

Philippines Mission Trip 2018



April 30, 2018

My dearest Family and Friends,

God is awesome! Jesus loves you and the Aeta people of Mount Pinatubo, Central Luzon, Philippines.

On January 26th, 2018, the 12-member Bear Valley Church (BVC) & Praise Church mission team departed Denver, CO. After a 12-hr flight via United Dreamliner, the team arrived in Tokyo, Japan to catch another flight that carried them safely to Manila International Airport, Philippines. About the same time, Aeta pastors, their spouses and children were traveling to Capas from their Aeta village. Traversing mountains and crossing rivers, many trekked 10+ hours to attend a pastors' conference at Aidan Farm in San Jose, Tarlac.

The team arrived at Clark AFB on the 27th of January to get a good night's rest in preparation to serve the Aeta people over the next 7 days where Children, Youth and Pastors' conference would transpire at Aidan Farm. Furthermore, a church dedication, medical chiro ministry, mass baptism and gift distribution which included "shoes" were ministries that were planned in several Aeta villages.

On Sunday, the 28th of January, the mission team checked in at Peniel Retreat and Spiritual Center located at the foot of Mount Pinatubo. This location would serve as the headquarter for accommodations for the Aeta youth, Aeta pastors' family and mission team. Together, the Aeta people, mission team would soon meet to fellowship, learn, exchange cultures, and celebrate the love of our Lord, Jesus. The mission team was led by Pastor Brad Matherne of Praise Church, Littleton, CO, a seasoned leader, as this was his 3rd year to personally minister to the Aeta. Though my late father, Dante, who passed away on December 13th, 2017, was not physically present, he was with us in spirit with a joyful heart.

Through your generous giving, we now have 44 Aeta pastors receiving \$20/month support for the first 6 months of calendar year 2018. Though, we have about a dozen Aeta Pastors on a waitlist, we continue to pray for His provision.

As you read these next pages, may you visualize and feel the emotions that we felt through this incredible mission trip. Have a wonderful 2018 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, Philippines. From relief packages, shoes, gifts, to goats, to Carabaos (water buffaloes) to monthly sustenance to parsonages and church buildings – thank you!

In His Service,

Danzena C. de Guzman

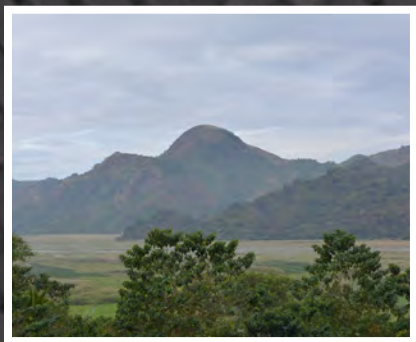
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DAY 1 - BUNGA AETA VILLAGE:

Dedicate Parsonage, Chiro Medical, Prayer, Children, Youth, Shoes & relief package distribution to minister to the community

Early at 8am in Peniel, six 4x4s await the mission team to trek through several Aeta villages and destination would be the village of BUNGA. On cargo were a thousand pairs of shoes, gifts, relief packages, youth and children's materials for distribution.



After 45 minutes of travel, the first Aeta village pastor and youth were picked up to join the mission team. In about a one-hour travel through a trail of hard rocks, thick volcano ashes and rivers through the mountain, we arrived at Bunga Aeta village, a mile up sea level, the highest peak in this mountain terrain.

Gleaming eyes, filled with tears, expressed the joy the Aeta people felt seeing the mission team who came as representatives of the love of our Lord Jesus.

The newly built parsonage for Pastor Ronald Grey stood next to the BVC chapel (dedicated in 2015), which now became a multi-purpose hall for youth & children.

Funding for the parsonage was awarded by BVC on January 6th and in less than 3 weeks, the parsonage was built in preparation for the mission team to dedicate on January 29th.

Parsonage dedication was led by Pastor Brad Matherne and songs of Praise followed the devotion. Shortly thereafter, breakout sessions were setup to minister to children, youth, chiro medical treatment for the community and families.

Relief packages of rice, fish, and other rare items were distributed to the Aeta families, there were about 50 packages distributed along with clothes and over 1000 pairs of shoes.



Pastor Brandon Kress along with 5 young adult missionaries from Colorado led the Youth ministry.



Maggie Woods and Pam Harms ministered to the children



Dr. Joe Singh, Chiropractor ministered to the community while Pastor Brad Matherne and Nadine Grosjean prayed for the sick



About 30 Bunga Aeta youth participants joined the mission team and were transported back to Peniel Retreat & Spiritual center for the next few days' conference.

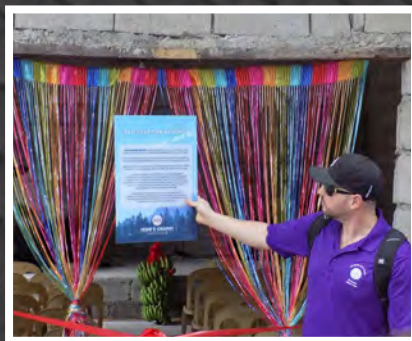


DAY 2 – BAMBAN AETA VILLAGE:

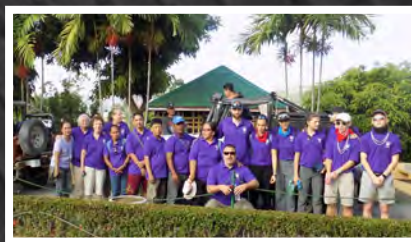
Dedicate “Jean Chapel,” Baby Dedication, Mass Baptism in a river, Chiro Medical, Prayer, Youth, Children, Shoes & relief package distribution; Plus, visit “Keric Chapel” to minister to Pastor Leo Salazar

Another early morning at 8am, three large jeepneys, five 4x4s await the mission team, Aeta youth and Aeta pastors at Peniel. On cargo via trailers were a thousand pairs of shoes, gifts, relief packages and materials for distribution.

As we approach Jean Chapel, Praise songs with musical instruments were played by the worship team inside the chapel. Pastor Mallari and the Aeta community were anxious for the mission team’s arrival. They were overjoyed to welcome the mission team and were grateful for the village chapel, a dream come true for Pastor Mallari. Pastor Brad Matherne gave a powerful message to dedicate the new chapel.



Being a brand new church, several families desired to dedicate their children to our Lord, Jesus. Pastor Brad Matherne dedicated the children and the families celebrated this fabulous occasion.



BAPTISM, a public proclamation made by new Christian of their love for our Lord, Jesus. At 12 noon, there were about 100+ new Christians that were baptized in a river near Jean Chapel. Mission team was transported via Carabaos on a trailer.



About 75 relief packages of rice, fish, and other rare items were distributed to the Aeta families, along with clothes and shoes.



KERIC CHAPEL

We left Jean Chapel and in less than an hour travel, we arrived at KERIC Chapel to minister to the newly assigned Pastor Leo Salazar and his wife. It has been very tough for this couple, they didn't have a bed to sleep on and their clothes were being eaten by mice, plus no drinking water in their village. They have to travel to a nearby village to buy water in large jugs, which they are unable to afford.



DAYS 3 – 6 AIDAN FARM

(Jim Walter Retreat Center) Pastors, Youth, Children and Community Conference)

The Pastors' conference was launched with a General Assembly led by Pastor Natividad, Pastor Brandon Kress and Pastor Ronald Tengco (President of Servants of Christ Philippines). The mission team members introduced themselves after which the Aeta pastors presented them with their gratitude and a warm welcome.

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

Pastors and Spouses: *Pastor Brad Matherne*

Youth (Non-High School & High School Students):
Pastor Brandon Kress

Community: *Dr. Joseph Singh*

Children: *Maggie Woods & Pam Harms*

Chiro Medical Team: *Dr. Joseph Singh & Nadine Grosjean*

Prayer: *Nadine Grosjean*

Over the next few days, the Pastors conference would continue at Aidan Farm. Aeta people surrounded each member of the mission team anxious to receive the blessing from each team member.

PASTORS CONFERENCE

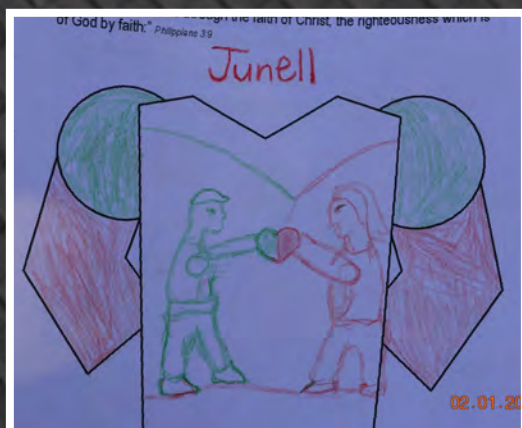


YOUTH





CHILDREN



COMMUNITY / CHIRO MEDICAL



DAY 6 - SERVICE AND CELEBRATION

Saturday service started at 9am with praise and worship songs by the Aeta pastors. Pastor Brad Matherne gave a powerful message on “encouragement comes from our Lord, Jesus.”

Mission team served communion to celebrate what our Lord, Jesus, did on the cross for us to have eternal life with Him. Over 300+ attendees enjoyed fellowship and lunch together. Chiro medical team continued with their ministry.



There were 2 Motorcycles that were distributed to 2 different pastors. The Aeta Dream is to have a Carabao. Carabao FELIX has a new born baby Carabao named “Jaspheer” and became a blessing for a pastor. Pastor Mallari of the latest Jean Chapel received goats. 2000 pairs of shoes, clothing and special gifts were distributed.





Pastor Brad Matherne and Brandon Kress anointed each of the Aeta Pastor & their spouse.



There are no monies in the villages, thus the \$20/month stipend helps each pastor with purchasing toothpaste, slippers, soap, toiletries, etc. Thank you so much for your generous giving through Servants of Christ International, LLC and for making this a reality.



This year 2018, through your generous giving, you have supported 44 pastors at \$20/month. This allows each pastor to minister to at least 25 families in their village, exponentially this would equate to more than 1000+ families being brought the gospel, and cared-for, ministered to and supported. Cumulatively, this has become an enormous church of Jesus Christ in the Aeta Tribal Villages of Mount Pinatubo.



ISAIAH 52:7

(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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DAY R&R IN BORACAY

BURUANGA CHURCH - TYPHOON CHURCH

In 2017, we told you about an Assemblies of God church located in Buruanga, Aklan that gets flooded, during the rainy season, we asked you to stay tuned on the status of this wonderful project. My father could not rest; bless his heart, until the 2nd floor was renovated. Praise God, late November 2017 this church was renovated and completed to hold Sunday service. God's perfect timing allowed the facility to be the evacuation facility for the community the latter part of December, during a 5-day typhoon season. Several families resided on the 2nd floor and to God be the Glory!



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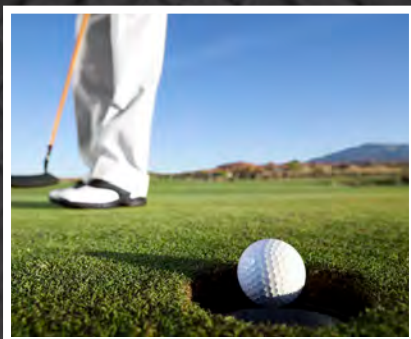
AFTER



Church members say "THANK YOU and to God be the Glory!"



UPCOMING EVENTS



GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, June 30, 2018 at 7:00am
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.



ANNUAL FILIPINO THANKSGIVING

Friday, October 5, 2018 at 5:00pm
Bear Valley Church

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



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