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CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

Can you believe Christmas is here already? Can you believe we have been here three years? **Can you believe I have a family that relishes this stuff?**



When we came here three years ago we prayed the children would adjust to living in a third world country.

As you can see in the picture to the left, Tiphany has adjusted well ... she even has her own rainbow!

We were in the mountains this morning to celebrate the Christmas party with the church and we saw this rainbow in the mountains behind the church. Now she has it in her hands.

I could not have given her a better Christmas present!

NOT THE HOLIDAY INN...

It takes a special kind of woman to serve in a third world mission field. It takes an even more special woman to really step out there ...

The mountain church is really out there.

I often tell people that God himself made the floor ... it is made of dirt.

The picture to the right is the "Comfort Room" (restroom) for the church.

Do you see Catherine's smile?

What a missionary!



Catherine loves children and as you can see from the picture to the left, they love her too.

This morning we had well over 75 children in the mountain church. Each demanding a little love from Catherine.

Can you see it?

Can you see the dirt floor? Bamboo walls? All the children? **Can you see something else?** Take a look at Catherine's face...



Can you see the smile of joy as she serves with the children of the mountain church?

Life here sure has it's struggles, but we can find peace in knowing that a few lives will be changed because we served here.

Catherine finds pure joy in serving the children of the community and in particular the children in the mountains of Don Salvador.

From The Pastor ...



Family ...

During this time of the year families will gather from afar to join around a turkey or ham dinner and open presents from under the tree.

This morning we had the church Christmas party in the mountains of Don Salvador.

No snow, but a bit of warm rain.

We did get a significant present ...

We got to see a family of sisters who are very special to us ... Nerezza, LeLe and LaLa. Due to circumstances, a few months ago they fled the mountain where the church is located. We thought we would never see them again ... **they were there today.**

They were filthy. Feet were caked with mud. Bug bites on their legs. Lice dancing in their hair ... **but they looked so beautiful!**

God has a way of refocusing our priorities through moments like these.

We hope your Christmas will be as blessed as ours will be.

Todd Caplinger

Missionary to the Philippines

Would you like to contribute to the work being done in the Philippines?



Ministry Request

Our goal has always been to make the local church self-sustaining in regards to operating cost. The recent flooding in the Philippines has caused prices to soar. Because of this many of the locals are devastated financially and cannot sow into the local ministry work. For this we are currently opening our list of needs to include operational cost.

Operational Needs

<u>Item</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Sanctuary Rent	Church Service, Sunday School	\$350.00
Assistant Pastor Salary	Salary, Health Insurance	\$195.65
Worship Pastor Salary	Salary, Health Insurance	\$120.00
Electricity	Sanctuary, Sunday School	\$80.00
Children Prison Outreach	Minister/Feed Children in Prison	\$100.00
Office Telephone		\$25.00
Don Salvador Outreach	Mountain Ministry	\$100.00

Equipment Needs

<u>Item</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Bass Amp Peavy	Worship Team	\$1600.00
Keyboard Amp Peavy	Worship Team	\$1600.00
Guitar Amp Peavy	Worship Team	\$1489.00
Coustic Courons	Worship Team	\$425.00
Ziljan Symbols	Worship Team	\$400.00
Bass String Guitar	Worship Team	\$425.00

Contributions can be sent to:

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A parting shot...



Smiling as they serve on the mission field.