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# GIVING HOPE TO THE HOPELESS IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

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## The Continuing of Opened Doors

First, I want to thank all who gave to make my survey trip to the Philippines a possibility. Secondly, I want to thank all who prayed for me. I could feel your prayers while I was there. The Lord used these five full weeks in the Philippines to teach me so many things. There were definitely difficult times, but the Lord always gave me the strength and peace needed to press on. The Lord used many people and circumstances to open many doors. I thought at times my heart would burst from seeing the children's smiles and hearing them laugh. While I was there the Lord gave me a genuine love for the people.

The Lord opened the door for me to serve. I spent my first four weeks on the Island of Mindanao helping Kevin and Jo Ann Trout with the nine orphans they have right now. I had many privileges to help cook, do chores, teach the kids new games, help with school, and collect rain water. I was able to help with a couple of the children's feeding programs and had the privilege to teach about sixty children and a few adults. I had the opportunity to help with a medical outreach, as well. By taking vital signs of the patients, I was an asset to the medical outreach while the doctor treated them. Fifty people were seen that day alone. I am very thankful for all the opportunities the Lord gave me to serve on the Island of Mindanao.

The Lord continued to open the door to serve. I spent my last week on the Island of Luzon being a part of Pastor Rusty and Baby Lita Ocampo's ministry in Lipa City, Batangas. I was able to be part of Bible studies, children's outreaches, visitations, and church services. I had the privilege to teach at one of the children's outreaches. A special opportunity that God allowed me to be a part of was a two-day mission trip to General Nakar, Quezon. I was able to meet a people group I did not even know existed; they are called the indigenous people of the Philippines. These native people lived in a more rural area, in "the bush." We were able to visit two camp sites. I am very thankful for all the opportunities the Lord gave me to serve on the Island of Luzon. I have shared some pictures on the back of this letter.

The Lord has opened a door for me to go back and serve. I have never had a hard time coming home from trips before, but this time my heart yearned to remain with the Filipino people. The Lord truly planted my heart on the mission field in the Philippines. As I traveled back to the United States, I began to seek the Lord as to where He was specifically directing me to begin my ministry. I prayed and sought earnestly for God's answer. When the answer came, I continued to seek and pray for a few days in order to make sure it was exactly where God wanted me to go and not just my heart. I received an invitation and the blessing from Pastor Rusty Ocampo to come serve with his family and Heavenly Bible Baptist Church in Lipa City, Batangas for my first term. I will be helping in the Bible studies, new church plants, and children's outreaches while I learn the language, culture, and how to better serve the people of the Philippines.

I have started the application process with Baptist International Outreach (BIO) mission board. I will be attending BIO's training week in June of this year. Then, Lord willing, go before the board of directors in August for approval. Once approved, I will be moving forward by preparing to start deputation as soon as possible. I am praying that I will be available to start scheduling church meetings this fall. Please be in prayer for me as I press forward to the high calling that the Lord has given me. Pray that God will continue to open the doors needed to start deputation and that the Lord will be glorified in all things!

"Looking for that blessed hope..." Titus 2:13

# Pictures of my stay on the Island of Mindanao



Pictures of my stay on the Island of Luzon

