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# Philippine Ministry

Don Salvador Benedicto, Negros Island, Philippines

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## More than a church ...

The Mayor said it. Local foundations echoed it. Congregants talk about it ...

The ministry tucked away in the mountains is more than a church presence ... it has developed into a community!

This morning our reaccreditation was delivered to the church. I spoke in the men's group about having a **legitimate presence** in the physical as well as the spiritual, and the blessing that follows such a status.

It is easy to see that blessing has followed the establishment of a legal presence in this area.



*A young boy eating at the feeding program.*



## We like our role ...

Pastor, preacher, counselor, educator, architect, tour guide, travel agent, doctor, dentist, nurse, banker, funeral director, accountant, farmer, baker, baby sitter, encourager, publicist, driver, artist ... and friend!

**Never, ever, never ...** did we think this adventure would have the **twist and turns** that it has ...

Today on the way to “work” I saw a pig's head being roasted for a birthday party ... perhaps you are like me and prefer ice cream and cake ... a local friend was moving his roosters for the cockfight.

This is before I made it to the church ...

Prior to that, we spoke with Rodora who was recovering from a victorious 3000-meter race ... **barefoot!**

Community ... we are honored to be part of this community! **It is much more than just a “church” service and going home.**

The reality hit when the Founder/Mayor drove by on the highway on her way to a remote Barangay further in the mountains.

She **stopped** and she and her bodyguard got out of the vehicle. She greeted Catherine and I and our team of volunteers.

It is a warming feeling when the Founder stops in the midst of her busy schedule to say hello to the resident missionary and supporting team ... **we like the role we are in ... being part of community!**



## Run Rodora, run ...

Rodora is one of five students that we sponsor in the Don Salvador High School. Through the contributions of friends, we are able to provide school supplies, uniforms and a monthly allowance for transportation and food.

## We should have included running shoes!

Rodora competed in a 3000 meter track competition and took second place ... **she ran it barefoot!**

**She is now in training for the regional track competitions ... barefoot!**



*He says "Thank you".*

## Because you cared ...

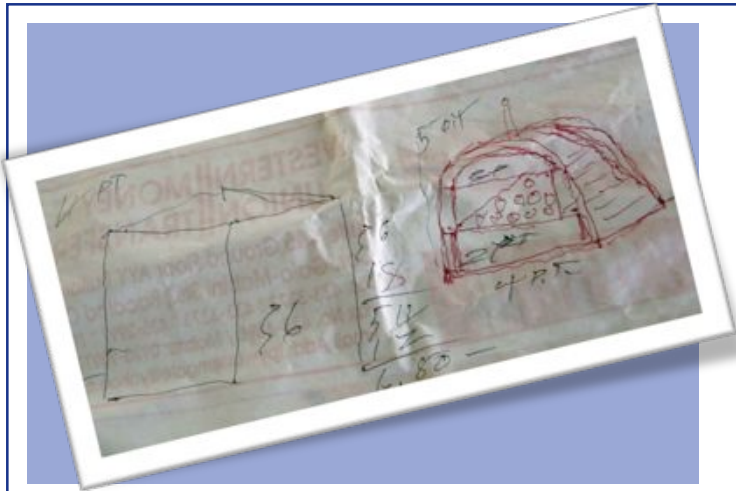
We requested supplies, and you responded.

The young boy to the left is referred to as “baby”. He is the son of Rebecca, who attends the church and is active in the meals preparation and worship team.

She showed us the sores her son had on his face. We took pictures and emailed them to a friend in the medical field in California for a diagnosis and then gave the mother antibiotic cream.

He is in much better shape now than he was a week ago.

**We were only able to do this because you cared enough to send the creams and ointments ... thank you!**



## What's Cooking?

Catherine wants to teach the women of the mountains how to bake bread, cookies, pies and other items that could **improve their livelihood.**

The problem is you need an oven. Another problem is a conventional oven would not be practical in the mountains, so you need to make a brick one.

I know our engineer friends will enjoy the crude "blueprint" sketched on the back of a calendar (shown above).

**Please contact us if you would like to be part of this project. We estimate materials will cost around \$200.00 to build a functional brick oven that will enable the women to start a livelihood project.**

## The Scenery ...

As we were walking the path to the church we saw some of the neighbors were celebrating a birthday.

As you can see above, they were roasting a pig's head.

They invited us to join in their festivities ... but I did not see the ice cream 😊

These are typical scenes for us as we minister in remote areas of the community.



## Want to be part of what is going on?

We only do what we do because individuals like you have a heart for the work here. If you would like to be involved please contact me at [todd.caplinger@gmail.com](mailto:todd.caplinger@gmail.com).

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