

## Squash Pancakes ...

Catherine and the ladies teach a livelihood program each Tuesday in the mountain church. Part of the intent is for the women to learn



how to make meals with the items they have at hand, which **includes the fruits and vegetables growing in the land around them.**

To the left you can see the ladies preparing the **meal of squash pancakes.**

This was a new type of food for them and they loved it!

This program enables mothers to have a systematic method of feeding their children using items that are no cost/low cost to them to provide nutritious meals.

Keep in mind that most of the mountain parishioners earn less than a dollar a day ... **living off the land is vital to their existence.**

## TEACH ME ...

In conjunction with the livelihood program is **the literacy program**. Most of the adults that attend the mountain church are handicapped when it comes to reading and writing. This is an obvious disadvantage.



(Vanessa helping with the program prior to her departure)

**It really does no good to put a Bible in someone's hands when they cannot read it ...**

**Part of the intent of this program is to enable them to read the Message themselves.**

This program is in need of pre-school, and first grades books, as well as flash cards (alphabet, reading, math), writing notebooks, manipulatives, and other early educational tools.

Please contact Catherine at [catherine.caplinger@gmail.com](mailto:catherine.caplinger@gmail.com) if you would like to assist in this program.

# WHY PRACTICAL MINISTRY?

We are to make disciples ...

Making disciples means we are force multipliers.

If people cannot reason for themselves, or provide for themselves, they cannot enable or educate others to be disciples.

We do not want the work of the mission to stop with the individual, but want it to grow through them and reach others beyond them ... making them **force multipliers**.

Many, if not most, of the adults attending the mountain church do not read or write.

**It is difficult to share the Good News if you cannot read the News.**

Our primary objective is bringing people to a saving faith in Jesus Christ.

Our next objective is providing them the tools and skills so they can share the Good News with others.

This requires us to provide **practical ministry** (teaching reading - writing - reasoning skills) so they can be a viable part of sharing the ministry in their community.



## FROM THE PASTOR

Catherine and I are excited about the future of the ministry, especially as it relates to Don Salvador.

The doors have been opened wide in this area, and we are **evaluating the prospect of opening a Christian Pre-school** next to the church in the mountains.

The reality of ministry in this area is that we minister to the poor and indigent people.



**A typical weekly offering in the mountain church is about \$2.50 a week.** We are blessed that since most of the parishioners are farmers they bring papaya, avocado and peppers for the offering.

What does this mean? **We cannot do what we do without the support of people that have a heart for this work.**

This is important for the ministry expenses as well as the sustainment of the missionary family.

We are so thankful for those that have come along side of us enabling us to participate in this journey.

*Todd D. Caplinger*

Missionary to the Philippines

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

### **Living on the field - (account M423)**

Contributions enabling the sustainment of **the missionary and family should be marked with “M423”**. These contributions allow the family to maintain a household on the mission field and include sustainment items such as rent, utilities, food, schooling for our children, food, etc.

Contributions for specific projects should be marked with “T784”. These contributions allow for specific ministry projects to be completed.

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**Missionary Sustainment - (M423) - Total monthly requirement is \$2000.00 per month.**

### **Project Needs - Ministry (T784)**

<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Purpose</u></b>	<b><u>Cost</u></b>
Church Expansion – Sunday School, Teen Area, Future Pre-school	We were given more land in Don Salvador.	\$3000.00

Contributions can be sent to:

Christians in Action  
P.O. Box 728  
Woodlake, California 93286

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# Parting Shot

