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THE HAVEN
NEWSLETTER



August 2007- Mabuhay!

The word above is Tagalog for hello/greeting/celebration. In that spirit I wish to tell you about our trip to the Philippines and how the Lord is using the trip in many wonderful ways. On a ministerial level, I was privileged to teach at Calvary Chapel Training Center in Dumaguete City for two weeks. The students were all English as a Second Language so it was a challenge for everyone, especially them I suppose...The subject was apologetics/witnessing and we talked about witnessing to atheists, Roman Catholics, Muslims and other groups as well. Many of the students come from Mindanao, which is the predominantly Muslim part of the Philippines. They are very passionate to minister to their own towns and villages.

The hard thing about the Philippines is that I have always felt such conflicting thoughts there – the poverty can be so overwhelming and at times you just want to run away, pretend its not there, and hope you can forget. On the other hand, the joy of the Christians there is something to behold. The worship at CCTC at 8:00 a.m. was amazing. People who had so little were so thankful! It is so different from the United States – where we have so much and yet spend so much of our time whining and complaining. Our poor people in the US have so much more than many college graduates in the provinces outside of Manila!

Many asked me if I was going to try and smuggle some more kids home from the Philippines! Believe me I would if we could! I knew working with two different orphanages would be a heart breaking and yet joyful experience. At Precious Jewels Ministries in Manila (where we got Johanna and Jonathan) we met seven little children who were living there now. Six out of the seven are HIV positive – and their ages ranged from 10 to 2. A year ago most of them couldn't walk or talk – they were found basically abandoned in the Smoky Mountain trash dump. Now they are going to school and with one exception are emotionally and physically

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There are only two simple things that we are all called to do: Love the Lord our God and our neighbor as well. Some of those neighbors are very different and very far away. The American retirement ideal is not for the Christian. The Apostle tells us in Hebrews that our rest is in heaven. Until the day he calls us home, let us be faithful serving in every opportunity that the Lord opens for us. Sometimes we seek and find what He would have us do and sometimes we hide and hope it goes away. Which way will you go?

rebounding in an amazing way. We thank the Lord for PJM, who were our more than gracious hosts while in Manila. During a party for our kids the little boy who was still suffering the most from his neglect and medical conditions was worshipping the Lord with me. Even though he cannot articulate words – he held my hand and sort of warbled to the praise songs! It was very touching.

Rainbow Village in Dumaguete city was the other orphanage where we spent a lot of time. I would teach at the Bible College in the morning while the kids went to Rainbow –and then in the afternoon we would all go back together. They only had a few babies and handicapped children in the orphanage at this time, but the kids spent some good time with them. The majority of our time was spent with the “Agape Girls”. These are girls who were removed from their horrific home situations by the government and placed in Rainbow Village which is now doubling as a shelter for abused girls. There were about 14 girls there from 11 to 20. Many of them had no schooling or huge gaps in their education due to the family situations. High school usually ends at 16 over there, so in some cases these girls are way behind the normal development curve. We had a wonderful time with these girls and grew very close to many of them. We did not talk about what they had gone through, but I was able to preach a message that I call “Three Fathers” which is about my own experience with abandonment and abuse. The message seemed to have hit home. We met one “graduate” from the program, who had finished high school and become independent, which over there means she lives with 13 other girls in a tiny apartment and she can work at a job which pays approximately a dollar or slightly more per day. If you don’t have a four year college degree, then you aren’t qualified to work at McDonalds or some of the other retail outlets there. If you do have the degree you have the privilege of working for slightly over two dollars a day. All of this tends to bring perspective to our minds and hearts.

The enormity of all this was pretty shocking to our kids, even though they had all been born and lived there for many years before the adoptions. One day Gabe went to Smoky Mountain without us and observed firsthand the nightmare there. He was very upset when we saw him that night. “Dad – why doesn’t the government do something about this?” (How “American” Gabe has become in 8 years!) I tried to explain to him the political and cultural corruption that has dominated the Philippines for so long. This is not offered as an excuse, rather an explanation for the obscenities that you so commonly see there.

None of the Agape girls are available for adoption, which I don’t understand but the government is not allowing it. So it was frustrating thinking about this situation and what could we do. The next to last morning I woke up at 3:00 a.m. and was struck by the thought that the Lord would have us do something about all this. Much like the dilemma we faced with adopting the kids, when saying yes to some seemed to be saying no to all the others – we know we cannot change the system of corruption that besets the Filipinos, but I think we can help some, and it is my hope and desire to help these girls. We don’t know how this will all work or look yet, but we are hoping to bring the girls here as they graduate from Rainbow. We would give them a place to stay and help them go to school and get work. We can’t help all who are hurting but it strikes me that the girls have been through so much already, and that giving them an opportunity for a better life is something that would honor the Lord. One of the most consistent prophetic themes in the Bible is taking care of the “defenseless” – the widow, the orphan and the strangers among you. This is an example where we seek to do this.

We will give more details when we know what this might look like. We will need to raise money for them, but it seems the real hurdle will be with visas to come here. It is extremely difficult to obtain visas, but we urge you to pray to the Lord that he will open the necessary doors with the United States Government.

We thank the Lord for this trip and for your support in this chance to serve Him in the Philippines. We’re continually amazed at the love you’ve shown to us!

Uganda Opportunity!

I have been asked to go the Uganda this coming winter and speak around the country concerning the word faith and Benny Hinn heresies. Much like the Philippines, here some of the poorest people in the world are convinced that whatever is on American TV must be good, so give the little they have to support “ministers”, who live in a manner the Rolling Stones would be ashamed of! I need to raise about \$3,000 to fund the trip. Lord willing, I will be on TV and radio there, speaking at the University and to Pastors. Please pray about this opportunity and if so moved by the Lord, then earmark the money for this trip.

Prayer Requests

1. Please continue to pray for our family, especially Joey and Scott and Jonathan. We know that the Father loves them and our prayer is that they come back to Him. Pray for Gabe as he joins the Marines this September.
2. We thank the Lord for a great trip and for safety for everyone concerned. Please pray for the college and the two orphanages that we worked at. Pray for the Agape girls and our potential ministry to them.
3. Pray for our extended families salvation and well-being. My step-mom’s cousin, Robert McConnell, has a daughter who was kidnapped by her mother and taken to Indonesia. The little girl is now four and the state department holds out little hope for her return. We thank the Lord that my brother Marc has gotten a good job and we ask that you pray for his and his families salvation.
4. Please pray for many of our friends and others who are seriously struggling with cancer and many other debilitating conditions. Pray for Lorrie in the Philippines, Liz H, Sherry C, Rebecca G, Paul D, Joann V, Joan C, Sheila H, Josh H, Josh G, Glen, Phil, and for some dear friends whose very young children/grandchildren are having a tough time with their health, Reese and JinJae and CJ. Please continue to pray for my lovely wife’s ongoing health issues as well.



5. Continue to pray for Gary Oliver and his surviving son, as now his wife Carrie has died of cancer..

6. Pray for many whose marriages have been marked by sin and cultic deception. Pray for Bruce, Diane, Cheryl, Mike, Brad, Jeannette, Michael, Pam and many others.

7. Please pray for our friends whose needs are many - Pray for Paul, Sheila, Josh, Aaron, and Dean.

8. Please continue to pray for Lee and Meg. The good news is that they have returned from India. But there is much spiritual confusion in the family.

9. Pray for many that we have witnessed to: Elder Lane and Elder Robuck – two Mormons who recently spent several hours at my house. Also pray for several Mormon neighbors that we have and that Terri has befriended. Numerous other JW's like Bruce and Bianca and other cultists that I have talked to over the years. As well as New Agers like Tim, Zach, Denver, Ian, Fausto, Jason, Anuttama (the head of PR for the Hare Krishna's that I talked to last summer), and so many others. Muslims in different parts of the country like Waheed and witches and on and on. Your prayers are so needed here. It really is a spiritual battle.

10. Pray for our missionaries and interns at Haven. Several have been through some real discouraging events and would covet your prayers. I am thankful for our staff and board and ask yall to pray for all of them.

11. Thanks to our Father for the faithful support from so many of you. We are still in the summer slump mode that so many missions go through. Please continue to pray and support this ministry and others that do the Lord's work. We are still short about \$800 per month in our regular support and covet your prayers in this area.

Thank You!

Calendar	August	September	October	November	January
<p>Check the website for new updates as well.</p>	<p>28 Home Bible Study at our Place, the Gospel of Matthew</p>	<p>1 Psychic Fair at the Denver Merchandise Mart</p> <p>3, 10, 17, 24 Legacy Bible College Class in Hermeneutics. For information call 303-358-3465</p> <p>4, 11, 18, 25 Home Bible Study in the Gospel of Matthew</p> <p>6, 13, 20, 27 Legacy Bible College Class on Church History to 1517</p> <p>14 Conversation & Cuisine in Parker, CO on The Problem of Evil and Suffering in World Religions</p> <p>15 Pagan Pride Day</p> <p>22 Faith Baptist Church in Parker, CO - Men's Prayer Breakfast, The History of Heresy</p> <p>22 Haven Booth at Calvary South Denver Car Show</p> <p>29 Haven Staff Meets</p>	<p>1, 8, 15, 22, 19 Hermeneutics Class</p> <p>2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Home Bible Study in the Gospel of Matthew</p> <p>4, 11, 18, 25 Church History to 1517 Class</p> <p>7 Psychic Fair in Colorado Springs, CO</p> <p>19, 20, 21 Mission Conference in Bailey, CO at Crow Hill Bible Church</p>	<p>5, 12, 19, 26 Hermeneutics Class</p> <p>6, 13, 20, 27 Home Bible Study in the Gospel of Matthew</p> <p>1, 8, 15, 29 Church History to 1517 Class</p>	<p>Lord willing, The Uganda Trip</p>

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Non-Prophet Update

Speaking of non-prophets, the fact that anyone could go to the Philippines, Africa, or India - countries overwhelmed with poverty and corruption, and take their money to fuel lear jets, buy multiple mansions, or fund \$10,000/night hotel stays is simply beyond unconscionable. One could even say that such a person does not even believe in a God who will someday judge all mankind. Their idea of god is one that will vindicate them as a prophet, healer, and minister, and such a god would never condemn them for their selfish practices. Does Benny Hinn even possess a conscience? Or Kenneth Copeland fear God? The prophet Micah had some harsh words from the Lord about those who become rich by taking from the most defenseless of all. Maybe Word Faith heretics should actually read the Bible they claim to believe. Mail Update - Please notice our new address below and let

us know if you've moved. Also, please do tell us if you would like to switch from paper letter to the email version.

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