

# Table in the Wilderness

Loewen's Prayer Email Update

February 2011

## New Arrivals, Bikes, and Celebrations



It was great to finally welcome Matt & Becki Beack, and Pami Ellis to the Philippines as our newest long term missionaries. They arrived in the middle of February after literally years of preparation: education, practical ministry experience, and of course support raising. We are encouraged by their passion to serve God as missionaries in the Philippines. Orientation went quite well, and the participants particularly enjoyed sessions led by our coworkers at Second Mile titled "**5 Things I Have Learned as a Missionary**". Pray for Matt & Becki (and their sons Isaiah and Elijah) as they attend Tagalog language school over the next year and a half in preparation for work with the street children of Manila. Pray for Pami Ellis as she works with ACTION's Birthing Home as a community health nurse. Carl was busy helping the Beacks set up their house and buy appliances.



Our boys were quite impressed by a quiet, unassuming man named Wayne who came out for a short visit to Second Mile with his wife. It turned out he loved fixing bikes, and there were MANY in need of repair. I think he would rank as one of their favourite short term missionaries. God can use any of our talents, as long as we are willing.



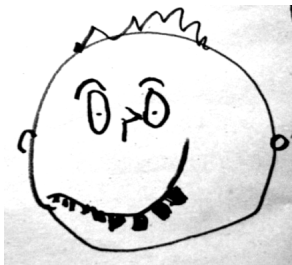
Honest Hands students are very close to graduation (next week Thursday, March 17th). Pray for us as we complete reviews and final exams with them, make plans for what they will do after graduation, and of course do some serious celebrating with a trip to a waterpark and banquet at a nice restaurant prior to the grad! We celebrated Louie's 20th birthday recently with a cake that Isaiah baked. Our boys are going to miss these guys. I will as well.



Our family enjoyed having our home church pastor - Darren Plett - come out for a two week visit. Darren and Pearl did a three month short term mission trip to the Philippines with their kids six years ago, so it was great to have him back again. Darren spent lots of time with us, encouraging us, as well as our boys. He also spoke at the Working Hands graduation and shared at a session at the Pastor's Conference. The conference went very well, and most of the 28 pastors who attended are hoping we will do it again next year.

Lisa has been busy as well. She helped take care of the Beack's kids during the orientation.

Our boys enjoyed that time as well, as there seemed to be a few extra snacks floating around. The home school year has come to an end, and every day over the past week one of our boys has been excited to tell me - "Dad, I finished my math today!!", "Dad, my major essay is done!!" It has been both a really good year of homeschooling and a challenging one for Lisa and the boys, but it is exciting to see their progress. Pray that they will all have a good break over the upcoming summer holidays.



Thanks again for your partnership with us as we continue discipling former street youth and school drop outs. I am sure if you dropped by for a visit Malachi would like to share a cookie with you, or one of his recent drawings!

Carl, Lisa and the boys

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