

# Badjao Tribal Mission

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"a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb" Rev 7:9

Dear Prayer Friends,

Greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The last 6 months has been rather difficult for our family and for the ministry. Our family first went through some real testing times. And then Chunghee lost her 99 year old father during the first weeks of the year. We were very grateful to God that Chunghee were at least able to arrive at the hospital and talk and pray with her father a few hours before he passed away. We, here in Cebu, were hosting a counseling seminar and in Cebu and so I was unable to go to Korea for the funeral.

While Chunghee was in Korea, she was invited to return to Korea to attend the YWAM Korea National Staff Conference. There she received the award as the first YWAM Korea missionary to serve as a missionary for 25 years. We thank God for his grace. During her stay in Korea she did a medical checkup and the doctors discovered that she has stomach cancer and needed to be operated on as soon as possible. We praise God because she was initially only diagnosed as a stomach ulcer but a second doctor discovered the real problem. We praise God that the operation was a success and the doctors said that the cancer was still in the very early stage and that she does not need any other treatment at this time. Chunghee is still in Korea recuperating and is getting better every day. Since it is summer vacation in the Philippines, Johan and Tina to Korea to help their mother.



Latest family picture

## Lasa Christian Academy.

It is summer vacation now and the new school year in the Philippines will start the beginning of June. With the difficulties that we've had the last few months, we were not be at the school as much as we have liked. To make matters worse, one of the teachers just left with out notice, taking with him one of the other teacher's cell phone. Then with the operation of Chunghee we were not even able to be at the closing ceremony. I am sure the teachers and students went through a rather difficult time.

On top of everything else, we just received, notice from the owner of the building that he will use the building for himself and that we need to move out. This is a major problem because rent has

drastically increased. Adding to this, the Philippine currency has gained about 20% on the foreign exchange market which make every thing more expensive for us as foreigners also as well as the support for the local ministry. We really need a new place soon. Please pray for God's wisdom, guidance and provision.

We really need a new teacher, and a missionary teacher to head up the school. Chunghee feel that with her situation she can not give as much attention to the school as she did before. Chunghee was actually running and administering the school. Please pray for this need also.

## Church.

Since we came back from furlough, there was a lull in the ministry of the church in Cebu. The attendance was much less than before. Recently there seems to be quite move of the Spirit and several new people are attending the church also. During the month of May we will have a Vacation Bible School for the Badjao together with a YWAM team from the USA that will visit us. We also plan for a week long seminar for the Badjao Pastors and lay leaders in our region. Please pray for this.

The Church in Leyte is struggling. To add to their problems, they just received notice that the government want to redirect the river adjacent to them to flow through the church property. This means that we have to find a new property and to rebuild the church in Leyte. It might also come as a blessing in disguise since the church was in a drastic need for renovation. Pray for the new church to be built. One of the good things in Leyte is that two lay volunteers that graduated from high school last year want to go to Bible School when the new school year starts. Pray for them also.

The church in Leyte



## Praise report

1. Praise God for the successful operation on Chunghee.
2. Praise God for his financial provision. Although we have some debt still, most has medical and other bills has been paid.

## Prayer Requests.

1. Please pray for a complete healing for the two surgeries that Chunghee had while in Korea.
2. Please pray for a new missionary teacher to help us with the school. Pray also for another Filipino teacher to help us with the school.
3. Pray for another place we can rent or buy for the Badjao school.
4. Pray for the Leyte Church that needs to be relocated.

*God Bless you all  
Petrus and Chunghee Vercueil*