

At the beginning of our Bible Institute I promised the guys that when they finish they would feel very comfortable with their Bible and feel very capable preaching. We are thick in the middle of the program now and I see both of these coming to fruition. When Neil first came to us he was so "shy" he would disappear for a time and when we checked he was hiding in a tool shed on the property...truth. He would not greet anyone let alone speak openly or lead singing or preach...these all seemed impossible to accomplish in his dwarfed and stifled personality. Neil is 29 years old but from a very remote village. With close to a year's painful experience he now is the first hand up for assignment to preach, testify, sing a special, lead singing or preach on the street. In photo #1 Neil was assigned to preach on "dirt". No assistance was given him...just preach on dirt. Neil has an infectious smile as he begins his own creation of Adam and Eve out of dirt with explanation of the rib. In photo #2 you can see Adam and Eve with a crude garden drawn on the paper as background representing Eden. He did a great job as a result of a year of prayer, preparation and practice.



I told all of them from the beginning that my goal was to cause them to **THINK**. Charlie was assigned to create a sermon that would be illustrated by some kind of costume and so in photo #3 Charlie created Jonah ministering in Nineveh. Great job. I am happy with my fruit thus far.



Josh asked for a difficult sermon assignment. I told him to take his text from 1Chronicles 26:18...it doesn't get much harder than that. I have never heard anyone preach from that text. To be honest I was concerned if he was equal to the task. Last night Josh preached and it was so good I copied the outline permanently into my Bible at that text. In photo # 4 Josh is at a huge street party witnessing to a whole group of young people...Josh has many fine talents.



My girl students are the finest in all the Philippines. In photo #5 Richie is adding a couple more notches to her Bible by winning these two girls to the Lord.



HOW DOES OUR GARDEN GROW

The farm is growing and beginning to produce to our tummy's delight. In photo #6 Ruben (a church member who helps manage the work on the farm) is showing off one prize cucumber and photo # 7 proves the chickens are not just consumers of feed but that they are trying their best to grow big enough to fit on our dining room table. If anyone out there in cyberspace wants to send us some seeds we will be happy to tell you if that seed will grow well in the Philippines. Seriously, if you can send seeds let us know by reply email and we will give you an address...simple SS project for a church and we will report back...that would be fun for you and for us.

Family is doing very well. Mary Bethany is teaching an English class, and a Geography/History class that is very beloved by all the students in the institute. Robin is teaching the girl students all kinds of practical things for life and ministry. We sure do appreciate all that you do for our ministry here in Philippines. Gerald Sutek and the SWAT TEAM for Christ. Acts 5:42

