



# Mindanao Moments

Real Hope & Transformation in Christ

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*“Prayer is the mighty engine that is to move the missionary work.” - A.B. Simpson*

## Home At Last!

Gloria’s Father, Bill Carson, stepped from this side of eternity into the arms of Jesus at 8 AM on June 21st at age of 84. We are very thankful that the Lord graciously enabled us to be with Bill and the family during this time.



After a long flight from the Philippines, we arrived in Kingman, AZ on the evening of June 15th, Bill & Neva’s 59th Wedding Anniversary. What a blessing to be with them on this special occasion. And although Bill was weakening because of the cancer that was spreading throughout his body, the love that Bill & Neva had for one another was wonderful to see—59 years of faithfulness to each other. We are deeply grateful to God for

giving us the opportunity to spend some quality time with Bill for a few days before he went home to be with his Lord.

Bill’s life verse was Proverbs 3:5-6. “Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.” Coming to know Christ as a teenager in New York City, he walked with the Lord and demonstrated the reality of salvation in Christ, knowing Him personally, and the absolute assurance that one can have in Christ (1 John 5:11-13). Bill leaves behind a wonderful legacy. To us he was an excellent father and father-in-law, and he will be greatly missed. We know that one day we will be reunited.

## Impacting the Future Generations

One of the greatest blessings is to be given the opportunity to impact the lives of young people and to be part of the process of passing the baton of leadership and responsibility to the next generation.

Mentoring has become a big part of our ministry and it has been exciting to see the exceptional young people the Lord has brought into our lives here in Mindanao—Filipinos and Americans. We’d like to share with you just a couple of the more recent opportunities the Lord has given us in impacting the next generation.

### The Hope Mountain Family

There are three tribal families and three single tribal men that live and work at Hope Mountain. Two of our high school students are excelling. **Analyn Porgo**, whose parents cannot read or write, just began her last year of high school. Analyn, the oldest child in the family, from a human perspective had little hope, especially because she’s

tribal, poor, and has a heart condition that kept her out of school for an entire year. But “nothing is impossible with God!” In 2008, Analyn placed her faith in Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior, and Tim had the opportunity of baptizing her in the Pacific Ocean and she has been growing spiritually ever since. Analyn has also grown intellectually. She attends a public school in Davao City. With over 1,000 students in her senior class, **Analyn is the #1 student!** What is the future for this incredibly intelligent young lady? We believe it is very bright, and we believe that Analyn has the potential of achieving great things for God’s glory. Right now we’re working on finding some scholarships so she can continue pursuing her education. She is really committed to the Lord, has a heart for helping others, sharing the gospel, and reaching out to disadvantaged, especially tribal people. Pray for Analyn as she trusts the Lord for the future.



**Analyn (top center) with here family.**

**Aldrian Oclao** is orphan. As a newborn, he was abandoned by his mother and left with the Pastor Romeo and Elena Oclao to raised. Life has not been easy for Aldrian. Being adopted in Filipino culture carries some negative connotations. The Oclaos have had few resources, and just having enough to for school transportation and fees has been a real struggle. On top of that, Aldrian has had little encouragement. Aldrian also placed his faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord in 2008, and, along with Analyn, was baptized by Tim. Again, from a human perspective there wasn’t too much going for Aldrian, but that’s never the case for children



**Aldrian & Elena, his adopted mother**

of the King! Aldrian is now beginning his third year of High School (Junior) at the same school Analyn is attending. Aldrian has been placed in the top section of his class, i.e., he has been placed in a section that represents the academic *cream of the crop*. **Aldrian is #3 in his section!** What does the future hold for this young man? We believe

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that as he trusts the Lord and works hard, that his future is very bright. Please pray that the Lord will enable Aldrian to exceed far beyond what he could ever imagine and that he will glorify the Lord in all that he does.

### **The Hope Mountain Agricultural Interns**

The **University of Southeastern Philippines** is located in Mintal, just a few kilometers from Hope Mountain. Because the main focus of this campus is agricultural training, Hope Mountain was approached as a possible site for students to do their 300 hour internships as a requirement for graduation. **In April and May we had four female interns with us.** What a wonderful group of young ladies they are! They worked with our staff and gained experience in caring for Nubian goats, rabbits and *pugo* (Japanese Quail), worked in the gardens, planted a herb garden, developed a small nursery, and planted and cared for the flowers. Of the four, only Analou is a Christian. Analou is a committed believer and is a member of a Christian & Missionary Alliance Church in the area. She also shares her faith and models her walk with the Lord in her studies, and in the way she works. The other three girls heard the Gospel while at Hope Mountain, and one is very open. Being able to facilitate these internships with a secular university expands our opportunity as a witness in this area of the Philippines and the interns are able to help Hope Mountain in the development of its model farm. One of the young ladies, Rochelle, exhibited exceptional leadership skill, creativity and a willingness to work hard. Along with Anaou, she has been hired her as a part-time worker at Hope Mountain while she finishes here education. By the way, Rochelle is the one who is very open to the Gospel. Pray for Rochelle, Aina and Emilie that they will come to know Christ as their Lord and Savior. And pray that Analou will be a powerful witness for Christ on the university campus.



**Agricultural Interns: Aina, Analou, Rochelle & Emilie**

### **PRAISE**

- Praise the Lord that we were able to quickly leave the Philippines and to be able to spend time with Bill Carson (Gloria's father) before he went home to be with the Lord. We saw the miraculous transpire as the details came together for us as we prepared for this unexpected trip back to the U.S.
- Praise the Lord for **Sandy Eckelberry** and **Dess Ventura** who stepped in to take on huge responsibilities while we are in the U.S.
- Praise the Lord for our families who have been so supportive, and for our faithful ministry partners.
- Praise the Lord for the way God is working at Hope Mountain. We're amazed at what He does to touch lives and to provide for our staff and all the needs.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Pray for **Neva** (Gloria's mother) and the whole family as they work through the issues associated with the loss of Bill.
- Pray for our trip back to the Philippines. We will fly out of the U.S. on July 7. Pray for safety and that there will be no problems along the way. Pray also for real wisdom and strength. We will face an extremely heavy work load when we return.
- Pray for **Ryan Goeken** who is currently in the Philippines for one month of ministry. He was the agricultural intern who served with us last summer for two months. Ryan will be beginning a two-year masters degree program in *sustainable agriculture* at the Iowa State University this fall. He is considering serving as a missionary in the future. Pray that the Lord will give Ryan clear direction as he seeks God's will for the future.
- Pray for **Mike & Ghed Miguel**. Continue to pray that they will develop a strong prayer and support base, and they will be able to be in Mindanao by December of this year. We desperately need their help.
- Pray for **Brian & Patty Shiel** as they continue to make plans to come to serve in Mindanao. They have been appointed a mid-term missionaries with WorldVenture. They also need a strong prayer and support base.
- Pray for **Duane & Prinie Stark**. They are currently doing Bible and theological education in local churches in Davao and Duane is using his computer expertise helping pastors and churches. -time assistant and is also the part-time assistant manger of Hope Mountain.
- Pray for continued wisdom, safety and health, and, above all, that God will be glorified greatly and His kingdom will be expanded.

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**Thank you for being partners with us!**

**Love in Christ, Timothy & Gloria**