



*Serving the Lord to Reach
Unreached Language Groups in
the Philippines with New Tribes
Mission*

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On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. Whoever believes in Me, the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" ~ John 7:38

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Dear friends and family,

3, 25, 11, 20, 21, 7, 6, 25

What a wonderful time of year this Christmas! We are wrapping up another year here in the Philippines. We are rejoicing with the news that our partners in the tribe have presented the Gospel to our friends there, and there are 6 new Palawano believers! God is so good! As we remember the birth of Christ at this time of year, what an appropriate time to also remember the good things God is doing today, as tribal people are born again into the family of God!

It is not just the Palawanos, but all over the Philippines that God is working today! These numbers I posted above are an indication of what God is doing! I was always a math guy, and numbers have significance to me. These numbers represent important milestones in the work the Lord has done, and we are very thankful to have been a part of His work! But let us remember – it is not just about the numbers – we are here to make disciples that will make disciples – something that cannot truly be measured! In order to make disciples, one has to be able to communicate. And the tool that God has given us to communicate is **language!** *That is why we are sticking around here in the Philippines, to continue to help train people in how to learn language and then to make disciples wherever they go!*

When we found out a year and a half ago that we were going to have to come out of the tribe, we did not know what the Lord had in store for our future. At first we thought we would only be out for one year. Then when we were out we realized it would be longer, but we did not know what we would do. Having been trained as a CLA (Culture and Language Acquisition) consultant, and Ginny being a teacher already, we were both able to fill important needs that were here on the mission field. In a nutshell, a **CLA consultant** coaches missionaries in their tribal or national language studies, and also does an evaluation on a missionary's progress in language. This usually requires a visit to a tribal location for at least 3 days. Meanwhile **Ginny teaches missionary kids at Faith Academy!** We are so thankful that we have been able to continue to serve the Lord here in the Philippines! So here are the numbers, and what they mean:

- **3** – the number of active chronological Bible teaching programs that have begun in the past year or will begin in the next year in a remote location for the purpose of opening the Gospel in a new area where people have never heard!
- **25** – the number of language evaluations I (George) have done on missionaries studying a national or tribal language since becoming a language consultant (19 of these were completed in 2012)
- **11** – the number of missionaries that finished full time language study in 2012. 5 of these have moved into Bible teaching in a tribal language, 3 are moving into a tribal ministry this next year, and the rest are working in other ministries
- **20** – the number of missionaries that were in full time language study at some time in 2012
- **21** – the number of missionaries that will be in full time language study at some point in 2013
- **7** – the number of missionaries that will be doing part time language study alongside some other ministry in 2013
- **6** – the number of trips made away from home over the course of 2012 for the purpose of carrying out the duties of the CLA Consultant ministry

Here is another important number:

25 – the number of missionary kids that Ginny teaches regularly at Faith Academy, not including the kids that are on the soccer and rugby teams that she has coached! Praise the Lord that we are able to help these missionary families through Ginny's ministry!

So you see that the work keeps on going, all for the purpose of bringing the Gospel to people who have never heard! We are so blessed to be allowed to serve the Lord here in the Philippines!



New Palawano Believers!

The Year in Pictures (2012) – Family and Ministry Events



Field Conference



Ginny – teaching MKs



Isaac – Rugby finals



Return visit to Palawano



Sponsors in a wedding



tribal language evaluation



tribal language evaluation



preaching in Tagalog



Visit to Corregidor



Isaac's graduation



Isaac to Australia



Move to new house



Texas- short family visit



Isaac – Bible School



Manila – monsoon floods



Helicopter flight to tribe



tribal language evaluation



Christian radio interview



Palawano literacy



Fly to North Palawan



tribal language evaluation



Typhoon comes through



Cross the ocean



tribal language evaluation



All Soul's Day RP



Taiwan soccer tournament



Mindanao language program



Decorating for Christmas

From our co-worker in the tribe on Palawan, **Elise Long**: **AND THERE WAS LIGHT** in a little village in the jungles of the Philippines....."I'm not afraid anymore! I'm not afraid to die!" said my Palawano mum, **Mulok**. "Jesus has paid for all my sin. It's finished!" Said **Pilno**, my Palawano dad.

"The weight of my sin was like all the rocks in the river piled up! Jesus has paid for it all! We couldn't see the way before...it was like an overgrown jungle trail. We were lost. Now the way is clear, the way to God." Tisitito "I believe it! Everyone should believe this in their heart of hearts." **Jambi**.

"My shame is gone!" **Jewali**. "Jewali came up to me, threw her arms around me and just sobbed and sobbed...she kept trying to speak through her tears and finally she blurted out, "Cousin, they just put Jesus on that cross, they stuck those nails in His hands and **He hung there and died and took all our sins and the sins of the whole world on Himself just so we don't have to die and go to the second death** and He did it for us... He did it for us and we believe it and everyone should listen to God's Word and believe it too!" Julie Ward

Each one of these are my precious Palawano friends, and there is no greater joy than to hear these words of testimony. **What a privilege to witness light dawning on their minds and hearts as the story of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection was shared simply with them.** With no pressure, no clever techniques, no emotional blackmail, just speaking out the Bible as it is written, and speaking it in the heart language of these dear people, God turned on the lights for them as Dave Ward spoke, and they simply believed. All the years, all the heartaches, everything is worth it to see this. **Now we pray for many, many more to find the peace and freedom and deep seated joy that these folk have.** Thank you, for all who have prayed, cared, given and wept over the years for the Palawanos.