

Thursday 27th. January - 4 a.m. start to get bowel in action and be at airport for 6:45 a.m. departure. Noel and Graham and H.J. see me off with a 3/4 hour delay in leaving but O.K. flight. Bus to international, through customs and security O.K. and now wait for flight to Philippines due 1:50 p.m. Left on time, long trip but plenty of room on plane. Arrived a little late, cleared customs and down ramps. Met by Bishop Jimmy, Elder Dan and Evangelist Matildo. Drove to Bro. Jimmy's home, greet all and of course, another meal. Off to bed 11 p.m. their time (1 a.m. ours).

Friday 28th. Woke at 5 a.m. by the rooster brigade but dozed until 6 a.m. Gracella's first birthday so they were staying also. Breakfast and inspection of new H.Q. and arrangements for dedication (if finished) may yet require a miracle. Left for Bangued at 9 a.m. Elder Dan driving, Bishop, Elder, Bro. Richard and myself, so plenty of room. Driving starting O.K. but by the end of the day he slipped into rally driving again. H.J. would have given him what for. It is interesting each town you drive through, of course main local taxis are tricycles. To keep them in their own territory each town has adopted a colour. Bright pink, green, blue, bright red, maroon, yellow. Interesting concept. The road is used for everything. Drying rice and corn, shifting irrigation pipes approximately 40 metres, each just dragged behind their hand tractors. Have to be careful to not run onto them. Arrived Bangued 6 p.m. met by Bishop Dagsi, Evangelist Santos, Evangelist Paderes and Priest Jayson. Had dinner at Jolly Bee. Will begin visits to communities tomorrow.



*Birthday Girl*



*Builders*



*Bishop's new office*



*Sis. Amy's office*

Saturday 29th. Bishop Jimmy's phone went off at 5 a.m. so may as well get up. Breakfast at hotel and booked out. To Bangued community for welcome service and sealing. This is a new community which serves as a place where Officers can stay when they come down from villages as well as an area for services and meetings. 13 Members and children sealed and all very attentive during service. Following some traditional dance by some of the young. Lunch and then off to Manebo where we leave the car and hire a jeepney for the mountain run to Danac. Roads in some places better, but others the usual rugged state. As usual, more and more climb aboard. Arrive 4:30 p.m., welcomed by Priest Apayo and wife where we will stay two nights. After much discussion, cold bath outside and bed. Always colder up here in the mountain.



*Service, Bangued*



*Bishop Dagsi gives word*



*Members for sealing*



*Children traditional songs*



*Goodbye, Bangued*



*All aboard*



*Off to mountain road*

Sunday 30th. Woke to rooster alarm so got ready for combined service for four communities here at Danac. Bowel a bit shaky this morning, better have a tablet and sticky rice for breakfast. Service set for 9:30 a.m. but delayed to allow for jeepney to arrive. Good attendance, approximately 150. Church and outside was full. Our Priest has misplaced pastoral that he was to read for text, so quickly found a Bible text to replace. Singing is always a joy to hear in Abra and service was attentive. One child baptism by Bishop Jimmy and 15 sealed. Following service children sang and I had them sing Aussie Aussie! Yoh Yoh! Lunch

for all, a pig was killed for the occasion. After lunch discussions with some Officers who had problems. All settled. A faithful member was very sick and not expected to live and his wife said he was waiting to see us, so with Officers present we went to his house, he was certainly very ill. We had a short service with him and his family, and he took communion and smiled. On arriving back at Priest's home, a message came that he had passed away. Balance of the day in discussions and cup of tea. Cold bath again but now fresh. Dinner and bed (no mattress) and ready to move to other communities tomorrow. Local Officers had to go to funeral service at the home of late Brother.



*Waiting for Service at Danac*



*Officers pray before Service*



*During Service*



*Choir*