



MUSTARD SEED DISCIPLESHIP VOCATIONAL PROGRAM  
ACTION International Ministries, Philippines

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*Prayer Update: November 2 to 8, 2009*

Last Week's Over View:

Monday was a no work day as Sunday, November 1, was a holiday. All Saints Day. For almost a week prior families head to the cemetery to clean and paint the graves of their departed relatives. On Sunday, the day is spent putting food out and lighting candles so the dead have food to eat and light to see on their continued journey to heaven.

Our girls returned to classes on Tuesday.

PRAY: that people will hear the message of Good News and see that these practices are worthless.

Tuesday:

I teach on Tuesday night, and for term 4, in preparation for the days after graduation, I am teaching about the Armor of God, Eph 6. We looked at the belt of truth for this class. What I am so glad about is that the girls are paying attention, remembering the memory verses learned over the last months, and beginning to apply God's word in their lives. Amen!

Each week we are putting on a different piece of the armor on a paper doll. We also write on each piece verses that teach about the piece.

PRAY: that this information will settle well into their hearts and when needed they will draw on it.

Thursday:

A most wonderful thing occurred in the sewing class. Thursday is quiz day and every student received 100% on the quiz! They are really learning!!

PRAISE: that the students are putting all of this together

PRAY: that each will carry the skills out into their homes and workplaces.

Last Weekend:

We had a glorious weekend...no typhoon! Very little rain at all.

Also, the new little church in our area celebrated on Sunday, its First Anniversary. This is a major milestone. So many have been resistant to the word for a long time. So for a small group of worshipers and seekers to still be meeting each Sunday after a year is great cause to praise the Lord!!

Graduation of Mustard Seed Students:

Saturday, December 12, 10 am to noon

Lunch to follow.

*Prayer Update: October 20 to November 2, 2009*

Last Week's Over View:

Another busy one. We finished week 5 of Term 4, half way to the end of term 4 and closer to graduation.

Monday:

A wonderful thing happened. I received a text from the mentor of one of our students, Princess. We have invested lots of prayer and time with this young woman. Sometimes we saw fruit, sometimes it was two steps back. We hung in with her and she has hung in with us.

The text from her mentor was to thank us for the work that we have done in Princess' life; they have seen much change in her over her time here. She now helps with Children's Sunday School, shares at prayer meeting and is more well mannered at home. Wow!

I wrote back that it was the Lord who deserves the credit for the changes. I talked with Princess Monday afternoon, telling her about the text and asking her „what has made the difference?“ She said, “I finally get it. I want to spend more time with the Lord and let Him direct my life.” Well, yes, she has finally got it.

One thing though, she was late that day arriving at the dorm and received a demerit. As I said, steps forward and sometimes steps back.

PRAY: continue to pray for all of our students; MS is just a beginning in the walk with the LORD.

Tuesday: Our DSWS licensing of the dorm continues to move ahead. I picked up the results of water testing for the dorm and we PASSED!

There are many more steps to take before we will receive our approval, but we have made a good start.

Wednesday:

I spent some time talking with one of our former students, who is now pregnant, whose boyfriend was just discovered to have another girlfriend, and who has moved in with the boyfriend's family as her family told her to leave.

We are praying, as is her church, just how to help in this situation. She just continues to make wrong choices. She is very sad, feels that everybody including God, is far away.

PRAY: that she will see again, and very clearly, that God does love her and that we continue to love her as well.

PRAY: that He will show us what we are to do in this situation

Last Weekend:

Again our weekend was blessed with another typhoon coming through. This time it was typhoon Santi. It blasted into the country Saturday morning around 1:30 am and blasted out into the China Sea by 10 that same morning. It was very windy, lots of leaves and branches down in our area. The wind caused the most damage around the area – homes, roofs, landslides.

PRAY: that we will get a respite from all the storms, people are still recovering from typhoon Ondoy of five weeks ago.

We continue to give thanks for your prayers as we continue to serve here. Thank you ever so much.

Blessings,

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