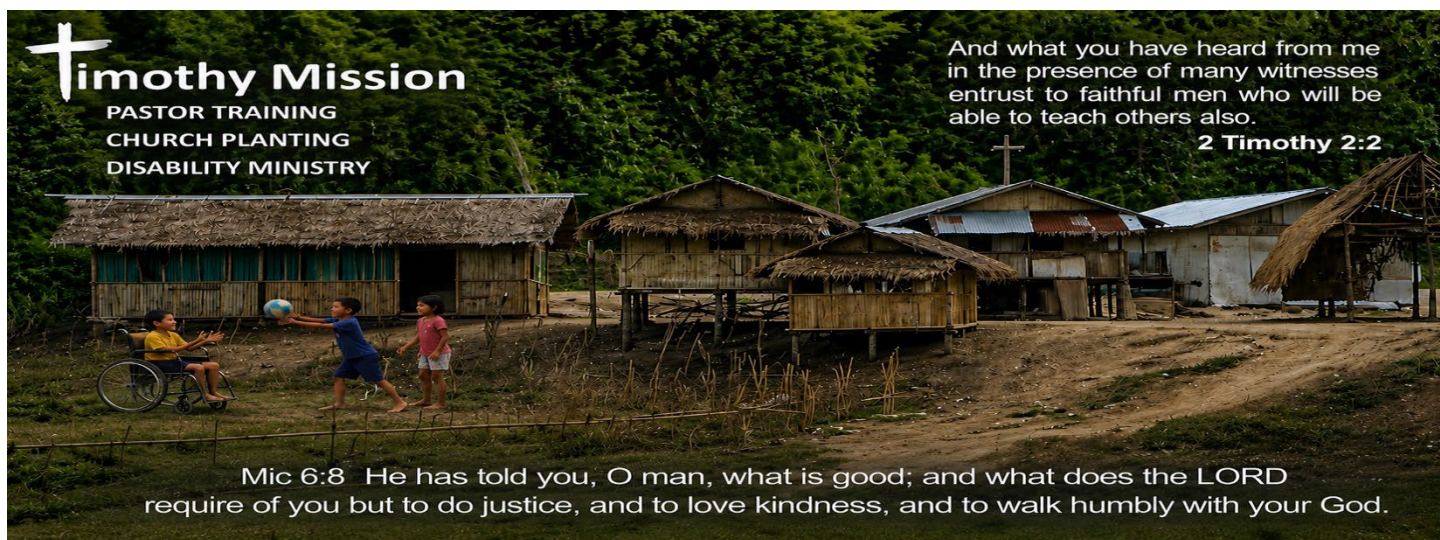




Rain, Rain, Go Away.

I had hoped to be sending you photos of the kids in their new homes at the Children's Village. But torrential rains have continued for weeks, preventing construction from continuing. The entire country is experiencing damaging floods. The good news is that the Children's Village is high above the flooded areas. So we pray that we can move in soon, and I will send you some photos of the happy event.

Rice Plus

In the rural areas of the Philippines, lack of nutritious food is common. People eat mostly rice, which eliminates feelings of hunger but provides little in terms of vitamins and protein. This problem is particularly bad among the tribes. To help with this situation, we applied to receive Manna Paks from a non-profit called Feed My Starving Children, based in Georgia. These are bags of rice fortified with soybeans and dried vegetables, providing protein and vitamins. FMSC approved us, and they recently sent 72 boxes of Manna Paks to Manila for us to use. This will provide food until February, when we will receive the next shipment. We have enough Manna Paks to provide 15,552 meals. FMSC does not charge for the paks, but we have to pay for shipping them from the main island to the island of Mindoro. That amounts to P32000 or \$578,56.



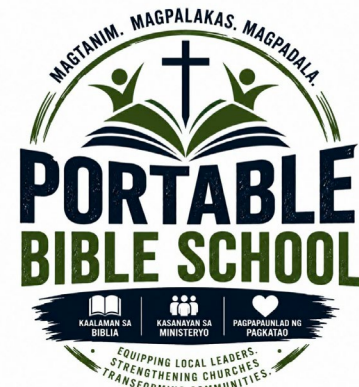
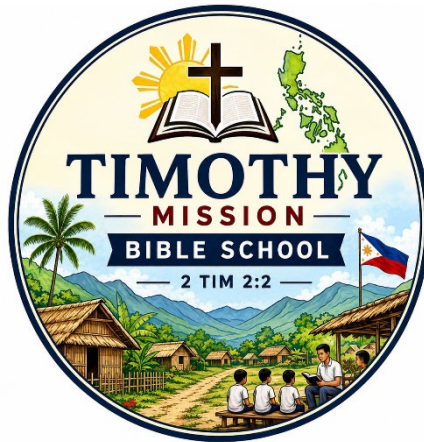
Pastor Nikko is a bit excited to head up into the mountains to distribute food to the tribes.

Patience Pays Off

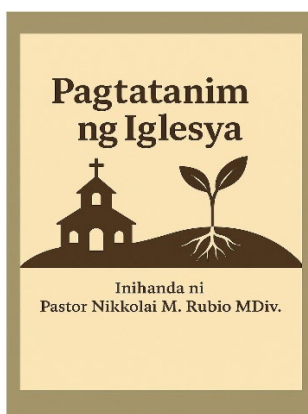
For quite some time, Pastor Nikko and I have shared a dream of starting a school to train pastors on the island of Mindoro. Timothy Mission has been sending pastors from the main island for two- to four-day training, but transporting a pastor and books there is expensive. We will still do that at times, but a school right on the island can meet daily and cover more material in less time. Pastor Nikko wrote a course outline and produced a book to use for the school's curriculum, with consultation from Timothy Mission.

I cannot show you the school because there is no physical building. Setting up one location and expecting the indigent students to travel there each day, some long distances down from the mountains, is difficult for them. We decided to take the school to them. Timothy Mission has placed 19 “churches” in the mountains over the years. They are what we in the USA call picnic pavilions. So the school is taken to them, eliminating the long travel and giving more participants access to the school.

Typically, schools in the Philippines have school uniforms. To help people feel like bona fide students, we provided T-shirts.



We considered various names for the school. Nikko insisted on Timothy Mission Bible School



“Planting Churches,” a course of study produced for the school by Pastor Nikko Rubio. We consulted, and I made an English version, which was fun to do.

A New Tribe Arrives From the Mountain

As we established a base for Timothy Mission in the early 2000s, we always wanted to start an outreach up into the mountains to the tribes. The Philippine Army prevented us from going on our own due to the Communist rebels there. But we could go with them when a unit

went out on patrol. That made me question what was best: travel on our own or with the men the Communist chose to shoot at? The struggle ended one day when a Chief of one of the tribes brought his whole Mangyan tribe down to the developed land dominated by educated, civilized Tagalogs. If you have been following our prayer letters for some time, you know how we took them under our wing, helped them build a village, and got them enrolled in school. A farmer in New Jersey donated funds for land so they could start farming. They are almost totally self-supporting now, with kids who have graduated from school and a few who have gone on to college. They have their own church, and a Mangyan has completed his studies and is a pastor who travels up to the tribes still in the mountains. Being a Mangyan, he is unopposed by the Philippine Army.

It seems getting the tribe to where they are now was just a practice run, as another tribe recently came off the mountain to avoid living where the combat is. Step one was to purchase land for them to build a village on. Step two is to build a community toilet building when the rains stop. Teaching them the importance of using it, rather than just wherever they happen to be, is critical. Cholera is not uncommon there. I require a detailed proposal for approval before any construction. This is what the team provided. Note: P44300 = \$717.75

ESTIMATED COST 2-UNIT COMFORT ROOM

SIZE: 4M X 2M (8 SQ.M.)

Simple • Light Materials • Nipa Roof • Volunteer Labor
(No Labor Cost – Only Food for Workers)

ITEM	ESTIMATED COST (P)
1. Cement (for septic tank & floor – 10 bags)	3,000
2. Sand & Gravel	2,500
3. CHB for septic tank (100 pcs)	1,800
4. Rebars & Tie Wire	2,000
5. PVC Pipes & Fittings	2,500
6. Two Toilet Bowls	4,000
7. Coco Lumber/Bamboo Framing	5,000
8. Amakan/Plywood for Walls	6,000
9. Nipa Roofing Materials	4,500
10. Two Simple Doors	3,000
11. Nails, Hinges & Miscellaneous	2,000
12. Food for Volunteer Workers	5,000
CONTINGENCY	3,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST	₱44,300

SPECIFICATIONS

- 2 Comfort Rooms
- Nipa Roof
- Light-Material Walls (Amakan/Plywood/Bamboo)
- Concrete Septic Tank Only
- No Painting
- Volunteer Labor (Only food provided)
- Basic Concrete Floor

4m

2.2m

FLOOR PLAN (TOP VIEW)

4.00m

2.00m

SEPTIC TANK (EXAMPLE)

1.50m

1.20m

Concrete Septic Tank
(2-Chamber Type)

*This is an estimate only. Prices may vary depending on location and current material costs.



The construction crew includes volunteers from the tribe we connected with first.

With the first tribe that came down, we learned they were determined to live only in their traditional huts. Over time, they came to see the benefits of homes with plywood walls and corrugated roofing. For now, this new group is happily building traditional homes—and the materials are free.



If you feel led to help us train pastors, care for the poor, orphans, and disabled, and reach the lost with the truth of the Gospel, please see the next page.

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