

Dear family at Cannon Beach,

Kermit now back in India - arrived at midnight – some 9 hours ago. Raquel stayed behind in the Philippines so she can be there when our son Tim arrives. Tim plans to fly to the Philippines with his Aunt Inday (Marilyn) on May 22 and stay until June 11. It's been around five years since Tim has been in the Philippines.

In our last update I mentioned I'll be trekking the Taubuid mountains to check up on how the teachers we trained were coming along with their teaching of the Taubuid kids. However we got word from them that there is some unrest in their area and they were fearful of our safety. So instead, we had one of our Taubuid translators come to us and I worked with him for a few days before Raquel and I boarded a boat for Caluya. Raquel was pretty concerned on the boat since it was packed with passengers and cargo to the extent that the outriggers were no longer floating on top of the water. They were pretty much immersed in the seas. But we made it to our destination safe and sound. Thank you Lord. We had an enjoyable week on Caluya seeing friends and relatives. I was able to share in the two churches there giving them a seminar on principles of interpreting the Scriptures and suggestions on how to read the Bible. I also was able to go snorkeling on three occasions. The coral reefs around the main town where we stay are pretty nice, so I really enjoyed seeing God's creation under the seas – all the colors and different forms of both coral and fish. Some of them are just totally amazing. We sure have a big, creative, amazing God. And He also knows how to entertain His children.

Last week I was on the island of Semirara (Raquel stayed with her family on Caluya) where I gave a 4 day seminar to the pastors there on the principles of interpreting the Scriptures as well as giving suggestions on how they as pastors can apply the verse that reads: "Be all things to all people." Most of those in attendance had toured the many islands around Caluya with me on a number of occasions some 30 plus years ago. At that time there were no churches on the island of Semirara. Now there are at least six churches being pastored by these old companions of mine whom I mentored. It indeed is a joy seeing the fruit of ones labor.

Below: the pastors and church leaders attending the seminar. The church was also my bedroom during my 4 day stay – nice and roomy.



You can see that the school building for the Mangyan kids is coming along. When here in San Jose I often help out for an hour in the late afternoon. We plan to begin classes next school year for 30 Mangyan kids coming from throughout the Taubuid and Hanunuu speaking area. If you know of any retired school teachers that would be willing to donate a year or two, or even a few months, to the teaching of these 3rd graders, let us know.



Thanks again for your prayers, that my time in India will once again be very productive, thanks to His grace and ability in orchestrating our movements.

Shoni seems to be doing ok with her pregnancy. Thanks also for your prayers for her and Michael.

Yours in His service,

Kermit and Raquel