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Lilly & Yoyong began working with Philippine Mountain Ministries as our second Missionary couple. They began their work in January of 2003 which took them to a remote mountain on the West side of the island of Mindoro.

It is time for their young daughter to be starting school. They are heading back to Paradise. No it is not heaven. It is a delta island off the coast of Mindoro. Family is there and so is a conference operated church school.

When they arrived at Ballangabong pronounced "Billing-naw-bone". They built a native home from bamboo and thatch roof, planted flowers and small shrubs. They made the place beautiful and a welcome place to rest high up in the mountain.

The church that was there had a dirt floor, which became a mud floor during the rainy season. Seating was primitive with rough boards nailed to cross pieces requiring worshipers to step over the rail and sit down with no back support. Rustic is a word that would be too good for this situation.

Yoyong and Lilly built a lovely larger three room native home up on stilts on the downhill side and level with the ground on the uphill side. We stayed there with our team during the week we conducted a series of reaping meetings and later when we held a PMM wide campmeeting.

By our standards it was still primitive but it was a lovely place. One of the crusade team members took the challenge and raised funds to send back for the construction of a new church building. We have discovered that when a proper church building is built in a permanent fashion it sends a clear signal to the indigenous people that we are there to stay.

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You may remember the story of the need for gravel. The youth group was brought by the district pastor and dug gravel from the dry rive bed, bagged it and carried it up the mountain. They youth were instructed to pair up to share the load as the gravel was carried up the mountain side to the construction site for the church up a very steep mountain incline. The youth took turns carrying half full bags. The ladies of the village who are accustomed to the steep climb carried full bags of gravel.

Construction had to come to a stop when they ran out of gravel. What do you do when you have run out of supplies and there is no place to get more? In the mission field you pray. That is what they did. The Lord answered with a storm that filled the river to overflowing. When the river went down the old gravel hole was full of gravel again. Construction continued and the prayed for gravel was used to finish the church.

With Lilly's creative touch choir robes were made for the youth/children's choir, which she started. You would enjoy seeing them in their new church. It is a far cry from how things were in the past.

Yoyong had marked on a hand drawn map on the wall the location of fifty other sites where there is a need for missionaries. The need is great.

Yoyong walked to many of those villages and tried to make friends in order to begin carrying the gospel to these villages. Some villages accepted him, some did not want any strangers coming to their villages.

Lily held a marriage enrichment class for the couples in the village and also held 3 or 4 Vacation Bible Schools. One time when we were there 4 of her older VBS children were baptized.

We understand the need for the family to take some time off and see them go with God's blessings.

Please see attached pictures from Yoyong & Lilly



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Lilly & daughter in a shelter we put up when we had campmeeting in Yoyong and Lily's village. Most of the people sat on a board on the ground or on a mat they wove.



The outside of the first church built by Yoyong. By our standards it was still primitive but it was a lovely place. One of the crusade team members took the challenge and raised funds to send back for the construction of a new church building. See next page...



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