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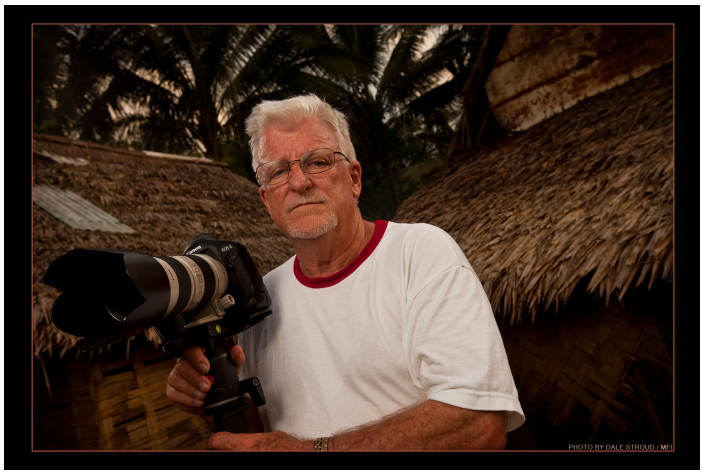
Dear Partners,

The cameraman let me hold his camera for 30 seconds. Photographer Dale Stroud and I spent two incredible weeks in the Philippines last month. Our whirlwind trip took us to some of the most beautiful beaches and hill country you can imagine, to photograph the most amazing people. Friendly, beautiful tribal villagers, who are hearing Words that impact their communities with truth and light.



People like Freddo, who when he read in the Scriptures "it is better to give than receive," took an armful of mangoes to the missionaries who are teaching him God's Word. "I want to be like you," he told the missionaries. "I want to tell others about God."

People like Lilibeth, who reached out to her unbelieving neighbor, Nida, as she was undergoing childbirth complications. Missionary Philippa had been asking God for ways to share the love of Christ with this very neighbor, but when the missionaries were absent, God used Philippa's good friend, Lilibeth, to minister to Nida instead. A nursing team from the city just happened to be on hand to see that Nida was flown to a hospital in time to save her life and allow Lilibeth to accompany her and her newborn. Now a door is open in Nida's family to hear the Good News of Christ.

Thank you for praying for me on this venture. You'll be seeing some great photos on our web page and in NTM@Work.

HER NAME WAS NOTHING

She became known as Ara, 'nothing' when her mother abandoned her and her father died of cancer. At his funeral, she was assigned the chore of keeping the flies off his body. Her father, a strong believer, asked the missionaries to care for her. She lives with her old grandmother, but the missionaries make sure she has food and goes to school. She may be 'nothing' in Tagbanwa but she is Somebody to God.

GENNY TURNS 90

May 18, Macon's Mom will be a spry 90. She attends church, exercises, and keeps up on sports. To email her birthday wishes: gennyhare@gmail.com

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beware the gecko

THE ONLY GOOD GECKO, IS A.....YOU GET THE DRIFT

You see, Geckos live in the rafters of jungle dwellings. Not so bad when you think of the bugs they devour. But bug eating Geckos have to deposit their waste somewhere. (Katy says not to use the words Gecko poop.)

Can you imagine it, Gecko waste, raining down from the rafters at indiscriminate moments. This is something missionaries will not put up with, not even yours truly, the Old Missionary Statesman. In the matter of moments, a few industrious Geckos can rain down digested bug waste onto your bed spreads, your person and your food.

One of the funniest things I saw in this venture into the life of jungle missionaries, was watching a missionary lady carefully sliding the bowls of prepared food to just the right location on the table. Food cannot be directly deposited under a rafter. It doesn't take a good observant missionary lady long to learn where the safe spots on the table are located.

Careful planning did not work the time Katy prepared a great breakfast for me in our jungle home and our cat fell through the ceiling onto our food laden table. Who would put their cat onto a Styrofoam ceiling? Well, that's another story.

Back to the Geckos.
Just as missionary women have learned the proper placement of food, missionary men have acquired certain skills in the art of Gecko eradication. You can often see them sitting calmly, in the evening after a cool shower, pellet gun in hand, casually pointing at any Gecko's foolish enough to stick it's head over the side of a rafter. [Many missionary men maim multiple majestic _____; anybody got a word for Gecko that starts with an M?]

All evening long... Whap! Another Gecko hits the floor, pellets ricocheting around the rafters.

Housebroken Geckos would be a great novelty. Eat a bug, trot out side, come back in, eat another bug.

If any of you can tell us how to housebreak a Gecko you will be the missionary's hero. Suggestions are welcome.

Wiping my head in Palawan, Philippines.

Macon

FAMILY NEWS FROM KATY

Other than some leftover jet lag, Macon is back on the job at NTM communications. Thanks for praying for him. His Communications team is working hard to get the Moi Video out in May, produce the next NTM@Work magazine and revamp a whole new web site for NTM. You can be looking for these changes soon.

Katy - I am busy keeping up with Macon, writing letters, doing e-mail and all the little things that keep the home and office running smoothly. Lately I have been helping to write a few radio spots for NTM. It's a learning process, but Macon says I have a knack for it.

Son, Jeremy, Judy and family - Their move to Guam is set for June, 2009 in time for Jeremy to begin flying from Continental's Asia hub in July. We hope to travel to Guam when they move to help them settle into their new home. Pray they can lease their condo in Aventura, FL while they are in Guam. Pray for the girls adjustment to living abroad, for schooling and a good church home.

Daughter, Aleyda, came to visit for Spring Break. What a blessing to have her for a whole week! She got some sun at the beach and we went fishing in the pond here, at NTM Homes. It was really pleasant, even though we only caught a few little sunfish that I threw back.

Daughter, Jessica, continues to do well in her studies for massage therapy. She attends night classes. It's great to be able to be her guinea pig to practice on. She has to put in lots of study time but it seems to be paying off for her. Appreciate your prayers for her success and a good job when she finishes in September.

PRAY:

*All finishing touches for the Moi Video will go smoothly and be impactive for the work of reaching tribal people with the gospel.

*That Jeremy and Judy's move to Guam go well, and for their condo to lease and adjustments during their move.

*For Jessica to do well in her studies. For a better, full time job for her husband,Vinny. For a good job for Jessica when she finishes classes in September and to pass her State Exam.

YOU ARE A VITAL PART OF OUR MINISTRY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP AND PRAYER.

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