



designing a world of hope

Wiens Wanderings

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Some project trips run smoothly, others . . . well, let's just say they teach flexibility and dependency on God. The Mindoro trip - Kevin's second week in the Philippines - was one of those. It started when Kevin was finishing up his first project trip: Michele took a call at the eMi office in Canada from the missionary hosting the second Philippines trip. The missionary had just been released from the hospital, and had missed his original flight to the Philippines. He was in process of rebooking the flight, but asked us to let Kevin know that *SOMEONE* would be there to meet the team as planned . . . it just might not be him. Then a team member ended up arriving 12 hours late due to passport issues. Another team member got sick, delaying the whole team another day. Then, when the team (& the missionary) finally arrived in Mindoro, they discovered that the land the ministry had purchased was NOT right adjacent to the church, as they had thought; it was actually in the middle of a rice field . . . and the ministry spent the next few days negotiating for a different piece of land. The eMi team began designing anyways - while the size and shape of the new land kept changing. The new land was confirmed by Thursday morning . . . and by Friday, the eMi team was ready to present a conceptual plan for a medical centre and school. God had, of course, pulled everything together.

A large part of any engineering Ministries international project trip is catching the vision of the ministry . . . In Mindoro, *Mission of Hope* has a vision to reach the Mangyan people. These people, considered second-class citizens by the Filipinos, lack access to education, medical facilities, clean water . . . and a saving relationship with God. A church in Manila has a vision to reach out to the Mangyan. They have started a daughter church in Mindoro, and send teams from Manila to build trust with the Magyan, drill wells for hand pumps, and teach about Jesus. They invited eMi to come and help them with their next steps, which include a school and medical facility. But *Mission of Hope* is still a very new ministry, and part of eMi's role was to help the missionaries themselves clarify their vision. What does a medical clinic in the Philippines look like? What kind of accommodations for visiting medical teams? How many rooms does the school need? These questions, as much as the answers, helped *Mission of Hope* move closer to making their vision a reality.

Thank you so much for your prayers! When you're halfway across the ocean and nothing seems to be going as planned, it's good to know that God isn't surprised by the turn of events . . . and He has everything under control.

blessings,

Kevin, Michele, Talia & Kaisa

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IMPORTANT DATES

November 10th

[speaking at Westview](#)

[Baptist Men's Breakfast](#)

PRAYER REQUESTS

- praise for safety in travel and positive project trips
- praise for a great time of reconnecting in Fort St. John
- prayer for Kevin & the volunteers as they finish their reports
- praise for progress in receiving charitable donation status for eMiC



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