



Walking in Faith

God Brings Opportunities

Providing for those who need it most.



This 6 year old boy from a mountain village, ripped apart the empty shell of a stuffed Garfield Cat. As we watched his strange actions, we were touched when he then tore off a paw to cover his own foot. He was making shoes from what he could find.



We hiked across a swinging bridge -100 feet over a rocky river. We ascended to higher ground as we entered the mountainous village of the Aeta people. This minority people group live below the poverty level and barely have enough to eat. Our advance team met with the Chieftain, who welcomed us with gratitude and joy. Our Middle School was planning to sing and share God's love with those often over-looked. We mentioned that we would like to bring gifts for the children of the village. He said that because the people are so poor, many of the children do not even have the most simple of footwear. We said that we would challenge others to give so we could help the people he loved and governed.

After a month of raising funds, we bought flip flops and rain coats for 250 children. I found a special pair of shoes for my 6 year old photo friend. I asked our Filipino liaison to ask and find this exact boy. We found Ismail and he was thrilled to get his shoes. We were shocked to find out that he is the only boy in a family of 5 sisters and all orphans. Their parents died in the last two years. They survive on rice and the little fruit they can forage from the forest.

We are planning to return by the beginning of May to provide food supplements and needed clothing. We want to provide for basic needs and make an impact for eternity. May God grant wisdom as we serve Him.



The Alejo family: Back Row: Esperanza, Esmeralda, Cynthia holding Marion; Front Row: Ismail, and Mikee.



ASP: ACCREDITATION BY SCHOOL PROGRESS



For Faith Academy, the accreditation process is a key component to keeping the targets of the school sharply in focus. This ongoing improvement process enables us to regularly examine how we are doing in accomplishing our mission, vision and goals as an institution.

This year Kristen has played a significant role in walking the

school through the accreditation process. She has helped lead staff in-service meetings, written, revised and edited portions of the report as well as helped to upload and link key evidences to the online document. April 18-21 marks the visit of the accreditation team with members from the US, as well as other international schools here in Asia.

While ASP has consumed much of her time and energy, Kristen has enjoyed the interaction with students afforded by her position as Elementary Vice Principal. She leads a Bible study for girls focusing on friendship, helps struggling students in mathematics, and is always ready to give a hug or words

of encouragement to students who need a little extra TLC.

Highlights of this semester include speaking in chapel and helping a 3rd grade boy through some challenges, which led ultimately to a deeper assurance of his faith in Jesus. It truly is a privilege to guide and mentor both students and staff at Faith Academy.



TOGETHER FOR CHRISTMAS!



Through the generosity of friends, we were able for David to fly to the Philippines for Christmas. It was a blessing to reunite and spend some great quality time as a family. We were also able to go to the beach for a couple days.



Thanks for your Prayers and Support for our Family and Ministry!
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