



To know Christ and to
make Him known

November 2008



Season's greetings to everyone!

Prayer Concerns:

- Student leaders and young professionals who will co-labor with me in Samar & beyond;
- Reecho on National Leadership Training Program learnings and Christmas outreach;
- Weekend classes on Cross-culture Missions ;
- Cultural and ministry exposure in Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore.



Thanks for the support! Aden, Mitz & Che were able to join the NLTP.



With Daisy, Fece, Meli & Jenelith during the young profs retreat.

I'm sending out this early Christmas greetings to ensure that it will be arrive on time! This newsletter was supposed to be delivered last June, but I kept delaying until I realized that the year is almost over and I haven't finished it. So, I'm making this early greetings now!

The past semester was not easy for me. Starting June, I was designated as head of the Department of Agricultural Sciences. Along with it are added duties & responsibilities which greatly affected my time & ministry involvement. I had more travels, meetings and activities outside the school.

Meet some of our key people...

Au is a sophomore BS Education student. She joined our Bible Study while still a high school student through her elder sister, Floricel. Now she facilitates Bible discussion among her dormmates.

Che is a junior BS Computer Science student. She joined us through a friend who invited her. At first she was hesitant and scared of opening the Bible, but now she is bringing along her younger brother and sister to join our gatherings.

Mitz is a senior BS Agriculture student. She lives in Brgy.

It was difficult to organize my schedule to meet with students because often there are urgent calls & trips that I had to make. Many meetings & gatherings were postponed... until we discovered the semester is over. Foremost was the reecho of the NLTP participants' learnings & experiences in Benguet during the summer - many times it was cancelled also because there were many instant conflict of schedules among students from different colleges.

Hopefully, after meeting key students at the start of the 2nd sem, we finally agreed to hold it on Dec. 5. The following day we will conduct a Christmas

outreach in one of the interior upland barangays of Maydolong.

To cover-up the 'quiet' 1st semester, I decided to push mission awareness among our contacts. Starting 22 Nov., we'll have weekend classes on Cross-culture Missions. And during the long Christmas break I am bringing Jenelith to Thailand for a cultural & ministry exposure, & with Daisy we'll also visit Malaysia & Singapore.

Please pray for extra strength & God's protection upon us and our plans.

A Blessed Christmas & Prosperous New Year to you & your family!

Sharon



Jicontrol which takes 3-hrs boat ride upstream from the town of Dolores, the rice granary of E. Samar.

The week-long rain last January to February flooded many places of E. Samar, including Mitz' community. The Navs sent assistance to her which she used to buy basic food items & medicines. She shared this with her relatives and indigent families in their barangay.

Jenelith is an elementary teacher in one of the interior barangays of Maydolong. She led the students' Bible study

and gatherings when Daisy left for Thailand. Now, she is facilitating Bible study among her friends and co-teachers. She is praying for God's future ministry direction for her outside of E. Samar.



Aden's farewell & visit of Kuya Dan, Ate Angie, & Dean.

Lessons from the flood...

"God, have mercy on us! We are very sorry for all the things we have done to you! Please help us to find ways for our survival. God, have mercy on us!" ... this was the prayer and words that I heard from my grandmother and father when the flood came and washed some of the rice fields in our barangay.

No rice to buy, no money to earn and no one can go to the town to buy for our necessity for several days because of the heavy floods. No relief operation can go immediately to our barangay because of the difficulty in traveling upstream in a flooded river. Every breadwinner of the family

worried for the survival of their family members. Some swam across the river just to get banana and some root crops, though it's not yet time to harvest. Some children suffered from diarrhea because the water that we drank was not safe since it just came from the artesian well. It was the only available water source because the pipe for the drinking water was cut off and swept away into the river by the flood. No one expected this to happen. According to old folks, it was the first time that the rice fields was submerged with waters so deep that it was already like a river that even a pumpboat could travel on it.

Thanks to God for touching the heart of people who gave & contributed. It helped us a lot... It made us realize how marvelous, how kind the Lord God is! He keeps on calling... but we don't respond to Him until we experience events that makes us realize we can't save ourselves & all we can do is just call upon is His name.

Thanks to our Almighty God, for my Navigators family, for the whole-hearted support and for the PRAYERS...

Mitz 



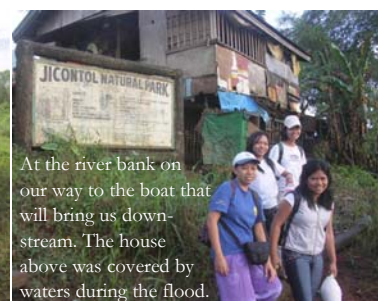
At Dolores wharf with Mitz, Aden & May



Grandmother of Mitz helps pack relief goods



The kuliglig



At the river bank on our way to the boat that will bring us downstream. The house above was covered by waters during the flood.

The National Leadership Training Program with the theme "Shaping the heart of a Leader" was held at Living Hope Camp in Benguet from March 29-April 4. Photos with team and Iloilo students



High school students who have started to join us –brother, sister, classmate...



Ice cream @ the Maydolong Plaza to celebrate Joanine's birthday



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Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

Thanks for your prayers & financial support to this ministry!

If you are not yet involved and would like to join us in discipling students and young professionals in E. Samar and beyond through prayers, financial assistance or by personally joining us here, please feel free to contact me.

Pray with us for the Lord of the harvest to send more workers because the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few...

You are blessed to be a blessing!

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