

Coincidences

Several years ago through the Free Home Bible Study program, we became associated with a young man in the Philippines named Roberto Indong, who had a desire to teach and preach the gospel in his area.

Roberto obeyed the gospel at age 15 and later graduated from college with a degree in Secondary Education. He worked with his uncle for several years to strengthen the church in Cabilocaan, Calasiao.

His interest in learning more about the gospel led him to FHBS and his love for the Lord was evident in our regular communication that followed. Through the 5 or so years we have known Roberto and his wife Buenafe, they have overcome many trials including the loss of a child and massive flooding from typhoons but they have never wavered in their commitment to the Lord.

In 2010 Roberto had the opportunity to attend the East Tennessee School of Preaching and Missions in Knoxville, TN. Our correspondence continued and we were encouraged by Roberto's progress despite the fact that he was far from home and would only get to see his wife and son a few times during the two year program. We learned that this school and the Karns Church of Christ had connections to Doug and Melissa Thompson, and to Jay and Elizabeth Mac.

Last summer on a business trip to California, we met some Filipino Christians while attending services and one, Virginia Madlaing not only knew Roberto but was related to Buenafe!

Through God's grace, we will be attending Roberto's graduation this Sunday, July 8th and will be delivering a one-time financial gift from Graeber Rd. to help Roberto return home and begin a life of service to God. Please pray for him and his family and that through his efforts God will be glorified in the Philippines.

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