



**PAUL & JOY LAVERTY
SERVING IN THE PHILIPPINES**

MISSIONS' JOURNEY

God is Love...
Story Behind Two Lives

“WEDDING PRESENT”

PRAYER LETTER 2

APRIL 2010

After so much seeking, thinking and praying, just before leaving the Philippines, finally God confirmed PALAWAN as our mission’s home base. On the 20th April we flew to speak at the youth camp. The area is underdeveloped, a people of simple belief and living. The churches are poor and the believers have such hunger for the Word—teachings, discipleship and trainings. *“Is this the place, Lord?”*, we both asked. Joy grew up in the city of Manila and Paul in a comfortable place (UK), for both of us it’s not our comfort zone but going the extra mile and spiritually **serv- ing** the people wherever we go, **encouraging** and multiplying Christian leaders, **evangelizing** the lost and make **disciples** that make a difference—this is it, we both want to plant the **SEED** to the hearts of people. Jen & Cris, my sister and bro. in law who’s concern about our marriage life and ministry gave us a lot in Palawan as a “wedding present”. It was indescribable gift and we believe that it’s God’s answer to many prayers. As we packed our stuff for the UK, we noticed a map in our suitcase it was the map of Palawan! Praise the Lord for His confirmation and blessings! *“Finish your outdoor work and get your fields ready; after that build your house.” (Prov 24:27)*

OUR WHEREABOUTS

- Apr 1-3 SBC Annual Meeting/Camp
- Apr 5 CKC Pastor’s Training
Paul’s Devotion “Don’t Worry”
Joy’s Teaching “Mentoring”
- Apr 6,7,8,9,12 English Sessions
- Apr 12 Cebu Inmates
Prison Ministry
- Apr 13 SLCC ES Graduation Day
- Apr 15 Urban Poor Ministry
- Apr 15-19 Overnight Ministry in
Surigao (Southern Philippines)
- Apr 20-27 Palawan Youth Camp



The lot was good but we need to build a new house which will start in December 2010 by faith.

More Pictures close to our Home Base...



HIGHLIGHTS AND LOWLIGHTS SO FAR...

- Teaching “Work, Eat, Sleep” Drama...at the youth camp and soon after I (Joy) got a text message from my sister that my father passed away (April 22). The end of the drama shouts DEATH!
- Every place we visited in the Philippines are God’s open door for ministry opportunities but we cannot deny the long travel, exhaustion, heat and mosquito bites.
- Good Asian food (tasty but fattening) our body are not in shape, we need to be fit—not consistent in our exercise!

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD

Two Youth Camps – "It's very encouraging to see couples doing drama's & back to back in their ministry," commented to us as we challenge young and old at the youth camps we attended. We praise God for the many things that we have learned and experienced from our missions exposure with the ship ministry. We made a commitment as a couple that missions didn't end when we left the ship, it's the beginning to expand God's Kingdom.

Family Ministry We are grateful to the Lord for the right time to share with Joy's brother-in-law's



FAMILY FIRST!

family in Surigao. As this family opened their doors to us, they have also open their hearts to the Lord's message of salvation and we believe that the Lord's Word will not turn void.

Prison Ministry—"I know you!" said the pastor who's was introduced to Paul. Wondering who and where did he met this person he said, "Last year when the Doulos in Cebu visited the prison you preached the gospel and I was there. I came out now and have not forgotten to go back and share God's message to my fellow prisoners. Please come back again and share the Word to them?" On the 12th of April, Paul came back to the same prison and boldly challenge the prisoners that they can have freedom in Christ deep in their hearts behind the cells and there is hope in Christ!

To God be the Glory!



Prayer Corner

Face to Face Conference. Please pray for spiritual, emotional and physical rest. May the Lord's healing touch restore and renew our strength (May 7-23)

Paul's Parent's Salvation (Paddy & Frances) This might be the last six months to see them as both of us will be base in the Philippines to serve. Pray also for Paul's closure to his homeland & wisdom what to do with his apartment.



Missions' Home Base-Praise d'Lord and thanks to you for earnestly praying. God confirmed **Palawan** as our missions home base. Pray for God's provision as we set by faith to build a house in December.

Joy's Adjustment to the UK—Pray for Joy as she will be meeting Paul's family, sending church (Ballynahinch BC) & other friends.

BRINGING THE PHILIPPINES TO YOUR HEART....

During our time in the Philippines, we have been to a few islands where fish are extremely cheap and available. We have compared different sizes and prizes of the fish in the market. We have seen and gazed at the colorful fishes and its uniqueness—beauty that we have never seen before. Some are called blue marlin, tuna's, rock fish, flat tiny fishes called 'sapsap', and much more. We have also

"FISHING FISH OR FISHING PEOPLE"

met with fishermen and got closer to their boats. Ask how they go on fishing and the challenges they face at sea. At the end of the talk, there has always a prompting to share about God's love and His salvation to those who trust in Him. Fishing Fish or Fishing People? We are called to be fishers of men, it's great to use fish as an ice breaker to a conversation especially for a white, foreigner like Paul. We praise and

thank God that He opens door for such a time as this! Paul was able to pray with the fisherman and hoping that we see this man again. One other blessing was the place we are prayerfully asking God was actually close to a small fishing village. Praise the Lord for He knows exactly where He can minister through us as couple. **"Come follow me and I will make you fishers of men!"**



We value your prayers. Please keep in touch with us in our new mission field, "The Philippines"

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Paul & Joy's
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Serving the people wherever we go!