

## Philippines 2011 Mission Trip:

Evangelist Neil and Brother Charles went with a YWAM team to the out-of-the-way but heavily-populated Philippine islands of Mindanao, Cebu, and Bohol. We visited towns, churches, school campuses, and prisons -- by bus, ferry, hydrofoil, tricicab, van, and the ever-present Jeepney. With militia officers riding shotgun, we even ventured into one region known for tension with another religious culture.

## Steaming Rice Paddies on the Lush Philippine Island of Bohol

While enjoying the natural beauty of the countryside, we also gained a deeper appreciation for the words of Paul in his missionary journeys:

*In my travels...I have faced danger in city streets...false Christians...drudgery, exhaustion, ..., thirst, ..., exposure. (2 Cor 11:26)*



## Neil and Local AG Pastors, at Church of Living Waters (Under Construction)

Working together with local pastors and helpers, we evangelized, exhorted, and prophesied to Filipinos -- young and old -- by the hundreds. Many who knew God in a religious way felt -- for the first time -- the supernatural touch of His Spirit.

## Delivering Elderly Woman from Bondage

Neil led several large evening revivals, including a citywide youth rally. Like Paul, his sermons *were not set forth in...words of wisdom, but ...in demonstration of the Spirit*

*and power of God.* (1 Cor. 2:4)

A number of miraculous healings occurred. Neil had also prophesied a deaf person hearing -- which happened to a Filipino lady on our own team!



We traveled to many high-school campuses -- often being allowed a full half-hour to speak in individual classrooms. Many kids had Catholic backgrounds, and knew about Jesus in their heads. We led them to invite Him into their hearts. Typically the entire class would respond.



### **High School Kids Assemble for Gospel Skits, Songs, and Message**

At this high-school assembly, many kids of another faith (wearing head scarves despite the heat) voluntarily attended. They heard the Gospel presented in a positive way -- possibly for the first time in their lives. Filipino school children are well-behaved,

but many live under worry and stress. Why?

Economic pressure. Often their Dads must work abroad to send a few pesos home. Households feel the strife. Many kids dream of college, but few families can afford tuition. Often shyness -- a national trait -- kept the kids from truly opening up and receiving prayer. But the Holy Spirit frequently broke through the surface, giving us accurate words of knowledge like: "You're heart's desire is to become a teacher, isn't it?" Then, with tears pouring down, they received His ministry and comfort.

### **Neil Prays with, and Prophecies Over, Local Mayor in Town Hall**

We were amazed and humbled by the open heaven over these islands, situated as they are on the boundary between Western and Muslim worlds. A strong Catholic heritage, refined by the coming of Biblical Christianity, has made these islands uniquely open to God.



We were even welcomed into the Mayor's office at several towns, and were invited to walk through the office areas, praying over government employees. One mayor, a radiant Christian, gave us the key to his city!



### Neil Exhorts a High-School Assembly

Working as a team, with each member using their gifts, we would gain the attention of the crowd through lively songs and skits.

Here, Neil delivers the punchline by asking students whether they wanted to live in their own strength, or under God's power. They

responded en masse. One kid, at the sound board, hovered on the sidelines until Neil touched him. Under the anointing, he fell like a sack of wheat, healed of rejection.

### All Tagbilaran Cabs Display Bible Verses!

We came home determined to release some of this same open heaven here in California.

At times, we had to work around not only last-minute schedule changes, but sometimes the territorial mindset of local pastors. On our very last Sunday, we rushed to arrive at a local church, prior to flying home.







## Typical Assemblies of God Church in Downtown Tagbilaran, Bohol

But our team was given only ten minutes to minister in dance, sermon, and prayer. Neil -- humbly submitting to pastoral authority -- still managed to break through a religious atmosphere. The Holy Spirit led several to step forward into their heavenly callings,

and receive a divine impartation.

## Sun Sets Over Manila Airport

Even while waiting at the gate, Neil continued to evangelize all the Lord put into our path, including a young Muslim banker from Dubai.

We had more time than anticipated -- our flight was canceled and we didn't depart until the next afternoon!

Delays, schedule changes, constant heat, and other hardships did not discourage us, however -- we had bound the strong man and plundered his house! We returned home rejoicing, praising God, and looking forward to the next mission trip.

