

Manila, October, 2016

Warm greetings from Manila!

My leave is over! It was nice to meet so many people, so many towns to visit and especially bonding time with my grandparents in their 80s and the 90s.

As a special gift for my 40th birthday, I have even done a tandem parachute jump, under the watchful eyes of a large part of my family.

Late July I was back in Manila and I had my 40-year proper Celebration with an international company. Despite a typhoon, there were still enough people to make it even for an extrovert great fun 😊

It was then time for diving in the work, to see what had gone on in my absence and what did not.

Than I Was so busy that the writing of this newsletter Delayed and Delayed.

A small selection of what has happened in recent months.

Next in Line!

My contract with ABCCOP expires July 2018, so ABCCOP has been looking for a local leader to replace me. Many things are in a much better place now, so can be handed over already. Ptr Ronnel Delima has agreed to be trained to take over. He will start 2 days a week at the National Office by January.



This picture was taken during our last Theological committee meeting. He is the man on the left.

Mindoro Bible School

Unfortunately were the conflicts between the Churches in the Area and the Bible School so far up than we saw no chance, but to bring the students and teachers to another location at the end of this school year.

We have, together with all the staff, including the Children watched several places.



They decided to settle down in Batangas City. The person from whom they buy the land is a Christian and sold the land worth 500-1000 per m2 for 200 per m2! Because the hurricane came there were no boats and we were forced to spend Sunday in Batangas door. The Bible

teachers were in shorts and flip flops to church because they had no Sunday Clothes by him : -9. When they were asked to sing a special song; They finally did a short skit in which they clearly could Show their passion as a Bible school and what they want to do.

They will no longer do a four-year Bible school, but a 1-year Spiritual Formation. The Bible School in Mindoro continues under new leadership. Back to the old system. April 1 is the last graduation there!

Graduation

In Quezon, nearly 10 hours ride from Manila October 23 was a special day. They celebrated their 26th anniversary with 6 municipalities. It was also the great day of graduation for 10 students. The training may officially only last four years.

For most it was ultimately more than 10 years with Stopping and starting again. The testimonies were emotional and Joy so contagious!



My second "job"

Since my return from leave I became a Ministry leader within OMF. This means that I am responsible for the OMF missionaries working

among Folk Catholics. These are Catholic people, but at the same time animists (people who believe in ghosts and witch doctors). Each quarter, we as leaders of the different groups together have to make decisions at field level.



Visiting our worker in Mauban, Quezon

I've already survived my first meeting and the first two field visits are made to missionaries. It's really a challenge to get used to divide my time. Though I also enjoy to help these missionaries to be more effective and good to sit down with them how they are doing.

Short termer

Jan van de W, from Netherlands just arrived and will help 10 months in the Philippines. He helps me in all things IT and weekends he helps in the church I also attend. He has survived his first rat and his first coconut tree climb.



Iljo de Keijzer



Agenda:

October 30: Speak in Tanauan
November 2-8: Holiday
November 9-11: meetings with curriculum writing team
November 15-17: field council meeting
November 19: my dad arrives here for a month.
December 7: Theological Commission on church discipline
December 18 : Speaking in Gumaca at Christmas celebration
January 3-6 field conference
January 7: seminar on crisis management

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