

MUSTARD SEED DISCIPLESHIP VOCATIONAL PROGRAM  
ACTION International Ministries, Philippines  
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*Prayer Update: March 8, 2010*

Greetings to you! Well, summer is definitely here. It is hot and dry and we would all love a spot of rain! Water levels in all the dams are at the critically low level. We are facing water shortage in the next few weeks if the lack of rain continues. The greatest affect has been on crops – rice fields are drying up, crop fruit is smaller than usual, and stands of corn are dry and brittle.

PRAY: for some rain relief in the next weeks.

**Mustard Seed Class Chosen:** It has taken awhile. A number of meetings, home visits, and review of applications. We had over 25 young women apply for the 10 places in our next group. Not only were we looking for good scores on the tests, but we were looking girls who really wanted to be in Mustard Seed, for supportive families and a pastor and church who would support their students while in the program. We feel that we have these qualifications in each of the students we have chosen. We begin today to contact each new student and her pastor. We begin on April 5, just a few short weeks away!

PRAISE: that the process has been completed

PRAY: for the ten girls will join us, especially pray the prayer found in Col 1:7 – 14.

**Trip To Mindoro:** Our trip to the island of Mindoro was wonderful. We took a ferry over to the island; a lovely 2 ½ hour trip, stayed at the OMF guest house and tested 7 girls while there. We had the opportunity to travel way out into the country, through rice fields and fruit trees. Two of the applicants live on the side of a mountain and we hiked up the hillside to visit with the family. We also met a squatter family who have recently been kicked out of their home and now live in an abandoned pig stall. Two other families live in the adjacent stalls.

THANK YOU: for your prayers while we were away.

**Tests for Me:** The stitches are out and the results are back. One area was clean of skin cancer. The second did not come back clean but also it didn't come back conclusive that I have skin cancer. I will need to have a second biopsy done, more flesh removed and tested.

PRAY: that the tests will give some conclusion, and that the biopsy will come back clean

Thank you for your prayers for us. We cant do what we do here without the support of faithful friends like you!

God bless you!

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