



MUSTARD SEED DISCIPLESHIP VOCATIONAL PROGRAM

ACTION International Ministries, Philippines

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Prayer Update: October 12 – 18, 2009

This Week:

It was a short week as we had a team meeting in Manila on Friday. Our students head home Thursday afternoon before a team meeting. But it was a good week. We began week 3 of our last term. Where do the days go??

PRAISE: that the girls are beginning to direct their thoughts to their future.

PRAISE: a member of one of our sending churches has agreed to lead two seminars for our current students and grads who are interested about setting up a small business. Wow, I am excited. The seminars will be Nov 13 and 27 in the morning. This will be great info for our students.

PRAY: with our remaining 6 weeks now, that we will all finish well.

Thursday:

For the team meeting we packed up some table runner/potholder sets, Christmas sets, and décor that Busy Hands had made. Thursday evening I looked for my classroom key set so that I could open the class early Friday morning to get the bags of things. They were nowhere to be found. Neither was the extra set of keys for the classroom. Somewhere they were but after a hunt in my house, I called the sewing assistant to ask if she could come to the campus to open the door for me. Thankfully she lives only 5 minutes away.

But where were the keys?

I looked again Friday, asked people to pray, looked again Saturday, and Sunday morning after a not good sleep, I came to the conclusion that I would need to re-key a lot of doors.

Sunday I was the campus guard and even though I had looked in the car, I decided to look again. I knew the reason why I tied a neon pink ribbon to the classroom keys. I checked again under the front bench seat of the car, and spied, with my little eye, the pink ribbon. Opening up the back door and lifting up the carpet, there were the two sets of keys.

PRAISE: that the keys were found!!!

PRAISE: that a huge burden lifted from my shoulders and relief came instead!!

A GREAT Need for Prayer:

Since it entered into the Philippine area of responsibility, we have all been watching the news and checking the websites for information about the next typhoon lined up to make land fall in the Philippines. International name, Lupit; Philippine name, Ramil.

PLEASE PRAY: that the typhoon will head north and also not hit the already badly damaged northern end of this country. People are still digging out from the last two, we haven't had much in the way of vegetables in the last week or so and what we have had is very expensive. Please pray for our wonderful merciful God to spare us.

ACTION in Action:

Since Ondoy, ACTION has been very busy with relief efforts around the country. Either bagging and distributing food packs and/or kitchen utensil packs, or leading many medical missions (ongoing last week and this), ACTION staff and missionaries have been reaching out to many who have lost most of their personal effects. One of our staff families, who lost everything in the flood, was at their church just a day later to hand our food packs to families who had evacuated there.

PRAY: for the ongoing relief and medical care that ACTION is giving

PRAY: that those receiving will see Christ's love in the actions of those involved

Thank you for your prayers for all of us here in the Philippines.

Blessings, Barbara Burchert, Mustard Seed

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