



## Why? ...

We had just finished a 24 year career in the Marine Corps when I told my mother that Catherine, our children and I were moving to the Philippines to be missionaries ... she said “why?”.

I explained to my childhood friend that we were going to continue to live overseas after Marine Corps life to serve the poor of the Philippines ... he said “why?”

I shared the picture to the left with another missionary/photographer who said “it looks like the little girl is trying to tell a story”.

The little girl above attends the church in the mountains, and the more we learn about her story and the story of the others, we better understand the “why” of being here.

*“Christ wants not nibblers of the possible, but grabbers of the impossible.” — C.T. Studd*

# Church can be fun?

Today we had a “fun day” at the church. This was a new adventure in the mountain church as we were going unscripted and we were not sure what to expect. Upon our arrival we were greeted with a full house (see the picture below).



It is summer time in the Philippines and the children are looking for things to do.

What better thing to do than open the church and let them enjoy some wholesome fun?

Part of the fun time consisted of face (and hand and arm) painting. The children really got a kick out of this.

It was interesting to see over 80 children walking around the municipality with “Jesus Loves You” painted on their arms.



## “Blue Angels”

I called them the “blue shirts”. Someone else called them “Blue Angels” ... I like that better.

The leaders that travel with us three times a week to Don Salvador all wear blue ministry shirts.

Each one has their own responsibility ...

Agnus heads up the feeding program. Nemias heads up the children’s ministry. Almay heads up the literacy program. Greg is the jack of all trades and Gerry is coordinating the VBS.

Catherine?

She is the resident mother, comforter, encourager, designated hugger ... did you know there is a saint named Catherine?

Everyone loves her ...

I think it is because they know she genuinely loves them ... and it shows.



[Catherine encouraging the church]

## A FAMILY THING ...

Vanessa loves the children of Don Salvador and her heart gets refreshed each time she gets to serve there.

As you can see from the picture below, it truly is a family thing serving in this community. She is a chip off the mama block ...



(Vanessa [bottom left] and Catherine [top right] doing face painting)

"This generation of Christians is responsible for this generation of souls on the earth!" – Keith Green

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## ONE OF THOSE THINGS ...

We wanted to bless some of the people at the mountain church with some of the items people have sent us. I passed out some razors to the men in the church.

The gentleman below was walking around running the razor over his face using the back side and the blade side, but the cover was still on. He came up to me and tried to explain that it would not cut anything ...

He was amazed (and I was amused) when I took the cover off ... I told you it is never a boring here.



"Tell the students to give up their small ambitions and come eastward to preach the gospel of Christ." — Francis Xavier, missionary to India, the Philippines, and Japan

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



### Operational Needs

<u>Item</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Bacolod Sanctuary Rent	Service, Sunday School	\$350.00
Bacolod Electricity	Sanctuary, Sunday School	\$40.00
Don Salvador Outreach	Mountain Ministry	\$200.00*

### Project Needs

<u>Item</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Missionary Vehicle	Transportation in mountains	\$4723.00

Missionary Vehicle: We currently have a 1999 Toyota Revo which has been under frequent repair. We would like to expand the ministry further into the mountains, but the roads are unpaved past the current church location. The figure provided above would allow us to trade the current vehicle and get a suitable four wheel drive that would not leave us stranded as we venture further into the mountains to establish churches.

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