



# THE MACKAYS



THIS SPRING DON HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF BAPTIZING OUR YOUNGEST SON, CALEB.

## Ministry Adventures Abound for our Family

It's been a busy semester for our entire family as we seek to serve Christ in our little corner of the globe. We were thrilled to see Caleb publicly profess his faith through baptism. An added joy was for Don to be able to take part in his baptism.

In addition to his pastoral ministry at Faith Academy, Don has taken an active role in the Threads of Hope ministry the First Love teammates, Alex and Chris Kulow have started. He was privileged to participate in the dedication service of the Thread's

Aninuan Christian Church Ministry Center and baptism of 14 of its members. It is thrilling to see what Christ is doing in the lives of these humble bracelet makers and the transformation of their community.



MINISTRY CENTER IN ANINUAN



MAYOR DOLOR ATTENDED THE DEDICATION



RECEIVING PAYMENT FOR BRACELTES MADE

# Fifth Grade at Faith Academy



PLEASE PRAY FOR APRIL

This January, I stepped back into the classroom full time, once again teaching fifth grade. It has been an intense semester, yet very fulfilling to see how God has used my talents and training in the lives of my twenty-three students.

Midway through the semester, the father of one of my students died unexpectedly. It was precious to see my class pray and care for April in her time of sorrow and grief.

One of the highlights of this semester was taking the students to Malabon, an

impoverished area in Metro Manila. The students played with kids, shared the Gospel through songs, puppets, dance and drama, and distributed backpacks filled with school supplies.

It was a semester of learning and laughter, prayer and tears. I am so thankful for the opportunity I had to step into the lives of my students. I am excited to continue teaching fifth grade this coming school year as I seek to make a difference for eternity in the lives of my students.

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YOU YOURSELVES ARE OUR LETTER, WRITTEN ON OUR HEARTS, KNOWN AND READ BY EVERYBODY. YOU SHOW THAT YOU ARE A LETTER FROM CHRIST, THE RESULT OF OUR MINISTRY, WRITTEN NOT WITH INK BUT WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD, NOT ON TABLETS OF STONE BUT ON TABLETS OF HUMAN HEARTS. - 2 COR. 3:2,3

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## MALABON OUTREACH



LOVING THE LITTLE ONES



GOSPEL PRESENTATION



HANDING OUT BACKPACKS



RIDING BACK TO SCHOOL



# Life With Three Teenagers

There's never a dull moment around our house. All three boys have had an active semester of fun, friends and outreach. David played on the rugby team and traveled to Hong Kong for an honors choir trip. Austin has excelled as a percussionist in the high school band and started a Bible study with his freshman class friends. Caleb continues to take piano lessons, has been active in drama and has helped with the sound-system for his middle school youth group.

Caleb was excited to attend his first Outdoor Ed program. This year the entire middle school traveled to the Bataan Peninsula, a very important WWII historical site. Don had the privilege of being in charge of base camp and the ministry outreach there. "We literally marched in the shadows of where US and Filipino soldiers had sixty plus years ago. Our march was only about a mile, and we trekked to a public school in the town next to the camp."

Each day they took 75 Faith students to a local Filipino school where they shared the Gospel through music and with Wordless Book bracelets. Praise God for the nearly 150 kids who came to Christ that week. The pastor/manager at the camp has a church across the street from the school and has hosted a VBS to follow up. Praise God for His faithfulness and great fruit!

## ITEMS FOR PRAYER

- DAVID IS ENTERING HIS SENIOR YEAR. PRAY FOR HIM AS HE MAKES DECISIONS ABOUT COLLEGE
- PRAY FOR US AS WE SEEK TO BALANCE MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT, WORK, SCHOOL, AND FAMILY TIME
- OUR CURRENT SUPPORT LEVEL IS 85% OF OUR TOTAL NEEDS. PRAY FOR GOD'S PROVISION
- TEACHERS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED IN THE HIGH SCHOOL FOR THIS YEAR. CRITICAL AREAS ARE IN MATH AND SOCIAL STUDIES
- PRAY THAT MANY MORE WILL COME TO CHRIST THROUGH THE MINISTRIES OF A4J AND THREADS OF HOPE



## MANNA PACKS

IN MARCH, DAVID WAS THRILLED TO HELP IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF MANNA PACKS AS AN EXTENSION OF OUR ASSISTANCE TO FLOOD VICTIMS IN THE AREA. LAST YEAR IN THE STATES HE, ALONG WITH OTHERS FROM HIS YOUTH GROUP AT CHURCH, VOLUNTEERED AT "FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN" TO PACKAGE THESE COMPLETE MEALS FOR STARVING CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD.



## OUTDOOR ED

CALEB HAD A BLAST ON HIS FIRST OUTDOOR ED EXPERIENCE. ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS FOR HIM WAS BEING ABLE TO RELEASE A BABY SEA TURTLE (HE NAMED IT "SKIPPY") TO THE WILD AS HE LEARNED ABOUT EFFORTS HERE IN THE PHILIPPINES TO BOOST THE TURTLE POPULATION.

## FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

THIS APRIL, ALL THREE BOYS WERE PART OF THE FAITH ACADEMY PRODUCTION OF THE MUSICAL FIDDLER ON THE ROOF. DAVID PLAYED THE PART OF AVRAM THE BOOK SELLER. AUSTIN AND CALEB WERE BOTH TOWNSMEN.

