worth of text books for elementary students in coordination with the local office of the Department of Education and some pastors. Both activities included preaching the gospel and many turned from sin and trusted Christ as Savior, later were baptized and are now members of churches.

On May 18 ACTION and Christian Growth Ministries conducted a conference for 120 pastors and church workers dealing with Biblical counseling and the family life of pastors. There were 27 churches represented from various denominations and the attendees came from Kalibo and far flung provinces. The meetings were warmly hosted by New Assembly of God Church. The hospitality in Kalibo was excellent. We have been requested to conduct other conferences next year. We held an evangelistic crusade and film showing that evening in a community basketball court. The weather was rainy so only a few attended but several watched from their homes. Three trusted Christ as their Savior and a local church will do the follow up.



Jeff & Mary Ann Anderson

Prayer List Bookmark

Tear off this portion from the newsletter and use it as a prayer reminder during this quarter.

Prayer Requests

- New missionary candidates as they work to raise support and prepare to join our team.
- Beseech the Lord of the harvest for more laborers and senders.
- Adam Hussey's language studies.
- Funds needed for Mary Ann's IC expenses.
- Guidance and funds for our upcoming trip to Minnesota.
- Musical drama June 5.
- More shipments of FMSC food and funds for feeding programs.
- God's blessing and provision for the '09 camping ministry.
- Follow-up from the pastors' conference in Kalibo, Aklan.
- Our son Amos as he looks for employment and plans to graduate by July.
- Our daughter Micah and her unit will be coming home in July, Lord willing. Pray she and her comrades finish well and return safely.

Praises

- Good progress and encouragement during the IC meetings.
- Praise God for new workers joining us.
- Graduates from mini-Bible school & ALS

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Verses for study on compassionate care and protection:

- Job 22:12
Psalm 9:18; 41:1; 72:12
Proverbs 14:21b; 19:17;
24:10-12; 28:27;
29:7; 31:8-9
Isaiah 1:17; 58:6-7;
58:10; 61:1-2
Jeremiah 22:16
Matthew 9:36; 19:14
Luke 4:18-19
James 1:27

We have posted websites for further information on modern day human slavery and trafficking on our website at www.jeffmaryann.com

Recent book on modern day human slavery and trafficking:

A Crime so Monstrous by E. Benjamin Skinner



Children love the rice meals they get from Feed My Starving Children.