



I'm back! I have just gotten home from my missions trip to the Philippines. I had a great experience on my first mission's trip. I was able to do and see so many things that I have never experienced before. The teammates that I had were great, they added fun and excitement to the trip. I know I wasn't able to give you very specific details on what we were going to be doing while in the Philippines but now that I am back I can give you a better description of what we did. In our time in the Philippines, we visited the Island of Palawan. The reason for the time in Palawan was because there is a missionary family that has lived there for about 18 years. They have many different ministries that they have committed their lives to. The Taylor's are one of the most amazing families I have ever met. We were able to see a few of their ministries that they have started over the years and I will be the first to tell you that the Lord is doing great things through the entire family. They have a ministry with a very primitive Tribe in the Jungle called the Batak. They are a hunter-gatherer tribe that hasn't changed much in the last 2000 years. Scott Taylor, the father, says that the men usually where g-strings made out of tree bark, and the women usually go topless. It was so amazing to be able to take the 2 and half hour hike up into the rainforest and meet these people. We were fortunate enough to spend a day in there tribe and experience their culture. One of the things that I learned from Scott Taylor is that the Batak have no written language. No Bible to read to grow in there faith. The Taylor's lived with the Batak for 10 years trying to learn the language, culture and just trying to get to know the people. Through many times that they were told they were going to fail, the Lord had other plans. Since the Taylor's started their ministry with the Batak, over 80% have come to know the Lord. Their Chief who past away a year ago was a believer. It was so neat to see the fruits of their ministry over the days we were with them.

Away from the tribe our team helped run a couple of camps down out of the jungle in the Taylor compound where we stayed for about 7 days. They have a very beautiful space that they get to call home. They have about 8 huts that allow hundreds of Filipinos to stay the night and play all day. We helped with the games and so with all the materials that we brought we were able to allow the people there to see many thins

that they had never seen before. Water balloons seemed to be the biggest hit with the two camps. We used a water balloon launcher from across the street to shoot hundreds of balloons into the air so the kids could catch them with beach towels. They had so much fun with this activity. The time on Palawan was amazing. We grew close to the Taylor's and the people around the Camp. I hope to go back again to help the Taylor's with their ministries to the Palawan people.

Our second league to our trip took us back to Manila on the Island of Luzon, where we took a 5-hour drive to the North where my college Pastor Paul Micu had family. His family is from the Philippines and his father, once he became a believer, started a church near his home. We didn't realize how many kids would come to our day camp, but once we had passed out fliers and the day came we had over 250 kids come to the place we were at. It was overwhelming and difficult. We didn't have much space at all and there were almost double the amount of kids and about a quarter of the space that we had in Palawan. The kids that came to the event were not your typical church kids that have a lot of manners and respect. They were your inner city rough kids that had never been to a church service in their lives. Once again we planned games for them and they loved all the new games that were introduced to them. Kagabi-kan-kan was definitely the biggest hit. They loved it! It was intense and fun and the expressions on their faces were priceless. It was like a kid in a candy store. After the fun and games, we brought the kids into the church and had the pastor of the church do his best to present to gospel to the kids. It was definitely difficult for him to speak since the kids were talking and playing around while he was talking. But the key thing in all of that was to present them with the opportunity to here who God is and what Jesus Christ did for them. God is good and he know that if only one of those kids professed faith in Jesus then the heavens would rejoice.

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Sincerely,

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