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"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

1 Thessalonians 5:11

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Outreach Recap: Cuyo Island August 12-17, 2024

The results were amazing... but we can barely remember any of them.

Over 100 volunteers jammed aboard the Malabrigo, a 44-meter Philippine Coast Guard patrol boat excited to be finally underway. Unfortunately, many were hit with a wicked flu bug from the 12-hour crossing. Mercifully, Lib (as acting Field Operations Coordinator) was spared because, as they say, "The show must go on", and on it did go!



The statistics tell us that the total number of volunteers, including local villagers, was a whopping 236! Four barangay communities were served with a total of 9,040 services, including 1,069 Medical Consultations, 228 Hygiene kits, 252 Dental, 298 Flouride, 15 Minor Surgeries, 1820 Bibles, 5220 Tracks and Guides, 141 articles of clothes, and over USD\$25,000 worth of free medicines. It was like Christmas.

Yet, deeper ministry is often not to those we deliver physical care to. On the return voyage, Craig had the chance to speak with two service men: one a Special Ops Marine, and the another a regular army personnel. Tag-teaming with Doc Jornel, one of our regular doctors, we were able to clearly share the gospel and watch as the lights went on for both young men as they realized that God's love for them is not performance driven, but simply because of the love demonstrated for them in Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

It was like... Easter.

Backpack Journalist Workshop - that's a wrap! August 23-30, 2024



"The Backpack Journalist" was a 7-day, all-inclusive, media walkabout that we hosted back in August. This intensive course was designed to catapult aspiring content creators into the world of digital storytelling. Eight nations were properly represented within the one-dozen attendees. It was a huge success, with discussions already underway to host a similar event next year in the African sub-continent.

YWAM Together 2024

September 2-6, 2024



Manila, Philippines - Not really being the 'joiners' that good Christians are supposed to be, we willed ourselves to attend the international conference of the YWAM community in Manila early last month. But honestly, we were glad we did.

After three months of *hair-straight-back* ministry work, Lib was finally able to bask (and recharge) during some very deep and worshipful times. Meanwhile, Craig found himself in more of a mentoring role chasing after the personal equipment he loaned to a handful of rookie journalists from Uganda, China, Mexico and the Philippines. Hopefully, that footage will be useful to YWAM's global family down the road.

By week's end, we as a ragtag collective of largely dysfunctional souls, were able to honour the life of YWAM Founder Lorne Cunningham and recommit to serving the larger, central vision of God to this world. In hearing what God was doing in other nations, we could better see our part in the broader scheme, and in the end pray for and potentially help one another in our respective calling and interpretations of that call.

Next Outreach: Tawi-Tawi, Philippines

November 17-23, 2024



You could almost swim to Borneo from our next outreach location off Mindanao, Philippines... except for the saltwater crocodiles native to those waters.

NEXT UP: Tawi-Tawi, Philippines; November 17-23, 2024

Collaborating again with the Philippine Coast Guard, YWAM Ships will get the jump on the next outreach with connecting flights from Manila through Zamboanga to Tawi-Tawi. From there our team of some 100 volunteers will board a 44-meter *Multi-Role Response Vessel* for a 2-hour crossing to the islands of Subutu/Sitangkal.

Hanging off the far end of the Philippine archipelago, this semi-autonomous, muslim region is considered a 'backdoor to immigration' and truly represents another strategic point in YWAM's mission to reach geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas to offer a clear demonstration of the hope that we hold.

Your prayers are perhaps the single biggest contribution you could make for this particular outreach as we demonstrate the love of Jesus in practical ways to a people who are in dire need.

If this is the kind of thing you'd like to get personally involved with at ground level, just drop us a line. We'll do what we can to hook you up.

2024/25 Tipping Point Campaign



We've reached a tipping point in our efforts to tell faith-stories from around the world. Recently, a media training company and national broadcaster have offered to help us expand coverage and production, but this will take prayer and financial support to make happen.

Want to get involved? Let's talk!

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