

Dear family at Cannon Beach,

I asked you to pray that I would stay healthy while I was teaching the 33 Mangyan 3rd graders and as I was orientating the Filipino staff helping me with teaching. God answered our prayer. I was healthy all those 6 weeks. The day after the kids went back to their barrios for a month being with their families and studying under those I trained, Raquel and I got on a public van for the 5 hour trip to Calapan where I once again will be working with our Mangyan translators for one month. Half way up I began to feel a little feverish and tired with a slight headache. I think I came down with the flu – at least from what I read up on checking the internet – fevers between 101 and 102.6 (around 39 Celsius) with headache and muscle weakness. After two days of high temps, my temperature are now back to normal. I still don't feel as spry as I would like to be. But after being basically bed bound for the past 3 days, I feel good enough to go to the translation factory and see how they are coming along, which I will do so shortly after I send off this email to you. The translation teams have been working for the past days without me. I've been working with them for some 5 years now so I'm sure they've done well without me.

Thanks for your prayers. I still have some congestion in my lungs and for some reason that nasty virus also brought on canker sores on my lips and gave me a sore tongue, though maybe unrelated. I kind of feel like Job and

thanks to Job's attitude I too would like to proclaim "The Lord giveth (health) and the Lord taketh away (health). May His name be blessed (in my life in either situation.)" But I'm also pretty sure that like what he did with Job, He will soon restore me back to good health so I can help the Mangyan translators during the next month.

Again I want to thank Him for His timing, keeping me well when I needed to be well.

I'll send another report soon of how things went during the past couple of weeks at the school in San Jose, Mindoro. All in all everything went very well and the Lord healed a number of those who got sick. We asked the students if they plan to come back to Bethany, San Jose after their one month studying in the barrios. All 33 said they do. I've also asked them why (had them write it on a piece of paper in their own language) and one of their main answers is because they've learned a lot, especially English, but also Math, Science, Social Studies, and Bible and its application in their lives.

Hodu ladonay ci tov! The Lord is Good!

Yours,

Kermit for also Raquel