



Lianne's 3rd birthday

### Greetings!

Seems a long time since our last newsletter and much has happened since then. After returning from a busy two months in New Zealand we have said goodbye to two children and welcomed another two, as well as the return of two who had been away for a year.

It has been so good to at last have a social worker employed (in line with Dept Social Welfare regulations) and to be able to comply with the very stringent requirements imposed by the Government, which requires not only registration but accreditation (a long, expensive and extremely bureaucratic process).

The children are all at school, or pre-school, even the second youngest 4 year old girl Jayne. We do however

have the youngest one, Lianne, at home and she is a delight having just learned to talk. The older girls love to mother her and it's great to see the older ones looking after the little ones. From time to time we get visitors from different parts of the world and the children love to sing and perform for them – especially if a reward is forth coming! Six are at High School, Imelda (now 20) will graduate from university early next year as a teacher. Thirteen are at elementary or grade school.

We have continued with our outreach to the poor, by providing food and clothing and John has just returned from his fifth trip to Tacloban. He distributed such goods and was able to be a blessing to many who have had little assistance, since the Nov 2013 typhoon robbed them of their livelihood. Our building in an area about



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School resumes for elementary children.



Children ready to perform in school concert with our new social worker.



A common site in cities where there is a river, this is in Calbayog, Sama.

20 minutes away is getting used as intended and we have a Wednesday night prayer meeting and Saturday bible study where we get lot's of children coming along. Regularly we see about 60 at the prayer meeting. It has been great to have a young woman volunteer to help with the children's ministry and also to see the growth in the kid's, so encouraging seeing them take part in music and ministry. Many testimonies come of the Lord's healing and goodness. The area we are in is very poor, mainly fishing as an occupation. For several months there has not been any water supply, so we are trying to get help from the local government and may look at putting in a deep well pump ourselves. Also we have acquired a small section alongside and intend building a room for the children. They meet outside at present and seem happy there except when the rains come.

The work of Derek Prince Ministries continues for John with the printing of the first book in Tagalog and five more to come. Demand is increasing and invitations are coming to speak at pastors and leaders meetings in cities across the Philippines.

On the negative side both of us got infected by a mosquito virus, the children and several neighbour's also got it. The children recovered in a few days, Nilda in a few weeks, but John still has it at time of writing after three months. It causes pain similar to arthritis in all joints and can last up to three years. Fortunately once you have had it you are immune.

It has been an unusually hot time with temperatures in the mid-thirties and high humidity. Life in the Philippines can also be isolating from the wider world, with the only mail being a couple of bills once a month. We are so grateful for your support and would love to hear from you as well.

Love and Blessings,  
*John and Nilda  
and Children*



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Tacloban..damage still not repaired three years after the typhoon.