

# Philippines Mission Trip 2017



May 10, 2017

My dearest Family and Friends,

God is awesome! Jesus loves you and the Aeta people of Mount Pinatubo, Central Luzon, Philippines. There are an estimated 200 Aeta villages in Mount Pinatubo and at the foot, resides Immanuel Bible School (IBS), which presently accommodates 6 Aeta bible school scholars, 12 Aeta high school (HS) scholars, and IBS staff members. More than 50 IBS graduates have returned to the Aeta villages to be pastors and leaders who spread the Word of Jesus Christ. Through your generous giving, we now have 45 Aeta pastors who received \$15/month support for the calendar year 2017. Our goal for 2018 is to increase that to \$20/month.

On February 24th, 2017, the 15 member Bear Valley Church (BVC) and Praise Church mission team departed Denver, CO. After a 12-hr flight via United Dreamliner, the team arrived in Tokyo, Japan and was delayed to catch the flight to Manila International Airport, Philippines. The team was re-routed to Guam overnight and then to Manila. The team arrived in Sta. Juliana, CapasTarlac (Mt Pinatubo region) on the 26th of February, Sunday and checked in at Peniel Retreat Center, where the team will reside for the next 7 days.

IBS pastors, their families and children were traveling to Aidan Farm, Jim Walter Retreat Center, San Pedro, Tarlac. Traversing mountains and crossing rivers, many trekked 10+ hours in order to attend a pastors' conference at Jim Walter Retreat Center.

Together, the Aeta people, BVC mission team would soon meet to fellowship, learn, exchange cultures, and celebrate the love of our Lord, Jesus. Special participants joined the BVC team this year, Pastor Brad Matherne, Brandon Kress and Dr. Joe Singh from Praise Church, Littleton, CO and the inventor of the water drill, Harold Patterson and his wife from Texas. On March 5th, Pastor Torben Jensen and Dr. Karen Taylor from Bear Valley join the rest of the mission team at Jim Water Retreat Center.

My parents (Dante & Zenaida), Patrick and I are privileged and honored to serve with the 2017 mission team in the Mt Pinatubo Aeta Region, led by Pastor Torben Jensen and Pastor Brad Matherne. As you read these next pages, may you visualize and feel the emotions that we felt through this incredible mission trip.

Have a wonderful 2017 and may God bless each of you. Forever, we are grateful for your generous support for the Aeta Pastors in the indigenous villages of Mount Pinatubo region located in Central Luzon, Philippines. From relief package gifts, to goats, to Carabaos (water buffaloes) to monthly sustenance, to church buildings, water drill and now clean drinking water in an Aeta village — thank you!

Special thank you to the Water Drill team who successfully installed “clean drinking water” and water pumps in 2 Aeta villages, plus trained a Philippines team to continue on with the project in other villages.

In His Service,

*Danzena C. de Guzman*

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## DAY 3 – VILLAGE #1: TISDALE CHAPEL

Pastor Jay Famularcano built the Tisdale Chapel with his members. What an incredible witness of the Lord, Jesus. He shared a powerful story about His faithfulness in building the Tisdale Chapel. Pastor Brad dedicated Tisdale Chapel, 29 new members were baptized and 50 relief.

The village was ministered to by the Children's ministry, Chiro Medical Treatment and Prayer team.



**WATER Ministry:** The 6 member US team and about 12 Filipino team members were trained by Harold Patterson (Inventor) to continue drilling after the US team leaves.

## DAY 4 – VILLAGE #2: PILIEL TO DEDICATE A PARSONAGE

Mission team commuted to the Village of Piliel via 4x4s where Pastor Dominador's new parsonage would be dedicated by Pastor Brad.



There were 146 new Aeta Christians who were baptized in the village of Piliel, total population 1000 Aeta households. Fifty (50) relief packages were distributed to the members. The village was ministered to by the Children's ministry, Chiro Medical Treatment and Prayer team.





# DAY 5 – VILLAGE #3: KERIC’S CHAPEL

Pastor Greg Ramos greeted the Mission team with a gleaming smile. Pastor Brad dedicated Keric’s Chapel, 9 new members were baptized and 50 relief packages were distributed to the members. The village was ministered to by the Children’s ministry, Chiro Medical Treatment and Prayer team.



## DAYS 6 - 9 AIDAN FARM: PASTORS' CONFERENCE AT JIM WALTERS RETREAT CENTER

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Gleaming eyes, filled with tears, expressed the joy the Aeta pastors and their families, IBS students felt seeing the mission team. The Aeta people saw the team as representatives of the love of our Lord Jesus. The Pastors' conference was launched with a General Assembly led by Pastor Natividad and Pastor Brad Matherne.

Pastors Conference, breakout sessions led by the following team members:

**Pastors:** *Pastor Brad Matherne*

**IBS and High School Students:** *Pastor Brandon Kress*

**Pastors' Spouses:** *Terri Deiker & Cathy Herman*

**Children:** *Bessie Bartling, Steve Waldron & Lynn Davis*

**Water Ministry:** *Harold & Kathy Patterson, Dave Winslow,  
Del Smith, Keith Herman and Patrick Reigle*











There are no roads in most Aeta villages and their dream is to have a Carabao. Praise God, Pastor Jonie Sumawang was thrilled to be the recipient of a Carabao named HAMPSON this year. Also, over 12 goats were distributed to the new SOCI pastors.

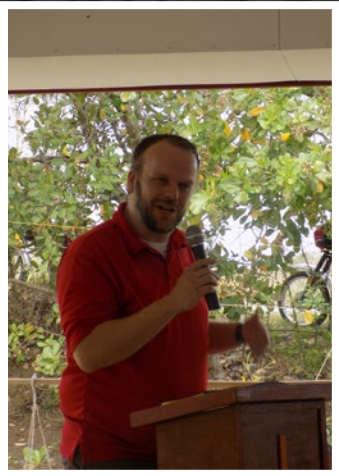


45 AETA Pastors received \$20/month for the next 6 months.



Over 300+ attendees enjoyed fellowship and lunch together. Mission team performed a foot washing ceremony for the Aeta Pastors.

# SUNDAY SERVICE





## VILLAGE #4 - NOT TOO FAR FROM JW RETREAT CENTER IS THE DAILY WALK CHURCH

BVC and PRAISE CHURCH mission team arrived at the Daily Walk Church to dedicate a parsonage for Pastor Alejandro DeLa Cruz. The parsonage was a large size facility, as Pastor Alejandro has visions of having the youth group meet at the main room entrance as you enter the parsonage and then, a large kitchen towards the back. Pastor Alejandro purchased all supplies with funds received and built it himself with his own hands.

Water Drill was relocated from Tisdale Chapel onto this location for the 2nd water pump site installation. The Daily Walk Church is on the right side, while the parsonage facility is on the left side and water pump site will be in between.



## DAY 10 – VILLAGE #5 IDA'S CHAPEL IN ZAMBALES (WEST SIDE OF MT PINATUBO, NORTH OF SUBIC)

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The furthest Aeta village, in an extreme remote area, is where we were Ida's Chapel would be dedicated. It took a 1-hour jeepney ride from Castillejos, Zambales; then, a weapon's carrier (truck from World War II) for 2.5 hours on very rough volcano ash desert, then a large river and up a rocky terrain in the mountain onto Pastor Bella's village. Praise God for Pastor Bella's life dedication to our Lord, Jesus. Pastor Bella relocated in this remote area away from the Methodist district and started her own village after she was falsely accused, apprehended and imprisoned in 2008.

Pastor Torben Jensen dedicated the chapel, dedicated 109 new Christians and 100 relief packages were distributed.









Weapon's Carrier broke down in the middle of Volcano Ash Desert.





# DAY 11 – VILLAGE #6: HESTER’S CHAPEL

Pastor Canduli has been in this Aeta village since shortly after the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo in 1991. It has been his life dream to have a church in his community and is very thankful that on this day, Hester’s Chapel would be dedicated. Pastor Torben Jensen dedicated the chapel and baptized several members.

The District Superintendent attended this event and was very thankful for the church in the village of Castillejos. Fifty (50) relief packages were provided to the members, as well as chiropractic treatment and children’s ministry.



## DAY 12 – MASS WEDDING (ZAMBALES)

### *Aeta Dream: Marriage Ceremony & License*

A wonderful mass wedding ceremony for 16 Aeta couples was held at the DuReMe Mansion Hotel & Resort in Castillejos, Zambales. Pastor Torben Jensen and Pastor Brad led the Men's Marriage Counseling training, while Doctor Karen Taylor spoke to the Women.

A wonderful lunch reception was provided and the Vice Mayor with the Town's Court Clerk attended the ceremony to legally register each couple to provide them with a marriage license - an Aeta dream come true. Thank you Lord, Jesus.





## DAY R&R IN BORACAY

Pastor Dan Smith has a saying ... “availability” is all that is required to be a servant of Christ. During a day on the island of Boracay, Dr Karen Taylor, Patrick, Dante & Zenaïda and I visited a Church that is located in Buruanga, Aklan.

This church gets flooded during the rainy season months (July – Nov) and though a Sunday service is still held, they are in water. The goal has been to add a 2nd floor to hold Sunday Church Services and stay dry during the rainy season months.



Pastor Ansing in front of the church and notice that the property is much lower than the property to the right side, home of Ramona Tumaca (mother of Anthon) who donated the land to the church. Stay tuned on the status of this wonderful project...



## ISAIAH 52:7

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*(NLT) How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news of peace and salvation, the news that the God of Israel reigns!*

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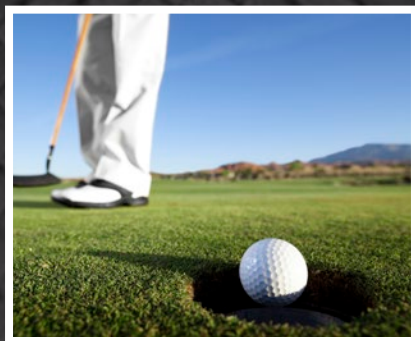
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

*Saturday, June 24, 2017 at 7:30am*  
Littleton Golf and Tennis Club, Littleton, CO

Perhaps you may not play golf, but know someone  
who would like to play golf to support the  
Aeta people in the Philippines.

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### **ANNUAL FILIPINO THANKSGIVING**

*Friday, October 6, 2017 at 6:00pm*  
Bear Valley Church

Enjoy Lumpia (eggrolls) &  
Pancit (Rice Noodles w/ Vegetables)



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