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"He who finds a wife finds a good thing, And obtains favor from the LORD." - Proverbs 18:22

ONE YEAR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY...

It's hard to believe, but it has been a year since Jen and I were Married. September 22nd, 2008. I am not sure if that means we are no longer newly weds... but I can say that I thank Jesus every day for the amazing bride He has blessed me with. There is nothing quite so wonderful as working side by side with your best friend as you serve the LORD together! We want to thank all of you again who have been apart of our lives. We have been blessed with an amazing family that spans continents and cultures. We love you all dearly and thank Jesus always for each and everyone of you. We look forward to seeing what the next year (*and years*) of our life together will bring :-)



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY...

Praise the Lord for Women's Bible Study! About two months ago my sister and I started to visit



the ladies every Sunday afternoon at the community where we do ministry, just being available for them and praying for opportunity to share Jesus. When we came back from furlough a couple of them wanted a Bible and were asking questions about Jesus. So I asked if they wanted to have a Bible study just for the ladies and they quickly answered YES! We came up with a schedule, it's every Sunday afternoon around 5:30pm Filipino time (*that means it depends... it could be 6:00, or 6:15, or something like that*) at the church. We are studying the

book of James as it talks about money, the tongue, pride, and many other practical issues we face everyday. We have been three weeks studying just the first chapter. Please pray for wisdom as I prepare to teach the ladies and point them to Jesus! ~ Love Jen Hinchey

RADIO MINISTRY...

While we were in the States a brother blessed us with a more powerful (*20 watt*) transmitter for the radio station here in Himamaylan. The more powerful transmitter coupled with a new 40' bamboo pole we put on top of our house (*making the antenna almost 60' off the ground*) has given us the ability now to reach almost all of the city! We have been broadcasting now for about a week with the new more powerful setup and have been getting wonderful feedback.



The programming is still mostly worship music at this point, but we continue to work on getting both local pastor from Himamaylan and a couple of teachers from the States (*Pastor Chuck Smith and Pastor Clark Van Wick*) on the air as well. The opportunity to reach out and impact the area with solid Bible teaching is enormous.

HIMAMAYLAN

I had conversation with one of the sweet elderly saints at the church last week. She shared that even though she had been saved for many years, and attended church for many years, she had never really understood the Bible. For the first time, as she has been going through the simple verse by verse teaching of the Word on Sundays and Mid-weeks, she is beginning to understand the Bible. Solid Bible teaching is the exception not the rule in most churches here, but through the vehicle of radio broadcast we hope to be able to bring that solid teaching of the Word right into peoples homes! We still face the hurdle of working through the red-tape of the NTC (*National Telecommunications Corporation*) to obtain a license, but the Lord has blessed us with a lawyer friend in Bacolod and a dear brother from the States who are helping us out.

We also have a 5 watt transmitter that was given to us a number of months ago. We were not entirely sure of what to do with it, but last week we came up with an innovative application. We mounted an antenna on top of the church (*using bamboo again of course*) and used the transmitter to broadcast Sunday service live to the local surrounding communities! It worked great. There was one sister who was sick and could not make it to church so she just listened on the radio. She said that about 4 or 5 other people came by, curious as to what was going on, and listened as well. Live from the Bukid (*mountain*) - Sunday morning services broadcast from a bamboo pole antenna on top of a nipa hut. You have to love it!



UP-GRADES...

There are only two seasons here in the Philippines... Hot and rainy, or hotter and rainier. We are currently in the rainier season and that presents a problem. The church is down a good size hill from the main road and the path get very slippery when it rains. Our solution was to cut steps into the hill, use bamboo as retaining walls for the steps,



and put down labhang (*rice chaff*) to keep the steps from getting slick. We also plan to cover the path with a bamboo breezeway with nipa (*grass*) roof and bamboo railings. All said it makes a nice up-grade to get up the grade from the church to the road :-)

We also had to tear out one of the walls of the church to make more room for Sunday services. Too many people and too little space is a good problem to have!

UPCOMING OUTREACHES...

There are a number of outreaches that we have coming up... We are hoping to do another Vacation Bible School during the mid-semester break in October. In November we will celebrate the 1st anniversary of the church. In December we will have a Christmas outreach as well as a New Years outreach complete with fireworks! Then in January we have a team coming from Calvary Chapel Bible Fellowship in the States.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For the Bible Studies (*10 of them*) - for the Word to change lives
- For the radio station - favor with the NTC and licensing
- For all the upcoming outreaches over the next few months
- For our marriage - that we constantly grow closer to Jesus and each other
- Still no little Hinchey... keep praying :-)
- For flexibility and humility - that we would both be full of Jesus!



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