

## Bro. Ed's corner

Ed, Pat, and Becky have just returned from about six months in the Philippines. They are making plans to return to the Philippines later this fall for another nine months' tour. Ed has made more trips than even he can remember to that mission field and has many contacts over there. As many of you know, Ed has the ability to stretch a dollar even farther than it's possible. Therefore, I feel we need to raise monies for the many projects Ed has deemed urgent and necessary in order to farther the Christian work.

His passion at this time is developing a Bible College that will have a two year curriculum that will concentrate on the basics and practical ministries with the requirement that the students preach while they attend classes. First thing will be buying land adjacent to Albur Church for the Bible College Campus in Bohol, Philippines. The first building will be a dormitory building. Then classrooms and library will follow. Getting students will not be a problem. Ed has obtained textbooks and teaching materials from Louisville Bible College. If you'd like to help on this project, mark on your check "Bible College". Student support will also be needed so mark your check "Student support".

WMB has always been involved in water projects in the Philippines dating back to our first well in 1978. Now, Ed has a new twist on water. In his travels to visit the Churches of WMB's past there, Ed has noticed something common to many. WMB has put in a lot of wells, but they still are using a rope and bucket or a hand pump. WMB would like to update a few of them with an electric pump because of the special uses like youth camps on Church property, retreats, workshops, etc. The total cost is \$641 per water project. If you'd like to contribute any amount, mark in the memo "Water Wells".

Ed had the privilege of baptizing over 200 during his 6 months' tour. He spoke at the Manila Bible Seminary's commencement on March 19th. Ed shared a story in his last update: "We went to a small village in the mountains where a preacher (college graduate), his wife and four children live in a Nipa Hut (grass) and labor at two Churches in the area. We were able to have a hand dug, 30' well (most we have to drill). Our pump sizes change at 30' and so we like to stay at 30' if we get good water (we did). We welded up the stand for the storage tank, put up the tank, ran the electric with a liquid level switch (to mate it automatic on and off) and then begin the hook-ups to the new bathrooms that we built. We always include a stool, sink and shower. I was working on the shower. The wife brought her 4 year old son over to watch. I heard her tell him, 'Today, you can have your first shower and be clean.' I put my wrench down, looked at them and thought for a few minutes: Here is a College graduate, living in these conditions with his family, literally giving his all to serve the Lord. We used to have this pioneering spirit in America as we sent missionaries off to foreign lands to start new Churches, but this is the first time I have seen it in a long time. Folks, I was truly humbled."

Thanks and God Bless,  
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Editor's note: You can read all Ed's updates on our website:  
[worldmissionbuilders.building4.net](http://worldmissionbuilders.building4.net) Be sure and sign up for the blog to receive regular updates.

## Talanga, Honduras October 17-28, 2011

WMB volunteers will be building a large building for the Ingelesia Cristiana Cuerpo do Cristo (Body of Christ Christian Church) for a congregation that is already running over 100. They have no church building so they are meeting in homes all over the city. Pastor Celeo Archaga is their minister. This church is located in the community of Talanga which is not too far from the capitol city of Tegucigalpa.

Travis Sheets at [wmbtrav@yahoo.com](mailto:wmbtrav@yahoo.com) is the contact person if you are interested in this project. The cut off time is real soon so contact Travis today.

## PRISON CHAPEL- ALVA Bill Johnson Correctional Center

The dedication for this chapel is scheduled for Friday, April 22, 2011. The program begins at 10:30 a.m. and a light lunch will be served afterwards. Tours will be given of the chapel at 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, and 2:00 p.m. Please allow 15-20 minutes for registration with a photo ID at Central Control. Leave handbags and cell phones in your locked vehicle. RSVP to the Office of the Warden (580)327-8000 x 142.

This chapel has turned out to be a beautiful facility and the community and staff are very pleased with it. We certainly appreciate Warden Janice Melton and staff and Richard Ryerson and the community for making our stay so enjoyable. We also appreciate all the WMB volunteers who helped on this project.



## FINANCIAL REPORT

In February, Joe and Fae traveled to Mason City, IA to present their work to the Mason City Church of Christ. They certainly appreciate the invitation from Bruce and Myrna Smith and the opportunity to visit this congregation.

Last fall they did a missionary tour through the states of Missouri, Illinois, and Indiana to present their work with several congregations and individuals and to check on some possible future projects.

Church Growth Ministries continues to be so very grateful for the many churches and individuals who support their work. Without these partners, Joe and Fae could not do what they do in building church/chapels and sharing their ministry.

Please send your tax deductible gifts to:  
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## NISHNA VALLEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH SHENANDOAH, IA

The congregation continues to be so excited about their new building. Also they continue to have visitors every Sunday, with many who have become members. Their attendance has increased in all services. They are so grateful for the beautiful building they got for the amount of money they have had to invest. They want to thank all the WMB volunteers who helped make this possible.



## CHRIST CHURCH OF THE VALLEY BROWNSVILLE, TX

John Phillips, minister, writes: "Four inches of rain came down on January 15 and World Mission Builders began their ministry with Christ Church of the Valley on January 17. They did not stop the work of the Lord. The workers all put on rain boots and waded through the water and the mud. I mean mud with clay.

"The walls went up and the trusses were put up every nine minutes. The rafter rats came through with speedy work. Christ Church of the Valley is known in the valley because of the World Mission Builders. People are asking if we are the church where the older people put up the church in ten days and I always smile and say YES.

"Christ Church of the Valley thanks the Lord and the workers of the World Mission Builders. The building is closed in and waiting for the construction loan to finish the building to be used as a light house in the valley of Texas.

"The future of Christ Church of the Valley is bright because of the World Mission Builders. Greater days ahead."

This was a very positive experience. We had 42 WMB volunteers from 9 states plus 15 from LaHarpe, IL with the Carpenter's Crew. Also there were at least 25 locals who worked on this project while we were there.



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