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TRAIL MARKERS

- F2W needs your help to **Spread the Word.**
- F2W is back from a month-long trip to the Philippines.
- F2W is excited to see a bridge being built.
- F2W shifts its focus to home.



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BACK FROM THE PHILIPPINES



My sleep schedule is returning to normal but I have to be honest, I am finding it difficult to focus and get back into the routine of "life." You see I just got back from a month-long trip to the Philippines. I went there to work with our partner, Pastor Melo and his church, Masinloc Independent Baptist. So before I begin to aimlessly stare out my office window let me tell you about this awesome trip.

The first part of the trip was with a great team sponsored by Pendleton Street Baptist Church out of Greenville, SC. This part, lasting about a week, consisted mainly of construction work on the new church plant building. This new church is located in the neighboring unchurched village of San Lorenzo. Our work, which I equate to a form of slave labor, involved filling in the foundation with sand, dirt, and river rocks.



Did I mention we used shovels, bags, and our hands; no bulldozers allowed! The highlight of working with this great team was the new church's first service, held one evening. Even with only minutes to invite local residents, over 120 people attended! A great message was given by Pendleton's Pastor Marty and salvations were professed. God was at work!

After the team returned to South Carolina, I remained in Masinloc to work with Pastor Melo. While I did not do any more hard construction work (thank God) my schedule was very busy with other tasks. An aggressive evangelism campaign for the new church in San Lorenzo, prayer groups, bible studies, a staff retreat, and youth work are to name some of the activities. They even let me sing in the choir one Sunday! Likewise, I was honored to be able to deliver the Sunday Easter message at two separate churches in addition to delivering the commencement address for a local Christian school's graduation exercise.



The other highlight for me was the night before I left. We had a special time for Pastor Melo and his wife Ruth. I invited the church and school staff to share stories about their leader. Then we all gathered around the pastor and his wife and had a time of prayer for him, his family, and his ministry. God's presence blew me away!

Once again, the prayers & financial support of F2W Family members, the love & kindness of our Filipino partners, and the power of God, all came together to make one successful trip. I cant wait until next time!

Ike Boyette



FOCUSING AT HOME



People sometimes ask, "Are you a local or a foreign missions organization?" And well, the answer is, yes! F2W is committed to the biblical model of helping people at home and away. To accomplish this the Leadership Team set a goal to maintain a 50/50 balance between Home and Away missions.

And in keeping with our goal, after spending time and resources overseas this winter, F2W will once again be focusing its efforts on its hometown of Anderson, SC.

But we want your input! Send your ideas for local projects to: info@foot2water.com.

For more on this story go to: www.foot2water.com

A QUICK WORD



Several years ago, while living in Atlanta, I attended a concert by the band 3 Doors Down. During the show (which was great by the way) the bass guitarists began having problems. Something happened with his equipment and they had to stop the show until it was fixed.

To fill time the drummer played a solo. He began in a simple rhythm that soon led into the most amazing drum solo I have ever heard. There was no sheet music. No single "beat." No limits. No rules. He had complete freedom. And it was awesome; the crowd went wild.

That night I thought a lot about that drummer and his performance. God was trying to tell me something. So in my journal I wrote down some questions like: How could

he do that? How could he play that well without music to follow? How could he be so free? And God said, "Discipline... He was free because he was disciplined."

You see the drummer was able to experience freedom because of his hard work. His performance was not luck. Quite the opposite. It was the result of a devoted life. A life of study, effort, and practice; a life of discipline.

1 Corinthians 9:27 says, "I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should."

My point is this: if we want to live a godly life, a life free of major regrets, a life without limits, a life of freedom, a life that pleases our Lord, well that takes discipline. It takes study, effort, and practice.

If we want our lives to be an amazing performance we have to be willing to study the notes!

Ike

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Spreading the Word

In late February, F2W launched its latest campaign, *Spread the Word*. Working with our partners in Masinloc, Philippines, this campaign is all about providing bibles for their new church plant.



This is where we come in! Through your support F2W is donating new bibles for this new church. This means the pastor will have brand new Filipino bibles to distribute.

Currently the church is under construction with a completion goal of June. While still under construction, the new church has already seen a huge response from the community. Capacity crowds have come out to the several preview services that have been held. And during those services, numerous people have given their lives to Jesus!

Your donation of just \$8 will put one bible in the hands of a new Christian. This makes a great honorary gift for a friend or family member. Send your donation to F2W designated *Spread the Word*. Deadline is May 31st.



BUILDING A BRIDGE



One of F2W's great church partners is building a brand new bridge here in Anderson, SC. StoneBridge church, located in Powdersville, SC, launched its second location in Anderson this month. StoneBridge launched this new campus at its six-month anniversary. A second campus in only six months (with a third campus slated for this fall)!

We at F2W are very excited about StoneBridge. In fact, one of our awesome Board members, Dan Cunningham, is the campus pastor for the new start. The main

pastor, Sammy Clary, and his team have a passion for our Lord, a true heart for people, and a vision of combining all the positive qualities of a large church and a small church into one! As it says, "one church with multiple locations."

At Stone Bridge you will find modern worship, relevant messages, and a real life sense of community. If you are looking for a church home you're invited to join them in Anderson at Whitehall Elementary School for their 9:15 a.m. Sunday service. For more go to: www.stonebridgechurch.tv



QUOTE THIS



"Many persons have a wrong idea of what constitutes true happiness. It is not attained through self-gratification but through fidelity to a worthy purpose." - Helen Keller

FUN FACTS

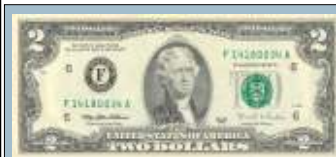


- April is Child Abuse Prevention, Guitar, Humor, Poetry, & Keep America Beautiful Month (to name a few).
- In case you forgot, the 15th of this month is Income Tax Day!
- National Volunteer Week starts on the 27th. Volunteer and serve at your favorite local charity or organization!
- The first space shuttle, Columbia, was launched in 1981 (12th).
- On the 14th, both Abraham Lincoln was shot in 1865, and the Titanic struck an iceberg and sank in 1912.
- On the 15th, the first McDonald's opened in 1955.
- Take your son/daughter to work (national day) on the 24th.
- Birthdays this month - Marvin Gaye, Willie Nelson, Loretta Lynn, Dana Carvey, Jack Nicholson, Marlin Brando, Eddie Murphy, Carol Burnett, Gregory Peck, William Shakespeare, Colin Powell, Thomas Jefferson, Leonardo Da Vinci, Queen Elizabeth II.

LOOKING AHEAD



- **Clothes Drive:** We are still accepting like-new clothes. Drop by our office or contact us for a pick up. Deadline for clothes is April 30th.
- **Local Work:** This Summer, F2W will be focusing all of its resources on its hometown. Stay tuned for some great opportunities to get involved!
- **Spread the Word:** Help provide bibles for a new church in the Philippines. \$8 a piece! Deadline is May 31st.
- **Feedback:** We want to know your suggestions and ideas. Call/Email with your thoughts!
- **More:** For the most current info go to: www.FOOT2WATER.COM



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