

Update Kawa-Saka

Preparations are now in full swing for stage 2 of the Kawa-saka mission trip set for April 20-27 in the province of Kalinga. Among the places to be visited is an area called Sleeping Beauty, way up in the mountains. The team will distribute cassettes and CD's and conduct film shows, seminars and Bible studies.

Continue to pray and support the Kawa-saka mission trip. Encourage your friends and churchmates to join as well. Each team member will need to raise Php 3,500 to cover transportation and food expenses. For more information or for your donations, please get in touch with Me-anne Ramos at (632) 293-9254 / 293-0782.



Sleeping Beauty Mountain



Tinglayan Community



January 31, 1953, Joy Ridderhof, the founder of Gospel Recordings, wrote a letter to the Executive Board with the statement that goes like this; *“Dear Board and Staff, Let’s move ahead with God this year, if some goals were not reached this year let’s stretch ahead for far greater ones!...”* Thus, even expressed her frustrations when goals were hindered and keeping millions from getting the Gospel.

60 years passed, the situation looks paralleled, and we are in the glitch of “global economic crisis,” our prayers never ceased.

A code called “G4” came across in the moment of your solitude with God. “Go,” the task is given, “Get,” the peoples cry and agony and, “Give,” extend, share the “Good news,” of hope and salvation in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ to every language group. There are matters that you wanted to do, but you felt that you are unable to do something about it. You cannot walk, your arms are unable to reach. You wanted to share something, and yet you are unable to give!?! And perhaps you ask yourself does it really matter anyway?

Recorded messages *go*, without barriers, we *get* the peoples voice through recordings in the language they speak, and we *give* it back to them free, with the message of the **Good News**, the Word of Life and the stories of creation, prophets, redemption, and revelation. Nevertheless, all we need to do is act on it... start doing it, moving ahead. You cannot do it alone, but we can do it together. Let’s work together in **“Telling the story of Jesus in every language.”** We can do something in extending the territorial boundaries of God’s grace and redemption in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ for God’s Glory.

Bless God in your life.
Jurine B. Tolentino



PRAYER CONCERNS

- Pray for God’s provisions for more units of the Saber in order to meet the requirements of a number of mission organizations, churches and individuals.
- Pray for a vehicle to be used for transport of materials, as well as for mission trips.

GR-Phils. Leaders Get Together



The Corporate and Board of Trustees members of GR-Phils. met at Bethel Bible College, Valenzuela City last February 4, for the Annual General meeting. An important highlight of the meeting was the report of the Executive Director Pastor Jurine Tolentino. He explained the small gains from their efforts on development and consultations with a number of mission organizations, churches and individuals for partnership in the ministry. He also engaged the leaders on the way forward for GR-Phils. in the midst of the present global economic crisis.

It will be recalled that on September 29, 2008, Ptr. Jurine was installed as Executive Director. For the past 14 years, he has served the Mission as its Senior Recordist.

A Church is Born



Join us in praising the Lord for the birth of a small church in Colayo, Kalinga.

During the Kawasaka short-term mission trip last April 2008, the group distributed Good News in the Tulgao dialect. Several recipients listened. And as they did, they began to understand the Gospel message. Not long after, they responded to God's Word. As a result, a small group of believers began meeting regularly.

The new believers were so touched by the efforts of the Kawa-saka team who they said, came all the way from Manila to visit their community up in the mountains and minister to them.

Now, we have a church in Colayo under Bible Christian Fellowship.

Not only that. A Kawa-saka team member felt so particularly overwhelmed by how the Lord has spoken to the people in that tribe. Although she was about to emigrate, she pledged to financially support the next Kawasaka mission trip.

Indeed, God works miraculously to build His kingdom here on earth.



Ministering through the Saber



Team Mission Philippines, a Christian organization based in Bulacan, recently purchased 14 units of Saber. They will soon be using the equipment for their work among the Mangyan tribe in Mindoro.

A few years back, they once bought several units of the hand-wind cassettes which they distributed in key areas within their Mangyan outreach.

Please pray for another possible partnership as we plan to record fresh Gospel messages in Mangyan.



Meanwhile, last year, GR-Phils. Bookkeeper Mary Ann Ramos had the privilege of introducing the Saber to the mission team of Life in Christ Assembly of God Church in Valenzuela City. The said team then used the gadget for their mission outreach among the Aetas in San Faustino, Zambales last December.

As the people listened to the message in their own language, they became excited and were instantly drawn to it. Praise the Lord for this opportunity to share God's Word in a novel way.

The Saber is very effective especially in mountainous areas where there is no electricity and batteries are not readily available.



Executive Director to Attend Meeting in Australia

Please remember GR-Phils. Executive Director Ptr. Jurine Tolentino who is set to leave for Sydney, Australia this February 28, 2009 for a meeting of Executive Directors from the Oceania Region.

This will be the first time Ptr. Jurine will attend not as a recordist but as head of GR-Phils. Let us remember him as well as the leaders of other fields as they discuss strategies to fast-track the GR ministry in their own areas.



GRN Australia Office



Government officials of the Valenzuela City, led by Mayor Win Gatchalian, received copies of the Tagalog GoodNews during the kick-off celebration of the Bible Week last January. During the event attended by pastors and lay leaders, GR-Phils. distributed more than a hundred CDs of the said material.