



Mission: East Asian National Support

P. O. Box 8434, Bartlett, IL 60103 • 1-630-542-2168

Email: info@meansusa.org • <http://www.meansusa.org/>

Member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability since 2000



Some of the men talking with Rev. Gil Baloy and Mike McClara from San Diego RCUS

It's already summer vacation in the Philippines (April-May), and it's supposed to be dry and hot and humid, but instead we're getting an almost daily dose of rains. The weather people are now saying that

the country is experiencing a change in its annual weather pattern—a rainy season two months early.

This is a blessing in disguise for our mission church. Because of the rains and the overcast, temperatures have been abnormally lower, so our Sunday worship services are not as uncomfortable as we expected because of our lack of an air-conditioner.

We have had a few visitors these last few Sundays, so we now have up to 12-15 adults sometimes. Because the six children are very young and hard to control, **Rachel** started a Sunday school for them. They have enjoyed learning and singing together, but we need to get a better curriculum for them. Also, she has missed the preaching since she started teaching, and we have to rely on the manuscript for her to read.

The book of Numbers has been our focus these last couple of months, with the theme "Pilgrims in the Wilderness." I didn't expect to learn so much personally from a

book that many others shun because it is boring and "irrelevant" to Christians today. But like Israel sojourning in the desert on the way to the Promised Land, we too are pilgrims and strangers passing through this world on our way to the heavenly city of God.



Nollie & Evelyn with Rev. Allen Vander Pol visiting from Miami International Theological Seminary

the summer because of the heat. But three of our regular

attendees have expressed their desire to make their profession of faith before the elders of the church in San Carlos City, Pangasinan, so I'm now conducting a member orientation class for them. The profession of faith is planned for May 3 at our retreat in Tagaytay City, Cavite, about two hours south of Pasig City. The four little children of one of the "professors" would then be baptized. That would be an exceedingly joyous occasion for our covenant community.

Everyone is looking forward to our retreat on May 1-3 in a resort house that we rented for a whole month (much less cost-effective to rent for just a weekend). We anticipate a packed house because two to three other families might join us. We will be studying 1 Peter with the theme "Strengthened—not Surprised—by Suffering." In his letter to the first-century brethren who faced untold persecution and hardship during their own time, we too are encouraged by Peter to persevere to the end. **Evelyn** feels overwhelmed by the preparations.

It's been a good year for **Rachel** as a freshman high schooler. She has progressed well and not intimidated anymore by a lot of school work and activities. Since she joined the school's track team, she has gained self-confidence and a wider circle of friends.



NOTE: Please make your checks payable to MEANS with the memo line saying "R1612 (FEURM)". Mail them to MEANS' address above.



We appreciate your continuing prayers and support of the Philippine mission.

Nollie & Evelyn Malabuyo

Antipolo, Rizal, Philippines

Email: dvopilgrim@gmail.com

Web: <http://blog.twoagespilgrims.com>